

# First Baptist Church of Knoxville Life of the Church

December 17, 2014



## REDEMPTION...A Journey through Matthew's Gospel

This week we will continue the **REDEMPTION** series. The morning message will be brought in two parts from two different voices. **Daniel Headrick** will be back in the area from seminary for the weekend and will offer one perspective on the passage and I will bring another. The sermon title for the week is "**Beginnings**," and it comes from **Matthew 4:12-25**. These verses pull together three vignettes that together portray the beginning of Jesus' ministry. It is a story born in prophesy, lived out in the midst of humanity, that demonstrates the healing and redeeming power of God. This is more than the story of a good man, a great teacher, and/or healer. It is a story of one sent for us. But it is also a story of invitation, where we are invited to come and follow, and to be a part of God's redemptive plan. As we prepare for Christmas, we must celebrate not only the gift of the Christ child, but of a Savior that invites us to be a part of His redeeming work.



## Concert Series Shortfall

This season's Concert Series has been a huge success. It began with the Bluegrass and BBQ event, we welcomed Kyle Matthews, and filled our Sanctuary and sang out with the Festival of Hymns and Sacred Music with choirs from the University of Tennessee. The second half of the series is equally exciting. The new year will begin with a concert on January 11<sup>th</sup> to benefit Compassion Coalition and the Volunteer Ministry Center featuring recording artist Ellie Holcomb. February 15<sup>th</sup> will offer a remarkable worship experience with the American Spiritual Ensemble, featuring 30 leading African-American voices engaging with classic spirituals and songs of inspiration. March will feature a personal friend, Miriam Wallace. We conclude this season with the Pellissippi State Sacred Music Concert in April. This series has been funded by donors within our congregation so that we might offer it as a gift to our community. This year we still need about \$15,000 to finish funding this fabulous series. As you consider your year-end giving, might this be a place you invest in the outreach endeavors of our church?

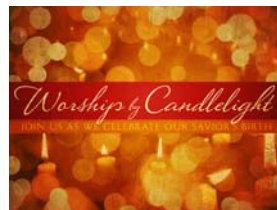
## Christmas Brunch Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making this year's Christmas Brunch a wonderful ministry event. 741 people were served and loved on by our FBC family. To those that helped count donations before the brunch to those that were cleaning up after the brunch, it took everyone's hands and feet to make it such a successful day. Thank you!

## Christmas Eve Service

*Wednesday, December 24, 5:00 pm*

As is the tradition of the church, we will gather at 5:00 pm on December 24th for our Christmas Eve service. It will be a service of lessons and carols designed to help prepare our hearts and lives for the celebration of the coming of the Christ child. We will close in candlelight, sending us out in hope and expectation. Since it has become important to arrive early to secure seating, we will again offer a pre-service musical experience that will feature musical offerings from Mamie Sullivan, Jaynie Moore, and Debby Daniel. Tyler Johnson will be home from seminary and will also bring Christmastide musical piece. The pre-service music will begin at 4:30 p.m. This should prove to be a very special time together as a church family. **Childcare is available for ages 3 and under by reservation starting at 4:20 pm. RSVP to Susan Tatum today at [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org).**



## Random Acts of Christmas Kindness

Our tree is beginning to fill up with Random Acts of Christmas Kindness activities that our children and church family members have shared with our community. Don't forget to bring back the green slip of paper with your activity and leave it in the basket on the table in the Welcome Center so we can add it to our tree. Let's fill it up by Christmas Eve and share the love of Christ this Christmas season.

## Christmas Week and New Year's Church Office Schedule

The church office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and will remain closed for Christmas Day and December 26 allowing our staff to enjoy time with their families. We will open on time on Monday, December 29 through Wednesday, December 31st until 5:00 p.m. each day. We will also have coffee, cider, and some sweet treats available in the Conference Room for those that come by during these last three days of the year. We will close for New Year's Day and reopen on Friday, January 2 on our normal schedule.

## Church Fellowship Breakfast

*Sunday, December 28, 9:45 am*

You are invited to join us the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's for a church-wide fellowship during our traditional Sunday School hour. Everyone is invited to bring a breakfast dish to share as our pastor shares word of hope and encouragement for us to begin the New Year together. We will have both 8:45 and 11:00 am services however, there is no passage at 11:00 am.

