



First Baptist Church

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Begins Sunday, March 2



A CHURCH OF **DISPROPORTIONATE INFLUENCE**



A New Sermon Series

With Tom Ogburn



Sermon Preaching

First Community & 11 AM Worship

March 2
A Church of Hope and Vision
Acts 2:14-21

March 9
A Church of Purposeful Relationships
Matthew 22:34-40

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A Church of Extravagant Forgiveness
Luke 7:36-50

March 23
A Church of Discipling Disciples
Hebrews 10:19-25

March 30
A Church with a Kingdom Heart
Luke 4:14-21

Minister on Call (865) 246-4650

March 7-9	Dave Ward
March 14-16	Susan Tatum
March 21-23	Pam Neal
March 28-30	Ben Winder

Average Sunday School and Worship Attendance

January 19 - February 9

Sunday School	332
First Community	86
11 AM Worship	395
Deaf Worship	31
Passage Childrens Worship	12
Combined Worship	492

Financial Summary

January 19 - February 9

Weekly Giving (Avg)	\$28,597.82
MTD Giving	\$62,711.59
Monthly Need	\$159,004.67
YTD Giving	\$156,707.30
YTD Need	\$220,160.28

First Impressions



There was a time when all a church had to do to fill its pews was open its front doors. There was a time when on the the first Sunday of a new school year students from the University of Tennessee would stream down the aisles to join our church. There was a time when the Church was a major player in every community decision, and ministers were held in high regard by almost everyone. There was a time...

Now the Church finds itself on the margins of culture rather than at the center of it, and almost twenty percent of the adult population claims no religious affiliation at all. What are we to make of this new era, this new time, in which we find ourselves? Do these significant cultural changes mean that churches like ours have lost their capacity to speak into the lives of people and into the heart of our broader community? Absolutely not!

This is the perfect moment for a people of faith in Christ to step into the challenging cultural currents and bring words of hope, forgiveness, transformation, and impact. So, beginning March 2nd, I will begin a six-week sermon series entitled, "**A Church of Disproportionate Influence.**" Each week, we will look at a different Scripture passage that will help us consider what it means to be a church that shapes lives within our walls and helps to transform lives beyond our walls. These Scriptures will call us to a fresh vision of what it means to be a vibrant and effective congregation in this new era and offer us hope to have an influence for God beyond our own scope or scale. You'll find a roadmap for these next six weeks below.

This journey through Scripture will ultimately call us to examine the heart we bring to worship, discipleship, relationships, and mission. It will invite us all to find our places and offer our unique voices in living out the Kingdom of God in the center of Knoxville. I hope you will come and be a part as we explore how God might lead us and use us in the days ahead.

Grace and Peace,

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March 9 – A Church of Purposeful Relationships | Matthew 22:34-40
March 16 – A Church of Extravagant Forgiveness | Luke 7:36-50
March 23 – A Church of Discipling Disciples | Hebrews 10:19-25
March 30 – A Church with a Kingdom Heart | Luke 4:14-21
April 6 – A Church of Living Worship | Colossians 3:15-17

