



Today's Message: Building a Better Relationship with God

11 am Service | May 29, 2022

Organ Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter

Festive Celebration on "Arlington" | Gilbert Martin

Call to Worship Hymn 448

Come to the Water | Kelerin

Come to the water on this holy day.
Our Lord has called us, we come to obey.
Follow the One who has shown us the way.
Live in God's kingdom forever.

Gathering under God's heaven above,
Brothers and sisters surround you in love.
God's Holy Spirit will come like a dove
Now to be with you forever.

God gives us water to spring through our years,
Water for life and the water for tears.
Though life runs dry and our hope disappears,
God will be with us forever.

Here as we meet at the water's face,
We come to celebrate wonderful grace.
And as we come, we discover our place,
Joined with God's family forever.

Ordination of Baptism | Sally Keaton and Shawn Murchison

Welcome | Susan Tatum

Congregational Hymn 478

God Is Calling Through the Whisper | W ZLOBIE LEZY

God is calling through the whisper
of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties
that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder;
hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling - can you hear?
God is calling - can you hear?

God is calling through the voices
of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption
and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing;
strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling - can you hear?
God is calling - can you hear?

God is calling through the music
of the sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels,
and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing;
days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling - and we hear!
God is calling - and we hear!

Children's Sermon | Susan Tatum

Congregational Hymn 597

He Keeps Me Singing | SWEETEST NAME

There's within my heart a melody;
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
"Fear not, I am with you, peace, be still,"
in all of life's ebb and flow.

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing,
keeps me singing as I go.*

Women:

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
discord filled my heart with pain,
Jesus swept across the broken strings,
stirred the slumbering chords again. [Refrain]

Men:

Though sometimes He leads through waters deep,
trials fall across the way;
though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,
see His footprints all the way. [Refrain]

Feasting on the riches of His grace,
resting 'neath His sheltering wing,
always looking on His smiling face,
that is why I shout and sing. [Refrain]

Soon He's coming back to welcome me
far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown,
I shall reign with Him on high. [Refrain]

Scripture Reading (Romans 5:10-11) | Chuck Powell

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have

now received reconciliation.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer | Pam Neal

Each week we pray for a local church. This week we are praying for Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Choral Anthem | Sanctuary Choir

Psalm 23: A Psalm of Hope | Sorenson

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want.
I shall not want. I shall not want.
The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want,
I shall not want for more.
How could I ask for more?

He leads by still water, and I shall not want,
I shall not want. I shall now want.
He leads by still water, and I shall not want.
I shall not want for more.
How could I ask for more?

He is enough for ev'ry need.
He is enough for ev'ry broken dream.
The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want.

I'm satisfied with what He gives.
He will provide and faithfully supply.
The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want.

He leads through the valley, and I shall not want.
I shall not want. I shall not want.
He leads through the valley, and I shall not want,
And I shall not want.

He is enough for ev'ry need.
He is enough or ev'ry broken dream.
The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want.

I'm satisfied with what He gives.
He will provide and faithfully supply.
The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want.

He is the Night. He is the Day.
He is the Sun. He is the Shade.
He is the Ocean. He's the Stream.

In ev'ry song. He is my theme.
And if we wander off alone,
His mercy calls us back to home.
His mercy calls us back to home, back to home!

I feast at His table, and I shall not want.

I shall not want. I shall not want.

Sermon | Dr. Brent McDougal

Sermon Series: Building Better Relationships

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Hymn of Invitation

Just a Closer Walk With Thee | CLOSER WALK

I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk let me walk close to Thee

*Just a closer walk with thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be dear Lord let it be*

Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter Lord who cares
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee [Refrain]

When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore to Thy shore [Refrain]

Worship Through Giving/Announcements | Tim Boone

Ministry Opportunity | Arthur Kirkland, Gideon

Spoken Benediction | Tim Boone

Sung Benediction | Sanctuary Choir

Nearer, Still Nearer | Dan Forrest

Nearer still nearer while life shall last
Till safe in glory my anchor is cast
Through endless ages ever to be
Nearer my Saviour still nearer to Thee
Nearer my Saviour still nearer to Thee

Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter

Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of
Jon Burnett and David Rudder by Nancy Burnett,
Martha Rudder, and family.

SERMONNOTES

Building a Better Relationship with God

Romans 5:10-11

Pastor Brent McDougal

We've been focusing for the last few weeks on how to have better relationships - better friendships, better relationships with family members, even better relationships with difficult people.

But sometimes you can lose your focus on the one relationship that matters the most: your relationship with God.

What can you do if you have lost your focus on God?

"If you return to me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve me. If you speak words that are worthy, you will be my spokesman. You are to influence them; do not let them influence you!" (Jeremiah 15:19, NLT).

"No one shows greater love than when he lays down his life for his friends. And you are my friends if you do what I command" (John 15:13-14, NIV).

"And this is what God commands: that we believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love each other, just as he commanded" (1 John 3:23, NCV).

How can you build a better relationship with God?

1. Make the _____ the center of your life.

"Everything else is worthless compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus. I've discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I may know Christ" (Philippians 3:8, NLT).

