

Life of the Church December 30



Luke: Be. Live. Proclaim. The Gospel

This week's sermon comes from **Luke 5:1-11**. This well-known passage invites us to begin the year on the seashore with Jesus and witness the call of the first disciples. The reason to focus on this passage is the call to be a witness now moves from the angels and shepherds and the witness in the temple courts - to those that will follow Jesus in faith. It calls us to understand that we are participants in that call as Christ followers. This is a particularly poignant word as we engage in a call weekend - where both church and candidate affirm what it might mean to follow Christ together.



***This week's passage for personal reading and study is Luke 5.
Visit fbcknox.org/luke for weekly videos, reflection questions, and more.***

Church Office Closed New Year's Day

Friday, January 1

Remember our church office will be closed Friday, January 1 so our staff may enjoy time with their families.

Call Weekend for Minister of Music and Worship Candidate

January 2-3

The time has come for our church to move forward in the call of a new Minister of Music and Worship. Our candidate will rehearse with the Sanctuary Choir and later with the First Community Worship Team on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning he will lead both the First Community and 11 am Worship Service. We will also host a "get-to-know you" fellowship with the candidate Sunday morning from 9:45-10:15 am in the Blue Room. A new publication on worship that introduces our candidate will be available before and after each of our three worship services Sunday. We are very excited to introduce this candidate to you. He can be a wonderful addition to our church staff and a great gift to our church family. It is a holiday weekend, but we want as many of you as possible to be able to schedule time to be a part of this important moment in our church story.

Family Promise

Week of January 3-10

It is Family Promise time again! We have the honor of hosting families January 3 to January 10. Please pray about your involvement in making the experience for these families the best it can be. If you are interested in staying overnight please contact Kennie Riffey at kennieriffey@yahoo.com. If you are interested in helping host please contact Fred Kaserman at fredkaserman@gmail.com. If you are interested in providing meals please contact Judy Russell at nj8russ@tds.net.



Young Women's Monthly Gathering

Thursday, January 7, 6 pm, Panera in Mercedes Place

Are you a young professional or young mother? If so, we'd love to invite you to come join other First Baptist women for a monthly women's gathering. Led by Sandy Wisener, Alice Crook, and Joy Claybrook these monthly gatherings are an opportunity to connect with other women while finding encouragement in your faith journey. For more information, please contact Joy Claybrook at jclaybrook@fbcknox.org. Please RSVP by January 5.

Youth Winter Summit

January 15-17, 2016, Huntsville, Alabama

Our youth will join others from across the South for Winter Youth Summit, a weekend of worship, discipleship, and community. We'll depart from the church at 4:30 pm on Friday, January 15, and return around 4:30 pm on Sunday, January 17. Please pray for our students and leaders during this weekend. Participants will receive more information via email. If you have questions, contact Ben Winder, Minister with Youth & Families, at bwinder@fbcknox.org.



Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

Starting Mondays, January 11, 6-9 pm, Trentham Hall

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement is an opportunity to be introduced to Christian Worldviews from around the world. A class will be hosted at First Baptist Knoxville beginning with an introduction night on January 11. Teachers will bring a wide spectrum of experiences from around the world; our own Tom Ogburn will be teaching one of the classes. Childcare is provided, and boxed meals can be ordered for convenience. For more information about Perspectives, visit their website at class.perspectives.org. Scholarship opportunities are available for those interested in attending but in need financial assistance. For questions regarding scholarship opportunities contact Arthur Clayton at aclayton@fbcknox.org or call the church office. The first two classes are free for those who would like to come and see what Perspectives is all about.



Women On Mission (WOM) - No January Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 10:30 am, Room 302

As we begin 2016, we welcome you to Women On Mission. Although we will not meet on January 5, 2016, please continue to be in prayer for our missionaries at home and around the world. We look forward to our next meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. We hope you will make plans to join us as we continue to learn more about missions and how we can be involved in the mission work of our church.



Youth Church League Basketball

Our youth are participating in the West Knoxville Interdenominational Basketball League (WKIBL) again this season. This is a fun, recreational league for area youth ministries. Our high school boys team has already started their season, and our two girls teams tip-off soon. You are always welcome to come cheer them on! The boys schedule is available <http://middlebrookpike.com/news-basketball-league.html> and the girls schedules are at <https://sites.google.com/site/westknoxbasketball/>. If you have questions or need directions, feel free to contact Ben Winder, Minister with Youth & Families, at bwinder@fbcknox.org.