Second Mile Birthdays

March 1

Irene Lester
9051 Cross Park Dr, Apt 205
Knoxville, TN 37923-4665

March 1

Claudette Pickens
8707 Old Colony Tr. #4
Knoxville, TN 37923-6234

March 4

Marian Jones
708 Windy Way
Signal Mountain, TN 37377-2047

March 11

Doris Metz
3710 Sevierville Pk
Knoxville, TN 37920-4553

March 13

Mary Will Rogers
PO Box 1821
Crossville, TN 38558-1821

March 15

Gloria Rodgers
1909 Scalybark Dr
Knoxville, TN 37920-2988

March 23

Idabel Sams
100 Chatuga Dr
Loudon, TN 37774

March 29

Nina Wise
3804 Maloney Rd
Knoxville, TN 37920-2824

March 30

Bettie Pitts
1112 Creekside Village Way
Seymour, TN 37865-5257

March 31

Ruby Baldock
2303 Monterey Ln
Knoxville, TN 37912-4664



Staff Celebrations

Birthdays

Pam Neal, March 2

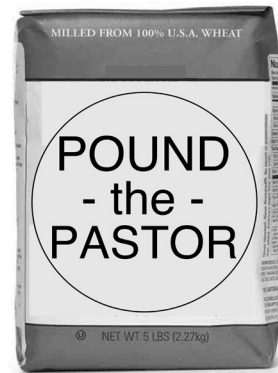
Anniversaries

Beverly Shirk, March 1, 2013

Pound the Pastor

March 2, 2-4 pm in Trentham Hall

A long-held tradition in many churches, upon the arrival of a new minister, was for the membership to "Pound the Pastor." Church members offered gifts of "a pound of this and a pound of that" — staples like sugar, flour, etc. — which would stock the new pastor's pantry. With the arrival of our new pastor, First Baptist is putting a new twist on this old tradition. Instead of bringing food items for the pastor, you are invited to bring gifts for some of our ministry partners. These gifts will be given to these ministries in honor of Tom and Beth Ogburn. Join us as we pour out love on our city in honor of our new pastor! Our ministry partners have requested the following items: **Food Co-op:** Flour, **Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries:** Bagged Coffee, **Montgomery Village Baptist Center:** Toilet Paper, **Restoration House:** Clorox Wipes, **Volunteer Ministry Center:** Sugar, **Western Heights Baptist Center:** Peanut Butter. Please bring the items with you to the Welcome Reception for Tom & Beth Ogburn to be held on Sunday, March 2, from 2-4 pm in Trentham Hall!



Concert Series FINAL CONCERT: Nielson and Young, Duo-Pianists

Sunday, March 9, 6:30 pm

The final concert of our 2013-2014 season will be a marquee concert presented by a world-class pair of piano artists playing two Steinway pianos. After more than three decades of musical collaboration that has taken them to great concert halls around the world, Stephen Nielson and Ovid Young will appear in concert at First Baptist Church on March 9.



Nielson and Young are veterans of more than 3,500 concerts in all kinds of venues. They have appeared in churches, universities, and with symphony orchestras. They have held appointments as university professors and are widely published composers and arrangers of vocal solos, duets, keyboards, choir, and orchestra. You may recall that the Christmas concert given by the Sanctuary Choir in 2012 was Images of Christmas, written by Ovid Young.

Stephen and Ovid will be participating for the 11 am installation worship service of our new pastor on the morning of March 9. The evening concert will include a number of hymn tune arrangements, some short familiar classical pieces, and even a few "popular" melodies. There may even be a couple of organ and piano duets!

Tickets for this magnificent concert are \$10 to help defray expenses of honorarium travel from Houston (Stephen) and Chicago (Ovid). Tickets may be picked up in the Welcome Center on Sundays, Trentham Hall on Wednesdays, or the Reception desk during the week. Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the concert.

For more information, call the Music Office at 246-4655, or email Kim Pieratt at kpieratt@fbcknox.org.

Youth Ministry@1B Meeting

Sunday, March 2, Noon in Youth Suite

All youth, parents, and youth workers are invited to come hear details about our Summer 2014 schedule including the Chapel Choir "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!



WOMEN ON MISSION (WOM)

Tuesday, March 4, at 10 am, Room 302

Please plan to attend our WOM meeting this month. We will have a mission study at 10 am. This will be followed at 11 am with our monthly meeting and program. Our speaker will be Susan Tatum, Minister to Preschool and Children at FBC. Lunch (\$6) will be served in Trentham Hall following the program. We hope you will join us!



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5, 6 pm in the Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. To prepare both personally and corporately for the Lenten season, the Music and Worship Ministry of First Baptist Church is offering a service of prayer, meditation, scripture, silence, confession, imposition of ashes, and benediction on Wednesday, March 5. You will want to enter into this worship time of spiritual examination, emphasis, and experience in order to prepare more fully for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.



