

FIRST LIFE

VBS 2017: IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS



David was a little man, but like the bible says, little people can do big things." This was 7 year old Zion Kariuki's answer when his First Baptist VBS teacher asked the class why God chose David, rather than his other brothers to be king. His words perfectly embody this year's VBS theme: Hero Central.

At first, the words Hero Central sound like they describe superpowers. Hero Central, however, taught the children to focus on extending God's love to others in everyday ways.

"What we wanted the kids to understand," says VBS Director Susan Tatum, "was that God does not give us magical powers like the superheroes on TV. God gives us the ability to have heart, courage, wisdom, hope, and love, and those are characteristics of true heroes."

Over 100 children and 80 volunteers embraced those five characteristics last week, and it made for a completely unique VBS experience with the highest attendance Susan has seen in her 11 years at First Baptist. The children practiced these God-given characteristics through words and deeds of kindness called God Sightings. Susan reports the children were overflowing with love for each other and for their teachers.

"Children are amazing to each other and to adults. These kids thanked their small group and rotation leaders for what they've done. That sticks out. Just a little gesture like holding the door for your entire class... For a four year old to understand that is showing God's love, is amazing to me. It's the little things. And sometimes you wonder if the younger ones get it. And they do. They get it."

This year, VBS challenged us as a body to be heroes by investing in the little things – investing in these little people who can do great things in great love. We want to thank everyone who accepted the challenge. To the youth and college students who took time out of their busy weeks to lead classes – we are thankful. To those who were willing to pray, bring food, park cars, teach classes, chase children, dress up as Bible characters – we are thankful. We could not have made this important outreach work without your help.

For pictures from VBS, check out our Facebook page: facebook.com/firstbaptistknoxville

WEEKLY UPDATES

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers are given in memory of Jack Nelson and in honor of Carolyn Nelson by the family.

Last Week's Attendance

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|-----------------|-----|
| Sunday School | 284 |
| First Community | 98 |
| 11:00 am | 305 |
| Deaf | 33 |
| Worship Total | 436 |

Thank You for Your Prayers!

An updated Prayer List can be picked up in the Welcome Center or in your Sunday School class.

If you would like to receive the Prayer List by email, contact Kim Pieratt at kpieratt@fbcknox.org.

| Monthly Budget | May '17 | FY 2016/17 YTD |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Unified Expenses | \$178,717 | \$1,813,860 |
| Unified Receipts | \$149,467 | \$1,952,197 |
| Offering | \$127,149 | \$1,586,929 |
| Transfer from Designated | \$12,900 | \$109,773 |
| Kitchen | \$2,818 | \$36,277 |
| Parking Lot | \$6,600 | \$72,600 |
| Estate Gifts | \$0 | \$146,618 |
| Total Receipts | \$149,467 | \$1,952,197 |
| Excess/Deficit | (\$29,250) | \$138,337 |

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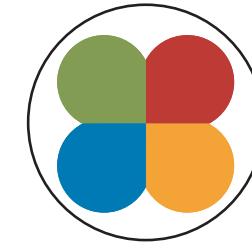
Pam Neal, Minister for Administration

Tom Ogburn, Senior Pastor

Susan Tatum, Minister with Children & Families

Dave Ward, Minister Emeritus

Ben Winder, Minister with Youth & Families



FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE

11:00 AM | JULY 2, 2017

Order of Worship

Prelude Rhonda Carpenter

"My Country"
Gayden Sikes

Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir

"God of Our Fathers"
NATIONAL HYMN

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

Responsive Reading Richard Buerkle

Leader: Glorious King of all creation, we come to you in prayer.

Congregation: We pray for our country: that the light of Your gospel, and the righteousness of Your ways might be seen and obeyed.

Leader: We pray for our leaders: for our President, our Congress, and our Judges. Give them wisdom.

Congregation: We pray for those who serve in the military: may you protect them, and bring peace with justice.

Leader: We pray for our world: that our King Eternal might reign over all creation.

Congregation: We pray that oppression may be overcome with freedom and justice.

ALL: Amen.

