

A Journey Begins ...

Beginning on November 30, 2014, we as a church family will embark upon an unusual journey. From the first Sunday of Advent through Easter Sunday, we will travel together through the book of Matthew together. Each of our Sunday worship services and Wednesday Bible studies will focus on a different piece of Matthew's story. Yet what ties these individual moments together is a common theme, a theme which comes to dominate all of Matthew's gospel: redemption.

A Place for Story ...

Matthew's gospel story is one of redemption. As we will see in the coming months, Matthew time and again draws his reader's attention God's work of redemption among the people of the world. We believe that God continues His work of redemption today, and we want to tell those stories.

As our church family begins to turn its attention to God's work of redemption throughout our lives and throughout our world, we want to invite you to share your own story of God's redemption with us. In the coming weeks, this space will host stories of people from our church family who have encountered God's redemptive love first hand. If you would consider sharing your own story, we invite you to email us at redemption@fbcknox.org or send us a letter here at the church (First Baptist Knoxville, Attn: Redemption Stories, 510 W. Main St., Knoxville, TN 37902).

We pray that the coming months will lead you into deeper relationship with a Lord and Savior who is constantly working to redeem the world and us along with it.

With an eye towards redemption,
Your First Baptist Staff

Welcome to worship at First Baptist. We are so glad that you have joined us today. From the heart of downtown Knoxville, we are touching lives around the world, sharing the ministry and life of Jesus Christ. If you need further information about our church, or desire a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, our ministers will be available following the service at each exit.

Please prepare for worship by:

- Encouraging children five years old and older to worship using the printed supplements available.
- Taking advantage of our Preschool Extended Session designed specifically for children age 3 and under. Pagers are provided to communicate with parents in case of emergency. Children age 4 years -1st grade may attend Passage, our children's worship experience, after the children's sermon, or remain with their parents in the service.
- Noting that restrooms are located directly behind the choir loft.

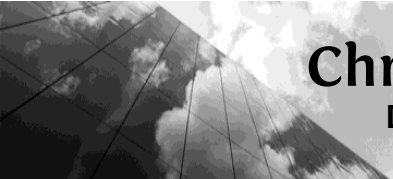
Becoming a Member

You are welcome and encouraged to come to the front of the church to meet with a minister during the Hymn of Response to request baptism or to join the church. Or, you may simply call the church office to request an appointment with any minister.

**Hearing devices available in the Reception Office
courtesy of the Senior Adult Ministry.**



December 28, 2014 • 11:00 AM



Christmastide Worship

December 28, 2014 • 11:00 AM

Tom Ogburn, D.Min., Senior Pastor

Organ Prelude

What Child Is This?
arr. John Behnke

Mamie Sullivan

Choral Introit

Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us
Benjamin Harlan

Sanctuary Choir

*Responsive Call to Worship

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.
Let us go with the shepherds:
Let us go to find the Savior!
Let us go with the wise ones:
Let us go to find our God's promise, born for us!
Let us go with the poor and humble:
Let us go to find the King , born in a lowly manger.
Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:
Christ the Lord!

Wendell Boertje

*Processional Carol 124

The First Nowell
English Carol

Words of Welcome and Greetings

Dave Ward

Children's Message

*(Four year-olds, Kindergarteners, and First Graders who are attending Children's Worship:
PASSAGE will be escorted at this time to the Kids Connection hallway.)*

Pam Neal

*Carol Medley

106, He is Born
French Carol

143, Go, Tell It on the Mountain
African American Spiritual



ATTENDANCE & GIVING	
December 21, 2014	
Sunday School	356
First Community	72
11:00 AM	431
Deaf	9
Passage	14
Worship Total	526
Weekly	37,483.26
MTD Giving	124,426.17
YTD Giving	1,628,865.13

A detailed financial report is available in the library.

PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR...

December 26, 2014

HOSPITAL
Betty Padgett, Phys Regional 174*
*No Visitors Please

DISCHARGED
Becky Hudson
Sara Baskin

REHAB
Gloria Rodgers, Fort Sanders/Pat Neal 478
Nancy Bracken, Fort Sanders/Pat Neal 473

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO
Lanita Rorrer upon the death of her dear friend, Dora McKee of LaFollette on December 15.

