

FIRSTLIFE

USING YOUR BRAIN FOR THE KINGDOM



Kennie Riffie is a licensed general contractor who employees underprivileged people, teaching them construction and employment skills. She wants to give everyone second chances regardless of their background or skill level.

“I work with people who have been in jail and drug and alcohol rehab programs,” says Kennie. “I will give them a job where other people would not hire them and teach them things like showing up on time and being consistent.”

Kennie has always had a passion for people, but she has not always worked in construction. After she lost her job in international project management over ten years ago, she adopted the motto ‘God gave me a brain and expects me to use it.’ From there, she stumbled upon construction as a way to simultaneously help people and give them a place to live.

“I was living in Baltimore at the time, and I looked around and saw we had an abundance of vacant homes,” Kennie says. “I’d also interviewed all these women at the battered women’s shelter down the street, and they always talked about having kids. I knew they needed to be home when their kids were home, and I knew they needed job skills.”

After racking her brain, Kennie decided, with no prior construction experience, to start a training program to teach women job skills through renovating houses.

That was the beginning of Kennie’s work with disadvantaged people. Since then she has renovated and remodeled home after home as a general contractor and employed countless ex-offenders, runaway youth, and men and women alike for her builds.

As a child, she had been raised in a Baptist church that focused solely on hell and condemnation. She left church entirely at the age of 17 and didn’t go back until she was 42, living in Baltimore, and trying to recover from losing her job. There she found an inner-city Baptist church that taught Christian love and community service.

When she came to Knoxville in 2005 that’s the kind of church she wanted attend. She couldn’t be part of a congregation focused only on getting saved or going to hell.

“I’ve seen too much to believe that’s God’s real message,” says Kennie. “I feel like my mission on earth is to live out my Christianity, and First Baptist has been a place that’s very much in line with that mission.”

Kennie is a great reminder that God uses us in Kingdom work and is our identity regardless of where we go. She encourages us to trust God, shake off failure, and keep moving forward.

To read Kennie’s full, inspiring story, check out our FirstLife blog at: fbcknox.org/kennie

WEEKLYUPDATES

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and “In loving memory of Maxine Masingill” by A.C. Masingill.

Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday School	279
First Community	98
11:00 am	282
Deaf	31
Worship Total	411

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

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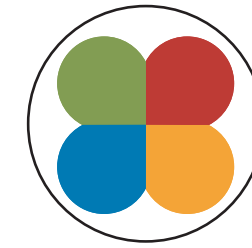
Pam Neal, Minister for Administration

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 | AUGUST 6, 2017

Order of Worship

Prelude Gordon Nelson

“How Great Thou Art”
arr. Gordon Nelson

Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir

“A Parent’s Prayer”
BEACH SPRING

Hear our hearts, Lord,
know this pining born of feelings all too new;
Strength and courage,
Your assistance, parents need for all they do.
Having this we all in common,
task and knowledge compromised;
Teach us, Lord, in our endeavor
how to guide them through Your eyes.

May they grow in faith and wisdom;
love embellish every move;
In this house may they find
treasure running over to be used.
Admonition, may we render firm
embracing of Your ways;
Heaven’s glories will be telling,
showing Christ through all their days.

*Hymn 2 Congregation

“Come, Thou Almighty King”
ITALIAN HYMN

*Welcome Pam Neal

Promotion Sunday Recognitions Susan Tatum and Ben Winder

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

Special Music

“Amazing Grace”
arr. Gordon Nelson

Pastoral Prayer Tom Ogburn

*Hymn 687 Congregation

“Would You Bless Our Homes and Families”
NETTLETON

Scripture Reading (Deuteronomy 6:1-9) Sam Satterfield

Offertory Prayer Cathy Campbell

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.

Helen Cox Music Scholarship

We still have \$2600.00 to raise before we reach our goal of \$8,000 for this scholarship! If you appreciate the service music students give to our ministry, please consider designating an additional donation to the music scholarship fund. These students give 4 hours a week during the semester, and we seek to invest in them as future church leaders and musicians. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, contact Richard Buerkle at rbuerkle@fbcknox.org.

Fiscal Year-End Financial Report

The Finance Committee approved our fiscal year-end financial report. In an effort to ensure transparency, the report will 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 valuable. 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.

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.



Youth and Children's Activities

On August 16, Wednesday Night Activities for youth and children will resume!

Dwell Night of Worship for Young Adults

August 20, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

This once-a-month gathering will be tailored for our First Baptist college students and young adults and will be offered to as an additional worship experience meant to compliment our Sunday morning services. They will create a space to experiment and explore old and new forms of worship, providing an avenue for our young adults to experience a transformative encounter with God. Communion will be offered every service, along with other elements centered upon art, prayer, writing, and other creative forms of worship.



Canada Mission Report

August 27, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

Join us in the afternoon to hear a report from our youth on their mission trip to Canada. They learned, grew, and loved in the name of Jesus, and would love to share with you.



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. 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! 175th Anniversary Church-Wide Photo

September 10, 9:45 am | Rain Date: September 17

This photo will be taken during the Sunday School hour. Please plan to be on time for Sunday School that day. If you do not regularly attend Sunday School, come to the Sanctuary at 9:45 am. We want everyone (whether you're a member or attender) to be present for the photo.



SERMON NOTES

Sanctuary Choir

“I Must Tell Jesus *with Blessed Assurance*” arr. Mary McDonald

I must tell Jesus all of my trials;
I cannot bear these burdens alone;
In my distress He kindly will help me;
He ever loves and cares for His own.

I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus,
I cannot bear my burdens alone.
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song;
I cannot bear my burdens alone.
In my distress He kindly will help me;
He ever loves and He cares for His own.

Tom Ogburn

“Intimate Parents” Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Sermon

*Hymn of Response 484

Congregation

“The Love of Jesus Calls Us” ANGEL'S STORY

Sharing of Public Decisions

*Spoken Benediction

Tom Ogburn

*Choral Benediction

Sanctuary Choir

“Go Now in Peace” EARTH AND ALL STARS

Go now in love. Led by Christ's teaching,
Share with your neighbor the love that you know.
Gifts from the heart outwardly reaching
Carry love's message wherever you go.

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.

Offertory

Organ Postlude

Rhonda Carpenter

“In Celebration: The Solid Rock” by Gayden Sikes

*Congregation is asked to stand as you are able.

Special thanks to Gordon Nelson for participating in worship leadership this morning. Gordon is a long-time friend and accompanist of our own Mary Costa, and we are thankful for the way he uses his God-given gifts and talents in service to Christ and His church.