

FIRSTLIFE

LITTLE BY LITTLE



Pam Neal is the type of person who consoles the broken and soothes raging emotion where others cannot. She truly has a gift – a way with hurting people. This gift has expressed itself through her 5 years of service as a minister at First Baptist, as well as her 19 years as a chaplain with the Knoxville Police Department (KPD) and 19 years of membership with the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC), the last two of which she’s been the organization’s vice president.

Last Thursday, Pam, was voted president-elect of ICPC, whose entire purpose is to equip chaplains to love and encourage law enforcement, so officers may better serve the community. Serving her community in love is something Pam has been doing since starting in ministry 20 years ago. Before then, however, she wasn’t aware of her gift.

“When I was in high school, I was a shy little wallflower afraid of my own shadow,” said Pam. “God took me from that shy person and changed me little-by-little.”

God began shaping Pam’s gift with people when she started ministering to youth at her home church. There, the pastor introduced her to chaplaincy, and she fell in love with it.

Somewhere during the next two decades of ministry in church and through chaplaincy, Pam embraced her gifts and abilities to lead and make a difference. This is why she chose to run for president-elect of ICPC, which will automatically transition to the presidency in two years. She’s thrilled God has called and equipped her for this next stage of life.

“If God wants you to do something, he’s gonna give you everything you need to do it,” she said. “So I believe God put me here to be president-elect of ICPC. And if along the way he shows me to do something else, then that’s ok too.”

God wanted Pam to come out of her shell as a young person. God put Pam in every position she’s been in and has equipped her for every part. God changed her little-by-little. He does the same for all of us. Sometimes, he even works in spite of us.

“It’s never about how good I can be, but it’s about the relationship with God,” said Pam. “God is gonna love me no matter what. I’ve messed up along the way, and the neat thing is, God’s done all this in spite of it. He’s been really, really good. And when I say he’s been good, it’s not because of all the good things he’s done. It’s because of who he is.”

We are thankful to have Pam in our church family, and we look forward to her future with us and ICPC. May we learn from her and remember we are not tethered to what we have done. We are tethered to who God is. May we embrace God changing us little-by-little.

Read the full article and see pictures on our FirstLife blog: fbcknox.org/littlebylittle

WEEKLYUPDATES

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers are given in loving memory of Dean Sanders by Gene Sanders and family. In honor of Dean’s love of books and reading, please visit our church library.

Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday School	319
First Community	111
11:00 am	310
Deaf	35
Worship Total	456

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	June ‘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

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Richard Buerkle, Minister of Music & Worship

Scott Claybrook, Minister with Young Adults

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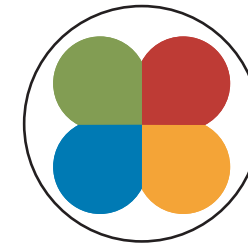
Pam Neal, Minister for Administration

Tom Ogburn, Senior Pastor

Susan Tatum, Minister with Children & Families

Dave Ward, Minister Emeritus

Ben Winder, Minister with Youth & Families



FIRSTBAPTIST KNOXVILLE

11:00 AM | JULY 23, 2017

Order of Worship

Prelude Rhonda Carpenter and Brandon Coffey

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
arr. Gail Scott

Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir

“I Love You Lord”
I LOVE YOU, LORD

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You.

O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my King, in what You hear:

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Prayer for God’s Love Richard Buerkle

Oh Lord, our Lord, how Majestic is Your name.

We bring You praises from hearts filled with love.

God, you have shown us Your love in hugs and handshakes;

We have felt Your love in smiles and laughter and fellowship.

Lord, You have laid Your love extravagantly at our feet,

eagerly awaiting us to accept it.

The gift of Jesus, who died to set me free from the bondage of my sin – I accept this gift of love.

It’s free! It costs nothing! But I want to give You everything.

I give You my whole life. Freely, I trust You with all that I am, and all that I love.

Lord Jesus, I long for an intimate love with You that fulfills and sustains;

Give me a love for You that satisfies and overflows.

Holy Spirit, fill us with a love that enriches every relationship we have.

May Your love be embodied in me, and may each person I meet know Your love, because they see You in me.

*Hymn 601 Congregation

“O How I Love Jesus”
O HOW I LOVE JESUS

*Welcome Scott Claybrook

Children’s Sermon Susan Tatum

*Hymn 581 Congregation

“I Love to Tell the Story”
HANKEY

Pastoral Prayer Tom Ogburn

*Hymn 665 Congregation

“Because I Have Been Given Much”
SEMINARY

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.



Resuming Wednesday Activities

July 26

Wednesday Activities will resume this week.

Fiscal Year-End Financial Report

The Finance Committee has approved our fiscal year-end financial report. In an effort to ensure transparency, the report will not only be presented in next week's Family/Business Meeting, but also be available for your review outside the meeting. Two copies of the full report will be available in the library. Cost accounting for nonprofit organizations is different than that of businesses and individuals. So, additional information and explanation is of value. To meet this need, a copy will also be available in Pam Neal's and Tom Ogburn's offices, and both would be glad to meet with you and assist in understanding the church's financial story.

Women on Mission (WOM)

August 1, 10:30 am, Room 302

Our speaker for will be Arthur Clayton - First Baptist's Minister of Congregational Mission. 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.



Breakfast and Prayer Walk at UT

August 12, 8:30 am, Baptist Collegiate Ministry

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) will host a prayer walk on UT's campus before the fall semester starts to pray for all the incoming students. There will be a light breakfast at 8:30 am. Then you will be separated into groups to walk and pray. There will also be in-house and nearby prayer stations for those who have difficulty walking. Please RSVP to baptist@utk.edu if you would like to participate so they can have enough food for everyone.



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!



SERMONNOTES

Amy Evans
Jim Decker
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading (1 John 3:16-18)

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“Anthems of Love” Dan Forrest

Allelu, alleluia. Alleluia.

Around us the sound of celestial music,
anthems of love from the heavenly throne;
The Father Himself singing over His children,
His love-song, a gift that He signs to His own.

Sing to the Lord, with a song give Him glory.
Heaven will hear and join in our praise.
The Father Himself singing over His children,
taking delight in the anthems we raise.

Sing with the sun as it rises each morning—
melody, harmony, lighting the day.
Sing through the night, with the moon and stars shining,
hymns of deliverance, pardon and grace.

Echoes of love coming down from the Father,
echoes of love that we lift to His throne:
Sing to the Lord, with a song give Him glory.
Heaven will hear and join in our praise.
The Father Himself singing over His children,
taking delight in the anthems we raise.

Sing to the Lord, Allelu, alleluia. Around us the sound of celestial music.

Sermon

“Authentic Intimacy” 1 John 3:16-18

Tom Ogburn

*Hymn of Response 507

Congregation

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Sharing of Public Decisions

*Spoken Benediction

Tom Ogburn

*Choral Benediction

Sanctuary Choir

“The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee” B. B. McKinney

The Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee,
And give thee peace, And give thee peace.

Organ Postlude

Rhonda Carpenter

“Postlude on ‘Ellacombe’” Jason D. Payne

*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.