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

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOME OF THE WEEK
Manorhouse Assisted Living
8501 S Northshore Dr (37922)
Emily Higdon Room 102
Maxine Masingill Room 216

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/. 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.

FBC Knoxville Contacts

To phone staff, dial (865) 246- plus the four-digit number found beside the staff member's name, or call the main number, 546-9661.

Wendell Boertje, Interim Minister of Music (4668)
Joy Claybrook, Director of Community Ministries (4661)
Scott Claybrook, Young Adult Minister (4678)
Pam Neal, Minister of Administration (4660)
Tom Ogburn, Senior Pastor (4652)
Susan Tatum, Minister to Preschool & Children (4666)
Dave Ward, Pastoral Care Minister (4667)
Ben Winder, Youth Minister (4663)

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Week of December 28

First Community Hospitality

Dickie & Fred Kaserman

First Community Greeters

Nancy Roberts, Betty Chandler

Welcome Center Greeters

Carol Stricklin, Mary Johnson

Preschool Extended Care

Barbara Butler, Kelly Ownby,
Abby Hale

Monitor: Jimmy Ownby

TV Ministry Team

Steve Bowman, Cliff Shirley,
Betty Vawter, Vince Vawter,
Peyton Johnson, John Shope,
Seva Ball

Hospital Ministry Team

Ned & Judy Russell

New Member Ministry

Jama Mosher, Lacy Wallace

Outreach Deacon

Cliff Shirley

TeleCare Ministry

Susan Higdon

Pastoral Prayer

Tom Ogburn

Choral Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord
WHELPTON

Sanctuary Choir

Morning Scripture (Matthew 5:13-16)

Ben Winder

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?
It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives
light to everyone in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify
your Father in heaven.

*Responsive Reading 141 (John 1:14-18)

Wendell Boertje

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,

and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

(John testified to him and cried out,

‘This was he of whom I said,
“He who comes after me ranks ahead of me
because he was before me.”’)

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
The law indeed was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God.
It is God the only Son,

who is close to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

*Hymn 165

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
MARGARET

Prayer of Dedication for Offering

Scott Moore

Choral Offertory	<i>Sing To The Child</i> K. Lee Scott	Sanctuary Choir
The Sermon	“Salt and Light” Matthew 5:13-16	Tom Ogburn
*Carol of Response 112	<i>Child In The Manger</i> BUNESSAN	
Opportunities at FBC		Ben Winder
Sharing of Public Decisions		Tom Ogburn
*Spoken Benediction		Tom Ogburn
*Choral Benediction	<i>Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us</i> Benjamin Harlan	Sanctuary Choir
Organ Postlude	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i> arr. Johnson	Mamie Sullivan
*Congregation is asked to stand		



REDEMPTION...A Journey through Matthew's Gospel
 Next week we continue the REDEMPTION series with a sermon entitled, **"More Than Words" from Matthew 7:7-11**. This is the ask, seek, knock passage. It is 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. Please visit www.fbcknox.org/redemption for these and more! This coming week's passage for reflection is Matthew 7 & 8.

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 11th to benefit Compassion Coalition and the Volunteer Ministry Center featuring recording artist Ellie Holcomb. February 15th 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 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 31 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.

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, for they have resulted in deeper faith, significant ministry, and changed lives. The church office receives your generous gifts through December 31 in order to count toward your 2014 charitable giving tax deduction. The church office will be open for the final three days of the year until 5 pm.

A church member shared the following information with me: "Below are links to a couple of articles I thought you may find interesting. The first details a law that has been extended (on Dec. 16) that among other things allows people over 70-1/2 to make a direct contribution from their IRA to a charity such as their church without having to take the money and pay taxes on it first. For this tax year only - nothing like waiting till the last minute. The second article gives a more detailed background."

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/ashleaebeling/2014/12/17/charity-tax-breaks-extended-through-2014-only/>

<http://www.pgdc.com/pgdc/ira-charitable-rollovers-during-legislative-limbo>