PRAYER LIST for Wednesday - 12/30/2015

Church Family

Hospital

Virginia Burgess – Ft. Sanders Intermediate Care 4
Bob Blackwelder – Patricia Neal Rehab 459

Other Requests

Bernice Bopp, severe pain and immobility from car accidents
Chris Christenberry
Becky Hudson, recovery from broken shoulder
Louise and Otha Winningham
Bob Davis, recovery
Virginia Griffin, double mastectomy recovery
Jack Reynolds, discernment for tests and treatment
Maureen Pickle, kidney and bladder problems and ongoing health issues
Doug Wilt, neurological disease
Ruthie Johnson
Russ Linger

In Memoriam

Ewing (Buz) Lovelady
April 13, 1924 - December 25, 2015
Date Joined: August 30, 1981

Our church extends sympathies to:

Barbara Woodard and family upon the death of her brother-in-law, John Wolfe

Judy Russell and family upon the death of her sister, Janette Hutchison

Nursing Home / Retirement Home of the Week

Island Home Park Health & Rehab (formerly Hillcrest South) 1758 Hillwood Dr. (37920)
Alice Schaffer Room 107

Friends and Families

Other Prayer Requests

Kathy McCormick, dementia – North Knox Medical Center 4032
Marshall Maples, surgery recovery – Dianne Forry's cousin
Jeannie Demeter, 4th adjustment for Parkinson's Dec 17
James Hooper, cancer in hospital – Ruth Fuson's brother
Debi Gazic, Patricia Neal 473 for massive stroke – Spencer and Becky Hudson's friend
Karen Otis, at St. Vincent's Heart Center Indianapolis – Mildred Sampley's daughter
Elbert Balch, treatment for colon cancer - Calvin Balch's cousin
Doug Phillips, chemo for leukemia
Christina Fulkson, leukemia 16 years old, St. Jude's – Cathy Campbell's friend
Barb H., breast cancer and surgery – Lanita Rorrer's aunt

Brenda LaMontagne, chemo treatments – Linda Easterly's sister
Doris Tate, recovering from a major stroke – Terry Lethco's sister
Amanda Houser's husband health, and her niece's complication with pregnancy
Ray and Elaine Rhodes' friend Jim, cancer
Dana Ledford, stem cell transplant and intense chemo
Joe Worley, back surgery – Virginia Griffin's friend
Danny Buchanan, colon surgery, Pam Henry's brother-in-law
Talma Jarrett, kidney failure – Thuraless Wilson's brother
Jackson Burns, collapsed intestines – Camille Jones's nephew
Shirley Zapata, ankle surgery – Sandy Hope's friend
John Clayton, colon cancer – Alan and Susan Tatum's friend
Owen Webb, stem cell transplant – Suzanne Denton's cousin
Janelle Witt's niece at Vanderbilt, childhood leukemia
James Davis Jr. – son of James G. Davis
Chad Starliper, brain cancer – friend of Ruth Fuson
Jackie Gould, cancer treatment– David Sink's mother
Mary Sue Huffaker, cancer treatment – friend of Mary Ann Dent
Jennifer Strelvel, cancer treatment – friend of Virginia Griffin
Kristi Sebring, kidney failure – Wayne and Ellie Smith's daughter
Ida Mae Huff, recurring cancer, chemotherapy - Sylvia Williams' daughter / Tina Wright's niece

Serving in the Military

Paul Kirby, US Navy – Donna Kirby's son

Ministry Prayer Requests

Minister of Music and Worship Candidate

Missions Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests from Marc and Kim Wyatt, CBF Advocates for Internationals, Research Triangle, NC

Opportunities to share the Gospel in culturally relevant ways with refugees, immigrants, students and the trafficked
Cooperation and collaboration between organizations and institutions that serve internationals in the Triangle
Churches and individuals to develop and extend their cross-cultural witness among internationals.

Prayer Requests from Missy Ward in Uganda

Pray for the continued ministry of providing safe places for refugees to go when they are in crises or are in need of skills and healing.

Missionary/Chaplain Birthday Prayer Calendar

Mina Podgaisky, Ukraine (FP)
Scott Uzzel, Marietta, GA (CH)
Mary Ellen Yates, Louisville, KY (PC)

In Service - Week of January 3

First Community Greeters:
Barbara Phillips, Sylvia Williams

Welcome Center Greeters:
Anne Scrivner, Virginia Bounds

Preschool Extended Care:
Betty Vawter, Kathryn Pickle,
Amy & Chris Medeiros
Monitor: Brad Pickens

TV Ministry Team:
Paul Ivie, Pat Shope,
Marion Carter, Elaine Rhodes,
Charles Brooks, Tiffany Brooks,
Seva Ball

Hospital Ministry Team:
George Johnson, Steve Foster

New Member Ministry:
Mark Palmer, Carol Linger

Outreach Deacon:

Jim Plemmons

TeleCare Ministry:
Wanda Edmondson

Sanctuary Flowers December 27

Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

**Carter Myers Dean and
Scott Wynn Dean, Jr.**
by Karen and Richard Smith

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

Attendance – December 27

Sunday School	N/A
First Community	Combined
11:00 am	326
Deaf	21
Passage	N/A
Worship Total	347

Menus – January 6

Bridge

Soup & Sandwich, Chips,
Salad Bar, Dessert

Wednesday Supper

Pork Tenderloin with Apples,
Potatoes, Green Veggies, Salad Bar,
Rolls, and Dessert