"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead" (Ephesians 3:10-11, NIV).

2. Be _____ every day before God.

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10a, NIV).

"When you come before God, don't turn it into a theatrical production . . . Just find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace" (Matthew 6:5-6, MSG).

3. Deal _____ with anything that gets between you and God.

"You should know that loving the world is the same as hating God. Anyone who wants to be a friend of the 'world' becomes an enemy of God" (James 4:4, NCV).

4. Trust _____ into God's hands.

"Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken" (Psalm 55:22, NIV).

How is God speaking to you today?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunity to Give to Gideons International for Bible Distribution

Today | 8:45 am and 11 am Worship Services

This Sunday we will be blessed to hear a brief testimony from Arthur Kirkland about the work of the Gideons locally and around the world. You will have the opportunity at the conclusion of each service to donate toward the gift of one or more Bibles in honor or memory of someone. Consider giving to this vital ministry.



MISSION

Smokies Baseball Game

Thursday, June 23, 7 pm

Senior Adults are looking forward to attending a Smokies Baseball Game on Thursday, June 23rd at 7 pm. Tickets are \$24 for the game and food voucher. **The deadline for purchasing tickets is TODAY.** Everyone is welcome. For more information or questions, please contact Pam at pneal@fbcknox.org.



COMMUNITY

Alpha Course on the Basics of Faith

May 8 through June 12 (Six weeks)

Sundays, 9:45 am | 230 Centre

Alpha is a series of video sessions that explores the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create open conversation. This course is a great fit for anyone who wants to know more about questions such as “Who is the Holy Spirit?” and “What Happens When We Pray?” There will be good food, a meaningful video presentation, and safe conversation to express questions and doubts. Email Pastor Brent McDougal at bmcdougal@fbcknox.org to express your interest.



DISCIPLESHIP

Office Closed for Memorial Day

Monday, May 30

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30. As we observe this holiday, we are grateful for those who gave their lives in service to our country.



COMMUNITY

Wednesday Night Menu

Join us next week for dinner beginning at 5 pm. We will be having a salad bar, baked potato, roll, and dessert. Menu is subject to change upon product availability.



COMMUNITY

Summer Outreach Opportunity with Appalachian Outreach

June 6-10

The FBC Home Repair Team will serve a single homeowner in Strawberry Plains by building a handicap ramp and fixing a roof. We need your help! Even if you can only help part of the week, please let Tim Boone know at tboone@fbcknox.org. Learn more about AO at aoministry.org. Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ukraine Food Packing Mission

Saturday, June 11, 8 am-7 pm | Knoxville Expo Center

On Saturday, June 11th, Operation Inasmuch will be packing meals that will be directly shipped to Poland and distributed to the Ukrainian people in need. They need 1,375 total volunteers. There are five different shifts on that Saturday, each shift lasting just two hours. Sign up at operationinasmuch.org/ukraine/.



MISSION

PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR VBS!

July 11-15

Our Monumental VBS will be here in just a few short weeks! July 11-15 from 9:00 am-12:15 pm are the dates and times. VBS is for children ages 3 years-5th grade completed. You can now pre-register your child(ren) online at fbcknox.org/VBS. The first 15 families that pre-register will receive a Sing and Play Celebration Music CD, so pre-register TODAY!



DISCIPLESHIP

Summer Music Camp: Parables and Percussion

July 25-29 | Trentham Hall

For children ages 1st - 5th Grade, camp will be daily from 9 am until noon, and there is no charge to take part. Watch upcoming announcements for more information or contact rbuerkle@fbcknox.org. We are collecting items to use during camp, so please bring oatmeal canisters, Pringles cans, peanut cans, coffee cans without a sharp edge, small plastic milk bottles (anything that can become a drum) to the Welcome Center!



WORSHIP

Mission Trip to Uganda

October 8-16

Missy Ward and Francis Angalla will host a team from First Baptist that will focus on cultural education and ministry with refugees. Cost for the trip is \$1,500 (scholarships are available for young adults). This includes airfare, lodging, and transportation. There will be an optional two-day safari at the end of the trip for an additional cost of \$600. Only three spots remaining! Final day to sign-up is June 24th (\$750 deposit due). For more information, contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.



MISSION

Care First Ministry - Volunteers Needed Every Tuesday

Help serve our neighbors downtown by serving food, facilitating showers, and building relationships with ministry guests. Every Tuesday night from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Trentham Hall parking lot. No additional training needed. Contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org if you would like to be involved.



MISSION

Monthly Budget			Last Week's Attendance	
Revenue (all sources)	April '22	Fiscal YTD	First Community	63
Expenses	\$150,186	\$1,791,181	11 am	222
Excess/Deficit	\$186,188	\$1,640,307	Worship Total	285
	(\$36,002)	\$150,874		

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Coming Up This Week

Monday

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, Back Parking Lot, 5:30 pm

Care First

Wednesday, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

Dinner & Bible Study

Sunday, 9:45 am, 230 Centre

Alpha

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Let us know you're here!



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