## A Word on Year End Giving

We are approaching the time of year when generosity takes center stage in our nation. Over the course of the Advent and Christmas seasons, people will look for ways to express their gratitude with generous giving. Your prayerful giving through our church by year-end will cover the costs of ministry that have resulted in deeper faith, significant ministry and changed lives. The church office will receive your generous gifts through December 31st in order to count toward your 2014 charitable giving tax deduction. The church office will be open for the final three (3) days of the year until 5:00 pm. If you would like to drop your gifts and offerings off personally, we will have coffee, cider and sweet treats available in the Conference Room. I am grateful for your generosity and what it means in the life and ministry of our church family.

## Women On Mission (WOM)

Welcome to 2015 and Women on Mission. Our Schedule for 2015 begins on Tuesday February 3, when our speaker will be Mrs. Ruth Bradfute Heizer, retired missionary to Russia. Ruth grew up at FBC Knoxville. Please continue to be in prayer for our missionaries at home and around the world. We hope you will join us.



## Save the Date -- Ellie Holcomb

*Sunday January 11, 6:00 pm, Tickets \$5.00*

Make plans to be back at church on Sunday, January 11 at 6 PM! Singer/songwriter Ellie Holcomb will be our January concert series guest that evening for a special night of music. Tickets will be \$5 and all proceeds will go to benefit two of our ministry partners: Compassion Coalition and the Volunteer Ministry Center (VMC). You won't want to miss it!

## MERGE - Youth Disciple Now,

*January 16-18, 2015*

During MERGE each year, youth ministries from across the city come together to worship, serve, and grow as disciples of Jesus over an fun-filled weekend! Our Youth Ministry @ 1B students stay in host homes provided by First Baptist members, where they participate in small group Bible studies led by college students. MERGE is \$40 per student. Forms are available in the youth suite or at [fbcknox.org/youth/events/](http://fbcknox.org/youth/events/). All money and forms are due January 11. If you're interested in hosting students in your home for this important weekend contact Ben Winder ([bwinder@fbcknox.org](mailto:bwinder@fbcknox.org)).



**Attendance – December 14**

Sunday School	365
First Community	78
11:00 am	407
Deaf	18
Passage	17
Worship Total	520

**2014 Giving – December 14**

Weekly	33,468.87
MTD Giving	86,942.91
YTD Giving	1,591,381.87

**Menus – December 24**

**Minister On Call**  
**(865) 546-9661**  
**Press 9**

**In Service - Week of December 21**

**First Community Hospitality**  
Dianne & Don Rairdon

**First Community Greeters**  
Barbara Phillips, Sylvia Williams

**Welcome Center Greeters**  
Barbara Frei, Dent Young

**Preschool Extended Care**  
Charlotte Damewood, Bobbi Ramsey  
Jan Johnson

**Monitor:** Michael Ramsey

**TV Ministry Team**  
Paul Ivie, Reba Green,  
Marion Carter, Elaine Rhodes,  
Charles Brooks, Tiffany Brooks,  
Seva Ball

**Hospital Ministry Team**  
Karen & Richard Smith

**New Member Ministry**  
Scott Moore, Reggie Keaton

**Outreach Deacon**  
Jim Plemmons

**TeleCare Ministry**  
Sherry Coffield

**Mug Ministry**  
**Front Door (front porch)**  
11:00 Pam Shirley

**Welcome Center**  
11:00 Betty Coley

**PRAYER LIST for Wednesday - 12/18/2014****CHURCH FAMILY****REHAB**

Gloria Rodgers, Fort Sanders/Pat Neal 478  
Nancy Bracken, Fort Sanders/Pat Neal 473  
Becky Hudson, NHC Farragut 414

**DISCHARGED**

Sara Baskin  
John "Jack" Reynolds  
Courtney Wright

**OTHER REQUESTS**

Ruthie Johnson Dorothy Bryson & extended family  
Elizabeth Dryburgh  
Patsy Long, pacemaker replacement at Vanderbilt 12/29

