

# FIRSTLIFE

GETTING AHEAD GRADUATION



This spring, First Baptist hosted one of four Getting Ahead classes in Knoxville. Getting Ahead is a 16 session program, where participants (called investigators) learn about the causes of poverty and its effects on them as individuals and on our community. They are given tools to access their life, develop a plan, and bring about change. This year's class was facilitated by Jim and Emily Plemmons and graduation was last Wednesday, May 17. Ten people graduated.

Graduate, Richard Jones, opened his speech with two insightful questions: "How did we get here? How do we get past this?"

While he was speaking about poverty, the words were thoughtfully reminiscent of questions we have all asked ourselves at one point or another.

All the graduates spoke of learning two very important things: poverty is not always the fault of the individual and with proper support and tools, anyone can overcome.

Likewise, our circumstances sometimes cannot be avoided, but they can always be overcome.

Patricia Brown attested to this with a humble prayer at the end of her speech: "Because we know You, God, when the devil tells us we aren't something, we can say we are. And when he tells us we are something, we can say we aren't."

Christ is our way to peace. Christ is our way to stability. Our way to contentment. Over and over, the graduates reminded us of this.

Thanks to Jim and Emily Plemmons and all who have supported these graduates for being what Patricia called "lifelong friends." Thanks to Tom Ogburn for being our keynote speaker and Grant Standefer for closing the service in a heartfelt prayer.

First Baptist is looking for church members who are willing to build intentional friendships with our Getting Ahead graduates and future Faith & Finance class participants. Please email Emily Plemmons at jimily@comcast.net for more information on how to become an ally or take the Bridges Out of Poverty training.

For the full article, pictures, and more info, visit [fbcknox.org/gettingaheadgrads](http://fbcknox.org/gettingaheadgrads)

## Weekly Updates

**Sanctuary Flowers**  
In loving memory of Nick Gates,  
from Peggy Gates and family.

### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday School	271
First Community	85
11:00 am	351
Deaf	29
Worship Total	465

### Weekly Budget Update

Weekly Operating Budget	\$35,130
Last Week's Offering	\$26,361
Budget Need, YTD	\$1,615,980
Offering Receipts, YTD	\$1,487,865
Excess (Deficit)	(\$128,115)

	April '17	FY 2016/17 YTD
Unified Expenses	\$156,264	\$1,635,379
Unified Receipts	\$241,401	\$1,802,730
Offering	\$213,413	\$1,459,780
Transfer from Designated	\$16,636	\$96,874
Kitchen	\$4,752	\$33,459
Parking Lot	\$6,600	\$66,000
Estate Gifts	\$0	\$146,618
Total Receipts	\$241,401	\$1,802,730
Excess/Deficit	\$85,137	\$167,352

**Prayer List as of Friday, May 19, 2017\***

**In Memoriam**  
Ray Malcolm  
November 14, 1929 – May 17, 2017  
Date Joined: February 6, 2000

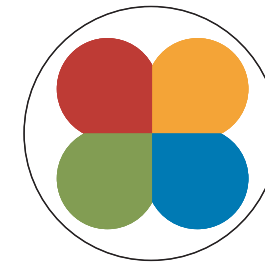
**Our church extends sympathies to:**  
Mintha and Jon Roach upon the death of her aunt, Mary Ann Stiles  
  
James and Becky Whitehorn and family upon the deaths of his sister and brother-in-law, Don and Diane Giametta

\*A complete prayer list may be picked up in the Welcome Center

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**Pam Neal**, Minister for Administration  
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**Susan Tatum**, Minister with Children & Families  
**Dave Ward**, Minister Emeritus  
**Ben Winder**, Minister with Youth & Families



FIRST BAPTIST  
KNOXVILLE

11:00 AM | MAY 21, 2017

## Order of Worship

Prelude Nathan Pace  
Brandon Coffey

**Meditation from Thais**  
J. Massenet

Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir

**How Great Thou Art with Majesty**  
arr. J. Raney

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Majesty, worship his majesty,  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Jesus, who died, now glorified; how great thou art!

\*Hymn 335 Congregation

**Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him**  
HYFRYDOL

Welcome Ben Winder

Children's Message Susan Tatum  
[Four year-olds and Kindergarteners who are attending Passage (Children's Worship) will be escorted at this time to the Kids Connection hallway.]

\*Hymn 478 Congregation

**God Is Calling Through the Whisper**  
W ZLOBIE LEZY

Pastoral Prayer Tom Ogburn

Scripture Reading (Luke 13:10-17) Lacy Wallace

Hymn 289 Congregation

**The Servant Song**  
GILLARD

Offertory Prayer Jim Bailey

Choral Anthem Sanctuary Choir

**Pacem**  
Lee Dengler

*Dona nobis pacem.*  
Give us peace.  
*Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.*  
And on earth peace to all of good will.

