

FIRSTLIFE

WHEN GOD CALLS

Because of the nature of their the Ogburn's work, we cannot publish in depth details online. Therefore, today's feature is the extended version we would normally post on our blog.

Call can change. Call can move with you," said Grace Ogburn. This fluid idea of God's calling on a life is one Aaron and Grace have become accustomed to over their last five years in college, seminary, and now at Pioneer Bible Translators where they are preparing for the mission field.

Their calls began early in life when both were small children. Grace grew up in a Southern Baptist church. Through programs like Girls in Action (GAs), mission was an integral part of her upbringing. Aaron encountered the need for the Gospel in the world as a missionary kid who grew up in South East Asia.

"I saw firsthand those who didn't have this hope that was central to my life," said Aaron. "That knowledge has driven my passion for mission and shaped my entire life."

Aaron and Grace met at Baylor University in 2009, where both were challenged to discern and examine God's call on their lives. They were asked questions like: What does it look like to be called? What does it look like to answer? This is where Grace came to understand "Call" as something that can move and change with you as you grow.

"Before college, I had always been part of sending missionaries out," said Grace. "As I went through college, it became clearer and clearer that God was calling me to go. I was to stay in that same stream of mission but serve in a different part."

This is an important delineation. Mission is not fully encompassed by going. The "stream" of mission, as Grace called it, is fully realized when there are people going and people sending.

From their studies, both Aaron and Grace learned and are still learning that Call looks different for everyone, but everyone is called.

"Call can be very specific or super vague," said Grace. "And sometimes you think it's super specific and you're wrong. I think Aaron and I are learning what to do when that call looks vague. It's really easy if a lightning bolt from the sky says go to Timbuktu. You just book your plane ticket. But if it's a much more vague call, what do you do with that?"

Aaron's answer was one of patience and trust.

"You must always be listening to God," he said. "You're always coming back to God and asking, 'What do you have for me next?' You continue that conversation even when you're discouraged. You keep listening."

Aaron and Grace have been listening. They have been following, and God has led them to Pioneer Bible Translators – an organization where both of their individual callings and skills can work together in one vision. They joined Pioneer Bible last October, and have been preparing for the mission field by taking classes and trainings. They will be sent out to Milan, Italy in March of 2018, where Grace will be a linguist and Bible translator, and Aaron will work with refugees and immigrants with little exposure to the gospel.



Their efforts in Italy will directly affect an office in Africa called RAD Africa. They'll be joining a team supporting and led by Pioneer Bible's Regional Area Director (RAD) for Africa. Each person on the team will report to the RAD Africa Office and support it through their different skillsets.

Aaron will be supporting RAD Africa by building relationships with North African and Middle Eastern refugees and immigrants to Italy. He will work on church planting, share available Scripture, and help prepare for potential Bible translation with these communities.

Through a process called the Exegetical Check, Grace will be broad, narrative questions about Bible manuscript translations being worked on in Africa. Her job is to ensure the translations accurately represent how the church has spoken about Christ for the last 2000 years. She will be part of the last step in the over 20-year process of translating the Bible into one language.

In their preparations, they have seen how their seemingly different calls overlap.

"We're living in a very globalized world," said Grace. "The people groups and languages that originated in Africa are now in Europe and all over the United States. They're in Dallas, Atlanta.. in Houston. So, the translation projects we're doing are useful everywhere. Aaron will engage those same people in Italy – the ones who left places we can't go because the government doesn't want us there. Through Pioneer Bible, there is this interconnectedness that is characteristic of the world we live in. We're learning that languages are no longer original – they're all over the world."

As languages and people groups venture out from their home countries, the need for Bible translations grows exponentially. According to Pioneer Bible's most recently updated statistics, there are 7,097 languages known to be in active use as a first language. Of that number, 3,223 languages have access to some Scripture translations. Remaining are over 1700 languages (representing around 160 million people) who have no access to the Bible in their native tongue. Pioneer Bible hopes to begin work on all of these translations by 2030.

These numbers are part of what drew in Aaron and Grace. They want to give people access to the Word in their heart language. They have the same vision as Pioneer Bible, which exists to bridge the gap between the church and the Bibleless peoples around the world.

As they answer the call to go, First Baptist is thrilled to introduce Aaron and Grace Ogburn as our newest partner missionaries. We want to answer our call in being part of the sending – part of the mission stream that makes spreading the gospel possible. Through this relationship, we hope to foster our desire to be a Partnering and Relational Mission Church.

Aaron and Grace are thankful for this partnership, as well, and they want to know you. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact them. They long for relationship and are excited to foster it with First Baptist.

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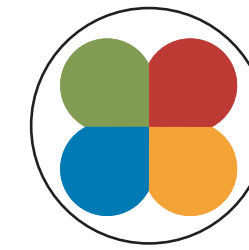
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FIRSTBAPTIST KNOXVILLE

11:00 AM | JULY 16, 2017

Order of Worship

Prelude Brandon Coffey

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
arr. Bruce Greer

Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir

"Show Us How to Stand for Justice"
PLEADING SAVIOR

Show us how to stand for justice: how to work for what is right,
how to challenge false assumptions, how to walk within the light.
May we learn to share more freely in a world so full of greed,
showing Your immense compassion by the life we choose to lead.

Prayer for the World Richard Buerkle

God of all nations,
Your Spirit transcends the boundaries of geography and time.
If we travel to African villages parched by drought
and frightened by violence, you are there.
If we journey to Middle Eastern countries caught in the clash
of religions and cultures, you are there.
If we make our home in Latin American cities separated from
us more by economics than by distance, you are there.
If we move to places in our country far from
the comfort of family and friends, you are there.

