

# First Baptist Church of Knoxville Life of the Church

December 3, 2014



Since this is the first Sunday of the month, we will also receive our **Community Care/ Benevolence Offering** that allows us to meet the critical needs of those in our community.

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

This week begins the REDEMPTION series, our journey through Matthew's gospel. The Discipleship Council has created questions for reflection and a weekly video of a member of our church family reflecting on the passage for each week. Please visit [www.fbcknox.org/redemption](http://www.fbcknox.org/redemption) for these and more! This week's passage for reflection is Matthew 1 & 2.



## Christmas Brunch T-Shirts on Sale TODAY!

The last day to purchase a Christmas Brunch T-shirt is today. Shirts will be sold in the Sanctuary following the All Volunteer Meeting. If you do not purchase a shirt please be sure to wear a red shirt on the day of the Brunch.

## All Volunteer Christmas Brunch Meeting

Today, December 7, immediately following the 11:00 am service, Sanctuary

If you plan to volunteer with Christmas Brunch in any way, please plan to attend the All-Volunteer Christmas Brunch Meeting on December 7, immediately following the 11:00 service. If you plan to serve on the following teams, please plan to attend a brief breakout session immediately following the meeting: Escorts & Hospitality, Family Portraits, Sanctuary Greeters, or Trentham Hall Rovers.

## Christmas Card to the City

Sunday, December 7, 3:30 pm (Rehearsal at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary)

We'll be traveling to Market Square to perform carols and songs for the downtown community. Join us in worship the morning of December 7 as our Sanctuary Choir offers a morning of Christmas music and worship, then stay for the afternoon as our church offers an afternoon of music to our Downtown community. Along with many of our other musical groups, **this event will feature an open church-wide choir, so we need your voice!** Participation in this event is open to all -- no auditions required. For more information or to sign up, please email Steve Foster at [stevf\\_patif@yahoo.com](mailto:stevf_patif@yahoo.com).



## Used Literature Donations

Your gently-used Sunday School and music curriculum can be a powerful discipleship tool for missionaries in the United States and around the world. You are invited to donate your gently used curriculum by placing it in boxes located in Room 304 and the Reception Office. Keep this opportunity in mind as your new curriculum arrives!

## Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 13

If you need childcare for children ages 3 and under, please make reservations with Susan Tatum [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org) by December 7th.

We are in great need of donations for Christmas Brunch, We need your help to bring in donations of blankets, children's sleeping bags, new 8x10 picture frames, and hygiene bags. We have only received small amounts of each item so far. Please make all donations by December 7th. We need 500-700 of each item. We need you help.

The current count is:

Hygiene Bags - 146

Blankets - 61

Sleeping Bags - 12

Picture Frames - 38



If you choose to give a monetary donation, please note in the memo line: "Christmas Brunch".

## FBC Family Missions Night

Wednesday, December 17, Dinner at 5:00 pm Program at 6:00 pm

Gather with your church family for an evening together of learning about missions, giving to missions and praying for missions. Laura Beth Roberts is our guest speaker. Laura Beth, daughter of Micky and Susan Roberts, was on the 2014 Send TN Missions team to Quito, Ecuador. Mission Friends, GAs and RAs will participate in the program. Dinner begins at 5:00 pm (regular Wednesday prices) followed at 6:00 pm by our international missions program.

## Adult Christmas Party

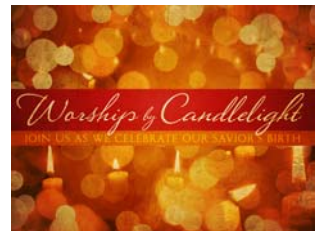
Thursday, December 18, 5:30 pm, Trentham Hall

All adults are invited to enjoy the "Fabulous '50's" with us in Trentham Hall on December 18. Dinner will be catered by The Entertainer. Tickets on sale on Sunday mornings for \$14 on the 3rd floor crossover. Get yours today!

## Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24, 5:00 pm

Our Christmas Eve Service is one of the best-loved services of the year as we celebrate the joy and meaning of Christmas. Come make this time of worship a centerpiece of your family tradition at Christmas. Mark your calendar today!