Hearing God's Voice  
Sermon

**The Clash of Compassion and Culture**  
Luke 13:10-17

Gina Whitmore  
Tom Ogburn

\*Hymn of Response 499

**I Surrender All**  
SURRENDER

Congregation

Opportunities at First Baptist

Pam Neal

Sharing of Public Decisions

\*Spoken Benediction

Tom Ogburn

Choral Benediction

**“Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”**  
O WALY, WALY  
arr. Hayes

Lord, make us servants of Your peace.  
Where there is hate, may we sow love.  
Where there is hurt, may we forgive.  
Where there is strife, may we make one.

Organ Postlude

Mamie Sullivan

**Trumpet Tune on “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**  
by Wayne Wold

\*Congregation is asked to stand as you are able.

Special thanks to Mamie Sullivan for leading us in worship today on the organ while Rhonda is out this week.

Please welcome our guest Nathan Pace on violin this morning.

**Sermon Notes**

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**A Special Welcome to Our Guests**

We are glad you have joined us today! We invite you to the Welcome Center following the service, where we have a gift for each guest and more information about First Baptist Knoxville.

**Worshipping with Children**

As a family discipling church we desire to come alongside families, enabling them to raise their children to be all God is calling them to become. We welcome your family to worship together!

All Children are invited to worship using the children's bulletin, which is available at all entrances, and to come to the front of the Sanctuary for the Children's Sermon during the service.

Children 3 and under may attend Preschool Extended Session on the Education Building 1st floor.

Children age 4 – Kindergarten may attend Passage, our children's worship experience on the Education Building 2nd Floor following the Children's Sermon.

**Restrooms are located in the hallway directly behind the choir loft.**

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

# Sunday Announcements

**Thanks to all who gave to the Annie Armstrong and Global Missions Offerings!**  
**We raised \$3,595 and \$2,450 respectively.**

**Directory Photo Sessions**

*3rd Floor of Education Building*

If you haven't already, book your photo session by signing up on a Sunday, visiting [fbcknox.org/directory2017](http://fbcknox.org/directory2017), or by calling the church.



**University Graduate Recognition**

University graduation season is here, and we want to celebrate the graduate in your life! If you or a family member is graduating from undergrad or graduate school, send their name, school, and degree to Rachel Bell at [rbell@fbcknox.org](mailto:rbell@fbcknox.org) by Tuesday, May 23.

**Sevier County Rebuild Effort: Volunteer Framers Needed**

Last quarter, we took up a relief offering for the Gatlinburg fires. This year, in partnership with the Appalachia Service Project and Ball Camp Baptist, that money will help rebuild 25 homes. We will have lots of volunteer opportunities over the coming months, but we need framers now! If you have experience, please contact Vanessa Moore at [vmoore@fbcknox.org](mailto:vmoore@fbcknox.org).



**Humler Wedding Shower**

*May 21, 2 pm, Youth Suite*

You are invited to join us in celebrating the wedding of Tori Bruinsma and Jordan Humler. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Target, and at [gofundme.com/humlerwedding](http://gofundme.com/humlerwedding). The wedding is July 1 at First Baptist, and all are welcome to attend the shower and ceremony.



**Called May Family Meeting**

*May 24, 6 pm, Room 302*

Please join us for the presentation of the 2017-18 budget.

**Toy Shop Volunteer Meeting**

*June 4, Noon, Room 242*

We are currently building volunteer teams for the Toy Shop. If you are interested in helping, contact Susan Tatum and mark your calendars for this meeting. Note: In addition to being available from 8 am to Noon on December 5 the day of the Shop, volunteers will be needed for set up on December 3 and 4 during the day.



**A Few Spots Remaining for Kids Camp**

*June 7-10, Camp Bayoca, Scholarships Available*

Final payments and forms are due today, May 21, and we still have some open spots and available scholarships. Contact Susan Tatum at [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org) or 865-246-4666 if you don't want to miss out.



**Faith & Finance Class: Become an Ally**

*Wednesdays Starting June 14, 6 pm, Room 242*

We are hosting this 12-week class to empower low-income people with money management skills, biblical stewardship, and supportive relationships. We would love church members to help us through creating intentional friendships with participants. If you would like to volunteer as an ally, email Emily Plemmons at [jimilyp@comcast.net](mailto:jimilyp@comcast.net). Note: volunteers must complete Bridges Out of Poverty training.



**VBS Online Registration and Volunteering**

*June 26-30, 9 am-12:15 pm*

We would love to have children already placed in groups the first morning of VBS, so please preregister online if possible: [fbcknox.org/vbs](http://fbcknox.org/vbs). Volunteer opportunities are still available. If you are able to help, volunteer training will be in the Trentham Hall Annex on May 31 at 5 pm.

