

First Baptist Church of Knoxville Life of the Church

December 31, 2014



REDEMPTION...A Journey through Matthew's Gospel

Our worship this weekend will be shaped by **Matthew 7:7-12**. This is the great “ask, seek, knock” passage that invites us to the promise that the words we hear from God are more than mere words. The asking will be answered. The seeking will become finding. The knocking will lead to opening. The responsiveness of God is born in the nature of God – the goodness of God. **Fredrick Wagoner** will bring a word of testimony in both services. We will also begin the year with the celebration of the **Lord's Supper**. It should be a great Sunday.



For those that missed yesterday's service, I thought you might be interested to know that when we resume our Wednesday Night Bible Study on January 7th we will dive into a closer look at The Sermon on the Mount. The sermon covers Matthew 5, 6 and 7. This sermon lays out the heart of what Jesus sees as the essentials of what it means to walk with God.

Office Hours This Week

The office is open for our regular business hours (8:30am through 5:00pm) Monday, Tuesday, and Today. We will be closed for New Year's Day and open again, as usual, on Friday.

January Is National Mentoring Month.

There are many more children who need a mentor at South Knoxville Elementary School. Will you consider using one hour per week to dedicate it to a child in need? Mentors are positive, fun, faithful, encouraging, a listener, a helper, and a friend. Anyone who has the love of God in their heart can fulfill these attributes of a mentor. We have boys and girls on the list who need a mentor very soon. You may pick up an application from the literature rack by the water fountain on the 3rd floor crossover. All applications need to be in by March 16. We will have a training class in May for mentoring in the 2015-16 school year. Contact Carol Linger at 865-963-9993 or clinger185@aol.com, to let her know that you would like to mentor a child.



Knitting and Crochet Club

Thursday, January 8 12:30 pm, room 307

The Knitting and Crochet Club will meet in room 307 at 12:30 pm, Thursday, Jan 8, 2015 and Thursday February 5, 2015. We will continue to meet in room 307 at 12:30, the first Thursday of each month. Come and 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 are \$5 and are available at fbcknox.org/ellie. 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/. 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).



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.



Attendance – December 28

Sunday School	Fellowship Breakfast
First Community	57
11:00 am	275
Deaf	20
Passage	13
Worship Total	365

2014 Giving – December 14

Weekly	53,837.00
MTD Giving	178,236.17
YTD Giving	1,682,702.13



Menus – January 7

Bridge
Hoagies, Sweet Potato Fries,
Soup, Salad

Wednesday Supper
Petros, Corn Salad,
Soup

Kid Hut Cafe
Pizza, Corn,
Green Veggie, Pretzel Dogs

Minister On Call
(865) 546-9661
Press 9

In Service - Week of January 4

First Community Hospitality
Dickie & Fred Kaserman

First Community Greeters
Ethel Powell, John & Lanita Rorrer

Welcome Center Greeters
Anne Scrivner, Virginia Bounds

Preschool Extended Care
Susan Rainey, Megan Miller
Angela Ellenburg
Monitor: Monte Miller

TV Ministry Team
Ned Russell, Judy Cox,
Sara Bittle, Brad Bittle,
Marion Carter, Reba Green,
Seva Ball

Hospital Ministry Team
Fred Kaserman, Paul Ivie

New Member Ministry
Mark Palmer, Carol Linger

Outreach Deacon
Bob Breazeale

TeleCare Ministry
Wanda Edmondson

PRAYER LIST for Wednesday - 12/31/2014

CHURCH FAMILY

HOSPITAL

Betty Padgett, Phys Reg 345 - NO VISITORS

REHAB

Gloria Rodgers, NHC Farragut
Nancy Bracken, Fort Sanders/Pat Neal 473

DISCHARGED

Mary Ann Wallace
Gloria Rodgers
Becky Hudson
Sara Baskin

OTHER REQUESTS

Those grieving loss this Christmas season
Mary Ann Davis, OP hand surgery 12/26
Patsy Long, pacemaker replacement at Vanderbilt 12/29
Carolyn Nelson, fractured vertebra Ruthie Johnson
Penny d'Armand, arm surgery 1/5

CONGRATULATIONS TO Brenda Jenkins upon the birth of her
granddaughter on December 17, in Trinidad, California.

NURSING HOME / RETIREMENT HOME OF THE WEEK

Meadowview Senior Living - 111 Acuff Ln, Clinton (37716)
Phyllis VonGruenigen, Apt 207

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

OUT OF TOWN HOSPITAL

Grace Thurmond, scoliosis surgery/recovery (NM) – Steve Under-
wood's great niece

DISCHARGED

Jesse Phillips – grandson of Barbara & Rusty Phillips and Sylvia
Williams

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
Southeast 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.