



First Baptist Church

K N O X V I L L E

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Love & Laughter Valentine's Dinner

We love one another because Christ first loved us.

**February 12th in Trentham Hall
Dinner from 5-6 pm (regular Wednesday night prices apply)
Special Entertainment: Vince Vawter and Willie the Wonder Dog**

Sermon Preaching

First Community & 11 AM Worship

February 2
Jane Hull

February 9
Ben Winder

February 16
Ken Roxburgh

February 23
Ken Roxburgh

Minister on Call (865) 246-4650

February 7-9 Susan Tatum
February 14-16 Pam Neal
February 21-23 Ben Winder
Feb 28-Mar 2 Scott Claybrook

Average Sunday School and Worship Attendance

December 22 - January 12

Sunday School	323
First Community	84
11 AM Worship	321
Deaf Worship	31
Passage Childrens Worship	10
Combined Worship	445

Financial Summary

2013 Year End Giving

Weekly Giving (Avg)	\$308,478.42
MTD Giving	\$140,637.04
Monthly Need	\$159,004.67
YTD Giving	\$1,665,183.85
YTD Need	\$1,908,056.00

First Impressions

February is a month when our thoughts often turn to love and particularly to Valentine's Day. Our minds conjure up visions of flowers and hearts as we think about the ways to express our love to those we care about. Valentine's Day is an exciting time for some while a sad time for others.

Songs have been composed, books have been written, and countless other ways to express love have been created. Love is important to each of us.

Just as there are many ways of expressing love, there are different types of love. In the New Testament, we find three different words for love.

- Storge is the type of love signifying the natural affection between kinfolk.
- Phileo signifies the love of a friend for a friend based on mutual feeling.
- Agape means to love without requiring anything in return. It means loving the undeserving despite disappointment or rejection.

Agape is the type of love God has for us. We are certainly undeserving, but He loves us anyway. "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) Love is what sets us apart as Christians. Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35)

How do we love the way God wants us to love? The most important words of Jesus to us about how we are to live are, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:37-40) He also tells us, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." (John 14:23) When we love Jesus, we want to please him.

Valentine's Day will come and go. Flowers will wilt. Candy will be eaten. Valentine cards will be put away; but these are words to live by. Love God. Love Others. The kind of love God wants us to have can be summed up in these four words. These are the words that change our lives and make life worth living.

This kind of love should be the motivation for everything we do. Love God first; then love everyone else. That's the kind of love that can change the world – one heart at a time.

Second Mile Birthdays

February 2

Bernice Bopp
790 N Cedar Bluff Rd, Apt 1205
Knoxville, TN 37923-2248

February 2

Erna Wilson
28 W 471 Rogers Ave
Warrenville, IL 60555-3328

February 3

G.C. McDonald
C/O Dianne Stuart
413 Little Mac Ln
Villa Rica, GA 30180-7321

February 4

Sarah Reynolds
6321 Trailhead Circle
Knoxville, TN 37920-6156

February 12

Carol Lowder
205 Hillcrest St, Apt 9
Franklin, KY 42134-2355

February 24

Mary Jones
2708 Langston Rd
Strawberry Plains, TN 37871

February 25

Jean Moore
412 Catherine McAuley Way
Apt 5112
Strawberry Plains, TN 37919-5886



Staff Celebrations

Staff Birthdays

Wendell Boertje, February 15
Felix Latham, February 25

Mom's Connection Update

Where Moms Connect

Our first informational meeting on this new curriculum was very exciting and we are ready to roll! There has been enough interest for us to also add an evening group, which will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6-8 pm at the church.



We want to emphasize again that these groups are for all moms of preschoolers, elementary age children, and even youth!

We will be discussing different topics at the Friday morning and Thursday evening group so you are welcome to come to both! Below is our schedule and topics for the upcoming months, so remember to RSVP for childcare to Susan, bring a finger food, and join us at one or both meetings each month!

February 14 – 10 am - The Courage to Encourage

February 24 – 6 pm - Lighten Up! De-stress and Lift Your Spirits!

March 14 – 10 am - Praying for and With Your Children

March 27 – 6 pm - Creating Balance

April 11 – 10 am - Financial Freedom

April 24 – 6 pm - Discipline for All Ages

May 9 – 10 am - Help Me Get Organized!

May 22 – 6 pm - Family Mealtimes

We do plan to continue meeting during the summer so mark your calendars and watch for topics!

If you would like more information, email Susan at statum@fbcknox.org. Plan to join us and invite a friend!

Paid Childcare Positions

We are currently looking for some additional childcare workers to help out with babies and young preschoolers on Sundays, Wednesdays, Thursday evenings, Friday mornings, and various other times when childcare is needed at the church.