*Hymn 566 Congregation

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
ST. ANNE

*Welcome Scott Claybrook

Children's Sermon Susan Tatum

*Hymn 432 Congregation

"We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"
LIMPSFIELD

Pastoral Prayer Tom Ogburn

*Hymn 697 Congregation

"This Is My Song"
FINLANDIA

Scripture Reading (Galatians 5:13-15) Michelle Decker

Offertory Prayer Sam Rakoczy

Sermon Notes

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the first Sunday of the month;
we will receive our Community Care/Benevolence Offering,
which allows us to meet the critical needs of those in our community.

Pray for the Canada Mission Trip

July 2-14

Our 24 youth and adults left for Ottawa this morning for our biennial high school international mission trip. This trip is funded by the generous support of the Estate of Jo Cochran and the Jean & John Cooper Fund. They will be working with 1) a food ministry which distributes produce from local farmers to underprivileged families and 2) a refugee service called Matthew House. Please be in prayer for our youth as they travel, learn, and extend the love of Christ.



A Break from Wednesday Activities

June 28 through July 19

“Wednesday Activities” refers to Bridge, Dinner, Bible Study, and Sanctuary Choir.

- June 28 - No Wednesday Activities (Sanctuary Choir WILL meet)
- July 5 - No Wednesday Activities
- July 12 - No Wednesday Activities (Sanctuary Choir WILL meet)
- July 19 - No Wednesday Activities (Sanctuary Choir WILL meet)
- July 26 - Activities Resume

Follow Us on Twitter

Did you know we have a revamped and active Twitter page? Follow us at twitter.com/fbcknox for encouraging words, announcements, and stories.



Care Cuts Volunteer Opportunity

July 9, 8 am - 4 pm, 300 W. 5th Ave

Care Cuts is a nonprofit organization offering haircuts for Knoxville’s homeless. Providing this basic need opens doors connecting people to churches, job opportunities, and housing. On July 9, they will host a haircutting station, and we need YOU to volunteer. We understand this is a Sunday, and we are encouraging interested members to attend First Community so you can worship with us and serve our community. Volunteers will help set up food tables, serve coffee and pastries, and help with registration. Please consider taking part in this important community function. Contact Vanessa Moore at vmooore@fbcknox.org or Arthur Clayton at aclayton@fbcknox.org to sign up.



Family Promise at First Baptist

July 16-23, Mezzanine

As one of our mission partners, Family Promise provides temporary housing for homeless families by allowing them to stay in buildings of participating congregations. If you would like to assist us as we host families this week or in the future by staying overnight, providing a meal, or serving in another way, please contact Jim Plemmons at jimilyp@comcast.net.



Pasta and Bluegrass Festival

August 26, 5-7 pm, Central Baptist Bearden

This annual festival has helped raise funds to house over 200 homeless families over the years. All proceeds from this year’s festival will continue helping homeless families with children. There will be 15 competition-level pastas to try (including gluten free, vegan, and vegetarian options), as well as an Italian Artisan Market and local Bluegrass music. Over 600 are expected to attend, and we’d love for you to be part of the fun for a good cause. Contact Jim Plemmons (jimilyp@comcast.net) or Kennie Riffey (865-228-1556) to reserve your spot.



Help Us Rebuild Glenna Ogle’s House

In partnership with the Appalachia Service Project and Ball Camp Baptist, we are helping rebuild homes in Sevier County. Currently, we are about rebuilding Glenna Ogle’s home, which she lost in November of last year. Regardless of experience level, we have a place for you. Contact Jim Bailey today at j2bailey1@aol.com.

Offertory

“Shine, Jesus, Shine” arr. Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory.
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Sermon

“Holy Freedom” Galatians 5:13-15

Tom Ogburn

*Hymn of Response 472

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus” LEMMEL

Congregation

Sharing of Public Decisions

*Spoken Benediction

Tom Ogburn

*Choral Benediction

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee” AMERICA

Our sovereign God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King!

Organ Postlude

“The Star-Spangled Banner” Mary McDonald

Rhonda Carpenter

*Congregation is asked to stand as you are able.

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.