God, you are where we cannot be at this hour
except through our prayers...
with the Bosnian mother crying in the night for her children
with the Bedouin shepherd rising with the sun
with the elderly American facing a weekend of loneliness.

As today becomes tomorrow,
add our voices to those who weep, sing, shout to you in
Arabic and Russian and Swahili
Korean and Serbian and Vietnamese
Spanish and Indonesian and Greek
Cantonese and German and Yoruba.

Make of our third world, second world, and first world
one world bound together by the gospel of Christ.
Let all the world in every corner sing your praise
until the sounds of our great thanksgiving echo throughout the lands:

Gracias!

Danke!

Shukran!

Merci!

Thanks be to God who makes us one!

From *Prayers and Litanies for the Christian Seasons* by Sharlande Sledge

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SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

To keep up with all our upcoming events, visit:

fbcknox.org/events or
facebook.com/firstbaptistknoxville/events

South Knox Elementary School Supplies Drive

Turn in Items by July 30 | Monetary Donations by July 27

We are again collecting back-to-school school supplies for South Knox Elementary teachers to stock their classrooms. You can participate in the Supplies Drive in three different ways:

- Sunday School – Your teachers will go over the details with you during class
- Wish List Board – You may choose a crayon with items from the Wish List Board in the third floor crossway. Turn in items to the hallway baskets by July 30.
- Monetary Donations – Make checks out to First Baptist Knoxville, marked for South Knox School Supplies. Turn checks in to the offering plate or to Beverly Shirk by Jul 27.



A Break from Wednesday Activities

June 28 through July 19 | Activities will resume on July 26

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

- July 19 - No Wednesday Activities (Sanctuary Choir WILL meet)

Family Promise at First Baptist

July 16-23, Mezzanine

As one of our mission partners, Family Promise provides temporary housing for homeless families. 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.



Final Stages of Rebuilding: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

July 17-22, Gatlinburg

Glenna Ogle's home is in its final stages of being rebuilt. Starting tomorrow, Jim Bailey will need all the help he can get to finish the interior. They will be painting, installing flooring, insulating the attic, working on trim, etc. Regardless of experience level, we need YOU. If you are available any day during that week, contact Jim Bailey at j2bailey1@aol.com or 865-406-8233 to get connected.



Women on Mission (WOM)

August 1, 10:30 am, Room 302

Our speaker for the August meeting will be Arthur Clayton, FBC Minister to Missions. Come and hear Arthur as he brings us an update on what we are doing as a church concerning mission work at home and around the world. Plan to stay for lunch (\$6) in Trentham Hall after the meeting.*Please contact mclayton@fbcknox.org by July 30 if you would like childcare during WOM. Hope to see you on August 1st. Visitors are always welcome.



Pasta and Bluegrass Festival

August 26, 5-7 pm, Central Baptist Bearden | Benefiting Family Promise

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.



Save the Date! Church-Wide Photo

September 10 | Details to Follow

Next year is our 175th anniversary as a church! As you may know, at different mile markers, we take a photo of all our members on the front steps of the church. We want everyone (whether you're a member or attender) to be present for the photo. Please mark your calendars now for this event!



WEEKLY UPDATES

Sanctuary Flowers
In loving memory of
Dr. Charles A. Trentham,
beloved pastor and friend,
July 2, 1919 - July 22, 1992
Given by Ann Trentham Nester.

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.

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday School	265
First Community	75
11:00 am	314
Deaf	27
Worship Total	416

Monthly Budget	May '17	FY 2016/17 YTD
Unified Expenses	\$196,468	\$2,008,526
Unified Receipts	\$161,377	\$2,111,961
Offering	\$115,907	\$1,702,836
Transfer from Designated	\$37,052	\$145,212
Kitchen	\$1,818	\$38,095
Parking Lot	\$6,600	\$79,200
Estate Gifts	\$0	\$146,618
Total Receipts	\$161,377	\$2,111,961
Excess/Deficit	(\$35,091)	\$103,435

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.

*Hymn 641 Congregation

“Higher Ground”
 HIGHER GROUND

*Welcome Ben Winder

Children's Sermon Susan Tatum

*Hymn 650 Congregation

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”
 JOYFUL SINGING

Pastoral Prayer Tom Ogburn

*Hymn 658 Congregation

“Let Your Heart Be Broken”
 WYE VALLEY

Scripture Reading (Acts 16:4-13) Frank Dudley

Offertory Prayer Cliff Shirley

Offertory Sanctuary Choir

“The Great Commission”
 Dan Goeller

All authority has been given unto Me, in heaven and on earth!
 Go, therefore and make disciples, preaching the gospel to all the world.

Go therefore into all the world.

Go, therefore and make disciples, preaching the gospel to all the world.
 Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Ghost.
 Teaching them to obey all things that I have commanded you.

For I am always with you. I am always with you.
 I am always with you to the end of the age. Amen.

Sermon Aaron and Grace Ogburn

“When God Calls”
 Acts 16:4-13

*Hymn of Response 633 Congregation

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”
 ALL THE WAY

Sharing of Public Decisions

*Spoken Benediction Tom Ogburn

*Choral Benediction Sanctuary Choir

“Go Ye Therefore”
 Mary McDonald

Go ye therefore, He is with you,
 even until the end of the world.
 Go ye therefore, He is with you,
 even until the end of the world.

Even until the end of the world, of the world.

Organ Postlude Rhonda Carpenter

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
 arr. Jason D. Payne

*Congregation is asked to stand as you are able.