Interested persons should be 18 years of age or older and enjoy being around and interacting with young children. Reliable transportation (sometimes on short notice) is also required. Some previous experience is beneficial. Applicants must submit to a background check and be approved. If you are interested in applying or want more information, please email Susan at statum@fbcknox.org.



Please Welcome Rev. Jane Hull - February 2

Jane Hull is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina. She attended Furman University (Bachelor of Music), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Master of Church Music) and McAfee School of Theology (Master of Divinity).

She is married to David Hull, pastor of First Baptist Church of Huntsville, AL, and is the mother of two adult children – Emily, Minister to Young Adults at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, KY, and Andrew, who lives in Birmingham, AL. She is also grandmother to Liam.

Jane has previously served as a Minister of Children, Youth, and Music in churches in North and South Carolina, Tennessee, and Alabama, and as the Interim Pastor of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Birmingham, AL. She now serves as Interim Minister to Children at First Baptist Church of Huntsville, AL.



Please Welcome Dr. Ken Roxburgh February - 16, & 23

Dr. Roxburgh went to Samford from Scottish Baptist College in Glasgow, Scotland, where he served as President and taught. He received his B.A. from the London School of Theology, his M.Th. from Aberdeen University, and his Ph.D. from Edinburgh University.

Dr. Roxburgh researches the History of Christianity in Scotland in the 20th century. He has written numerous articles for scholarly journals, as well as a book, *Thomas Gillespie and the Origins of the Relief Church in 18th Century Scotland* (Peter Lang, 1999). At Samford, Dr. Roxburgh teaches Baptist History and Theology, Christian Theology, Pastoral Theology, and Contemporary Theology.

He is married with two adult children who live in Scotland. He has two granddaughters and two grandsons.

Welcome New Members



Elizabeth M. Moseley

WOMEN ON MISSION (WOM)

Tuesday, February 4, Room 302, 10 am

Ladies, please join us this year as we learn more about being God's heart, hands, and voice. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am with a mission study. Next, we gather in Room 302 at 11 am for our monthly meeting and program. Lunch (\$6) is served in Trentham Hall following the program. Our speaker this month is Joy Claybrook, Director of Community Ministries at FBC. We hope you will make plans to attend.



February Calendar

4 WOM	10 am
6 Knitting Club	12:30 pm
11 Food Co-op	9 am
12 Love & Laughter Dinner	5 pm
14 Mom's Connection	10 am
23 Family Promise	Feb 23-Mar 2
23 RA Racers	12-2 pm
25 Food Co-op	9 am
27 Mom's Connection	6 pm

Knitting Club

The Knitting Club will meet for the first time in 2014 on February 6, in room 307 and will meet monthly the first Thursday at 12:30 pm. Please come and lend a pair of willing hands to this worthwhile ministry. Everyone is welcome.

Youth Ministry @ 1B Meeting

March 2, Noon, Youth Suite

All youth, parents, and youth workers are invited to come hear details about our Summer 2014 schedule including Chapel Choir's "Serve the Cities" tour, Student Life@the Beach, Kids Camp, and summer small groups! You'll also be able to complete all your forms and have them notarized. Lunch will be provided!



Each Week

Sunday

Worship, First Community	8:42 am
Library Open	8:45 am
Deaf Sunday School	9:30 am
Hearing Sunday School	9:45 am
Deaf Worship, Chapel	11 am
Televised Worship (Broadcast on Fox 43)	11 am
High School Bible Study	6:45 pm

Monday

Yoga Class	1:15 pm
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Wednesday

The Bridge	11:50 am
Supper	5 pm
Children's Choirs and Missions Groups	5:40 pm
Middle School MidWeek	6 pm
Prayer Meeting	6 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7 pm
Deaf Worship CTV	10 pm

Thursday

Golden Notes	10:30 am
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Saturday

Worship CTV	2:30 pm
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If the Weather Outside is Frightful

In the case of inclement weather on Sunday's, please call the church office at 546-9661 for an updated message about the Sunday schedule. Whatever the weather, the 11 am worship service will always be held. Updates to the Sunday schedule will be posted at www.fbcknox.org by 7 am on Sunday mornings as necessary.



Wednesday Activities: If Knox County schools are closed on Wednesdays due to bad weather, all regular Wednesday night activities will be cancelled. If inclement weather arrives during the day on Wednesday, please check with the church office 546-9661, or the church website.

Groups that meet during the week will follow the same policy for Wednesdays; when Knox County schools are closed, meetings are cancelled.

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