Where Moms Connect

Friday, March 14, 10 am, Blue Room, "Praying For and With Your Child"

Prayer isn't about creating the perfect environment; it is about creating moments of conversation with God. We will discover creative ways to use our senses to experience time with God in new ways both for moms and kids.



Thursday, March 27, 6 pm, Blue Room, "Creating Balance"

It seems we have 2 options – either have lives that are super simple or lives that are super complicated. This session will help us find a point in between the two that works for us!

RSVP for childcare to statum@fbcknox.org. Bring a finger food, a friend, and come join moms with kids of all ages!

Flower Committee Note

The Flower Committee welcomes three new members: Karen Chesney, Judy Frost, and Brannon Hulse. We also welcome others who might be interested in joining this committee. There are many ways to participate.

For several years, the Flower Committee has provided beautiful sanctuary flower arrangements. Thank you to everyone who so graciously contributes to beautifying our Sanctuary for worship. Beginning in March, Teré Atwater will be handling the scheduling of flower dates. She has the information from past years and will be contacting those who are scheduled to give flowers. If you have any questions about giving flowers or would like to have a date to give them, please contact Teré at 694-0738, or email her at atwatere@aol.com

Teré and the rest of the Flower Committee are looking forward to this ministry with you!

Children's Ministry Parents!

Make sure you have these **Very Important Dates** on your Calendar! They will be here before you know it!

Wednesday, March 5 – *Pizza with the Pastor, Kids Café, 5 pm*

There will be no children's activities this evening due to the Ash Wednesday service, so our children will have an opportunity to spend time with Pastor Tom and Beth during the supper hour.

Wednesday, March 19 – No activities due to Knox County Spring Break

Saturday, April 12 – *Eggstravaganza, 10 am*

Giant egg hunt for ages up to grade five with thousands of eggs. We'll gather on the lawn of the City/County Building.

Wednesday, April 23 – *Children's Choir Spring Concert/Musical, 6 pm*

We are combining our older children's musical (grades three-five) with our younger children's spring concert (ages three years – grade two) into one fabulous evening of music!

Wednesday, May 14 – *Missions Recognition Service, 6 pm*

For all mission groups (ages three years – grade five)

Wednesday, June 11 – Saturday, June 14, Kids Camp

For grades three-five (completed) at Camp BaYoCa

Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18 – *VBS, 9 am – 12:15 pm*

Ages three years – grade five.

Community Ministries Intern

It is our pleasure to introduce you to our Community Ministries intern for this semester, Katie Begbie. Katie is in her Junior year at the University of Tennessee studying Social Work. Throughout her semester here, Katie will learn what it looks like to do social work inside and outside the walls of a downtown church. First Baptist Church has long been a community that creates space and opportunity to teach students of all kinds. We are pleased to add another chapter to that great tradition.



Katie is extremely bright and has a huge heart for people, and helping them grow closer to the Lord. This summer she will go to Guatemala for more than two months to work with a non-profit agency. This will be Katie's third time serving in Guatemala, and she would love to live there after she graduates. Katie is in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays every week. Feel free to stop by, introduce yourself, and give her a warm FBC welcome.

March Calendar

2 Youth Ministry Meeting	12 pm
2 Pound the Pastor	2 pm
4 WOM	10 am
9 Nielson & Young Concert	6:30 pm
11 Food Co-op	10 am
12 Lenten Lunch-Church Street United Methodist	12 pm
14 Mom's Connection	10 am
19 Lenten Lunch-Immaculate Conception Catholic Church	12 pm
25 Food Co-op	10 am
26 Lenten Lunch-St John's Cathedral	12 pm
27 Mom's Connection	6 pm

Each Week

Sunday

Worship, First Community	8:45 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
Chapel Choir	5:30 pm
High School Bible Study	6:45 pm

Monday

Yoga Class	1:15 pm
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Wednesday

The Bridge	11:50 am
Middle School Mid-Week	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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