**NURSING HOME / RETIREMENT HOME OF THE WEEK**

**L & L Sweet Home Care** 804 Atlantic Ave (37917)  
Frances Andes Dorothy "Dot" McGlothlin

**FRIENDS AND FAMILIES****OUT OF TOWN HOSPITAL**

Jesse Phillips, Greenville Medical Ctr (SC) – grandson of Barbara & Rusty Phillips and Sylvia Williams  
Grace Thurmond, scoliosis surgery/recovery (NM) – Steve Underwood's great niece

**OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS**

Harold Kemp - dementia, Vanderbilt ; Anne Kemp, Dianna Mercier & Kenny Kemp, caregivers – Dianna Mercier's parents  
Prayer for entire family – Beverly Norton  
Eric Berry and family – friends of Judy Constantine  
Lyn Kells, aggressive breast cancer/salvation (NH) – Sallie Keaton's friend  
Cassie Cooper, UVA Hospital (VA), skin graft – Dianne Forry's niece  
Briana Griffin, ACL surgery 12/19 – granddaughter of Virginia Griffin  
Jennifer Strevel, cancer throughout body – friend of Virginia Griffin  
Kyla Douglas' mother, breathing issues – Kyla is a Music/Worship Intern  
Marilou, cancer – Patsy Belle's sister  
Kristi Sebring, kidney failure – Wayne and Ellie Smith's daughter  
Carlton Cooper (VA), hospice – Dianne Forry's brother-in-law  
Jim, final stages of ALS and his wife Jonnie – friends of Becky Frye  
Ann Rader, cancer – friend of Sandy Hope  
David Pice, multiple myeloma – friend of Barbara & Rusty Phillips  
Phoebe Jaeger, skin cancer - Virginia Griffin's friend  
Mary Anna Rhodes, kidney failure – Ed Souther's sister (NC)  
Phyllis Slack – cancer; Tonya Lewis – cancer; Margaret Burnett (sister), heart complications – Roy and Gerry Garnett's friends and family

Joel Garcia, chemotherapy – Victor & Patricia Perez's son-in-law  
Tom Axley, Sr., declining health - Tom Axley's father  
Salvation for Ramona Gregory's mother who is terminally ill  
Ida Mae Huff, recurring cancer, chemotherapy - Sylvia Williams' daughter / Tina Wright's niece  
Clark Turner (KY), multiple health issues – Sandy Hope's brother

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Paul Kirby, US Navy – Donna Kirby's son

**MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS**

The Leaders of our Country, our City and our Church, The Un-churched & Missing, and our Music Minister Search Committee:  
Bill Brewer, Chair Jaynie Moore  
Patrick Carmichael Steve King  
Emily Plemmons Ruth Fuson  
Chris Brock Laura Beth Winder  
Joe Easterly Mary Ann Dent, Personnel  
Chair  
Tom Ogburn, Staff

**MISSIONS PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PRAYER REQUEST FROM MARC & KIM WYATT, CBF Advocates for Internationals, Research Triangle, NC**

Pray for Delia and her three daughters. Delia is a single mom from Southesast Asia who immigrated to Raleigh. We met her during our ministry in the Palms Apartments Her family is one among the 212 families who have had to relocate after the owners decided to redevelop the complex. Demolition will begin as soon as the final residents have moved. There are 31 apartments still occupied. A team from St. John's Baptist Church, Raleigh, joined us to help Delia move into her new two bedroom apartment. There were 14 sets of helping hands and love-filled hearts, three pick-up trucks, two mini-vans and a trailer that joyfully helped Delia and her girls.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MISSY WARD IN UGANDA**

Women transitioning from the cooking program: We had 11 women graduate from the cooking/business vocational training in December. Please pray for these women as they apply for jobs and small business start-up grants (through our refugee women's ministry). Please also pray that God will continue to bring their group closer together as they continue to minister and offer support and love to another.

**MISSIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR**

Julie Brown, France; Wayne Hyatt, Spartanburg, SC; Cecelia Beck, Shelby, NC; Terri Byrd; Beth Roberts, Chapel Hill, NC; Gary Strickland, Sioux Falls, ID; James Williams, Montgomery, AL; Zechariah Maas, 2008, Belize; Tom Cleary, Emeritus; Rick Landon, Lexington, KY; Jim R. Smith; Frank Stillwell, Lexington, KY; Robin Sullens, Dallas, TX; Anna Anderson, Scotland Neck, NC;