## 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.

**Attendance – November 30**

Sunday School	307
First Community	86
11:00 am	299
Deaf	23
Passage	11
Worship Total	419

**2014 Giving – November 30**

Weekly	31,932.13
MTD Giving	135,578.76
Monthly Need	159,004.67
YTD Giving	1,517,540.69
YTD Need	1,722,411.52

**Menus – December 10**

**Bridge**  
*Chef's Special*

**Wednesday Supper**  
*Chef's Special*

**Kid's Hut**  
*Chef's Special*

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

**In Service - Week of December 7**

**First Community Hospitality**  
Dickie & Fred Kaserman

**First Community Greeters**  
Beth Nagel, Mary Nelle Robbins

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

**Preschool Extended Care**  
Jennifer Mabe, Melanie Franks,  
Brandi Dickie  
**Monitor:** Wes Franks

**TV Ministry Team**  
Steve Bowman, Cliff Shirley, Betty  
Vawter, Vince Vawter,  
Peyton Johnston, John Shope,  
Seva Ball

**Hospital Ministry Team**  
Paul Ivie, Fred Kaserman

**New Member Ministry**  
Mark Palmer, Carol Linger

**Outreach Deacon**  
Steve King

**TeleCare Ministry**  
Alice Crook

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

**Welcome Center**  
11:00 Betty Coley

**PRAYER LIST for Wednesday - 12/4/2014****CHURCH FAMILY****HOSPITAL**

Sara Baskin, Ft Sanders 406  
Gloria Rodgers, UT 1014

**DISCHARGED**

Mona Wylie  
Alice Brooks  
Charles Wallace  
Stanley Dziurzynski

**REHAB**

Becky Hudson, NHC Farragut 336B

**OTHER REQUESTS**

Ruthie Johnson Christmas Brunch  
Maureen Pickle Dorothy Bryson & extended family  
Patsy Long, pacemaker replacement at Vanderbilt before Christmas

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

**Elmcroft of West Knoxville** 8024 Gleason Dr (37919)  
Frances Rio Room 214 Betty Smith Apt. 248-250

**FRIENDS AND FAMILIES**

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS SYMPATHY** to Rose Hixson upon the death of her mother, Peggy Walker of Chattanooga, on November 27.

**DISCHARGED**

Carl Allen - Jimmy Mitchell's brother-in-law

**OUT OF TOWN HOSPITAL**

Cheree Graybeal Kirkbride (SC) – Marion Graybeal's daughter  
Jesse Phillips (SC) – grandson of Barbara & Rusty Phillips and Sylvia Williams  
Esther Rohr, Cookeville Medical Center – Mary Alice Balch's sister

**OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS**

Kareesia Woods, college student – depression  
Ruth Hensley, blockage in neck – friend of John & Lanita Rorrer  
Lyn Kells, aggressive breast cancer/salvation (NH) – Sallie Keaton's friend  
Cassie Cooper, UVA Hospital (VA), skin graft – Dianne Forry's niece  
Briana Griffin, torn ACL – granddaughter of Virginia Griffin  
The family of Leona Baker, grief – friends of Becky Frye  
Kyla Douglas' mother, breathing issues – Kyla is a Music/Worship Intern  
Von Neubauer, balance issues/testing – Normalee Neubauer's husband  
Marilou, cancer – Patsy Belle's sister

Jay Claiborne, broken rib – Brenda Jinkins father  
Kristi Sebring, kidney failure – Wayne and Ellie Smith's daughter  
Sarah Kesterson (IN), chemo and radiation – Carolyn Nelson's sister  
Rita England, advanced ovarian cancer – Carol McEntyre's mom  
Carlton Cooper (VA), hospice – Dianne Forry's brother-in-law  
Paula Stone – friend of Bettie Woolwine  
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  
Harold & Anne Kemp, dementia/assessments; Dianna Mercier & Kenny Kemp, caregivers – Dianna Mercier's parents  
Randy Tatum, chemotherapy issues – Alan Tatum's brother  
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 Unchurched & 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 Win Maung, a leader of the Karen Baptist Fellowship of the Ridge Road Baptist Church, Win and his congregation of 80 were resettled to Raleigh several years ago by Lutheran Family Services. Win lived in a Thai Refugee Camp for 15 years following – from age 10 to 25 before being allowed to move to the US. The Karen congregation is working hard and saving their money in hopes of one day having their own building.