

# FIRSTLIFE

THE FOOD CO-OP FAMILY



We are all acquainted with the term “food pantry.” It is a place which distributes food to community members in need. However, trying to consolidate our knowledge of food pantries with the term “Food Co-Op,” can be confusing. The idea originated when Rev. Chad Hale addressed a need by starting Food Cooperative in Atlanta. Rather than offering a large portion of the community a handout, he wanted to offer a smaller number of people food security and the opportunity to grow together.

In 2011, Betty Chandler, Carol McIntyre, Emily Plemmons, and Becky Hudson visited the Atlanta Cooperative to learn how to start their own at First Baptist. They successfully launched in May of that year, and our Food Co-Op has grown and flourished since then.

We supply 30 families with food every other week, but it isn’t a handout. Co-Op members must qualify, complete orientation, pay a \$5 joining fee, and a weekly \$3 fee. This money doesn’t pay for food, instead, it encourages members to invest in and take ownership of the Co-Op.

They have done just that. Today, our Co-Op is led completely by community members. Betty and Emily, still oversee proceedings, but Allison Cross, who joined our Food Co-Op over four years ago and joined First Baptist just last year, is now the coordinator and director. Members gather every week as a team to unload the food van then sort and distribute the food into baskets, which vary in size depending on the size of the family. To many, this food keeps their family financially afloat allowing them to use the bulk of their money in other places like taking care of grandchildren or paying utilities.

The Co-Op also addresses members’ spiritual and emotional needs. During a member-led devotional time, everyone shares prayer requests and praises and hears an encouraging word from different members. Often, the whole group stands, hand-in-hand, in communal prayer taking on each other’s hurts as their own.

The members First Baptist’s Food Co-Op confide in each other, laugh and cry together, and support each other.

“I wouldn’t know what to do without it,” said four-year member, Brenda Lowry. “Everybody worries about everybody else. They check on each other.”

One member even described the Co-Op as “somewhere to turn to” where members share a bond that “starts with our devotional time that’s just as important to us as the food.”

Our Co-Op is clearly a family. We are thankful to all the people who have made our Food Co-Op possible over the years, and we are glad it has become a self-sufficient ministry that continually impacts our community.

To hear stories about friendships that have developed in Co-Op, visit: [fbcknox.org/co-opfamily](http://fbcknox.org/co-opfamily)

## WEEKLYUPDATES

### Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers are given in honor of Lauren Butler, Avery Parsons, and Emery Stair on the occasion of their baptism.

### Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday School	325
First Community	114
11:00 am	306
Deaf	37
Worship Total	457

### 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](mailto:kpieratt@fbcknox.org).

Monthly Budget	July ‘17	FY 2017/18 YTD
Unified Expenses	\$141,328	\$141,328
Unified Receipts	\$128,930	\$128,930
Offering	\$120,036	\$120,036
Transfer from Designated	\$8,743	\$145,212
Kitchen	\$426	\$426
Parking Lot	\$6,600	\$6,600
Estate Gifts	\$0	\$0
Less: Money moved to Missions	(\$6,875)	(\$6,875)
Total Receipts	\$128,930	\$128,930
Excess/Deficit	(\$12,397)	(\$12,397)

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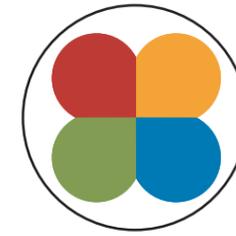
Pam Neal, Minister for Administration

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 20, 2017

### Order of Worship

Prelude	Scott & Leslie Fearing with Brandon Coffey	
	“Vocalise”	
	S. Rachmaninoff	
Call to Worship		Sanctuary Choir
	“Christ, You Call Us All to Service”	
	IN BABILONE	
	Christ, You call us all to service, call us all who follow You; plant in us a deep commitment all Your work and will to do. Fire a passion for Your justice, in us kindle love of peace; help us heal the broken-hearted, to the captive bring release.	
*Hymn 263		Congregation
	“To Worship, Work, and Witness”	
	WEBB	
Welcome		Pam Neal
Ordinance of Baptism		Lauren Butler Avery Parsons Emery Stair Judy Pickle Jeff Campbell
Children’s Sermon		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.]	
Special Music		
	“Sheep May Safely Graze”	
	J. S. Bach	
	Scott Fearing, French Horn Leslie Fearing, violin	
Pastoral Prayer		Tom Ogburn
*Prayer Response 652		Congregation
	“Make Me a Servant”	
	SERVANT	
Scripture Reading (John 15:12-15)		Paul Ivie
Scripture Response 600		Congregation
	“O How He Loves You and Me”	
	PATRICIA	
Offertory Prayer		Wendell Boertje

# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Kids Hope Mentorship

Get Involved Today at South Knox Elementary School!

Our Kids Hope Mentors will begin a new year of service in just a few short days. Volunteer Mentors meet with their “littles” for one hour each week for a time of playing, talking, and schoolwork. Whether you are a college student or in retirement, we still have space for you to be a mentor! Contact Arthur Clayton ([aclayton@fbcknox.org](mailto:aclayton@fbcknox.org) or 865-246-4661) today to get involved in the life of a child.

## Dwell Night of Worship for Young Adults

TONIGHT, 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 complimenting our Sunday morning services. Communion will be offered every service, along with other elements centered upon art, prayer, writing, and other creative forms of worship. If you would like childcare for ages 5 and under, please RSVP to Missy Clayton at [mclayton@fbcknox.org](mailto:mclayton@fbcknox.org).



## Office Closed for Solar Eclipse

August 21

After considering input from our church members and staff, we have decided in the interest of everyone's safety, that the office will be closed on Monday, August 21 for the eclipse. Enjoy this remarkable and rare event!



## NEW Wednesday Opportunity: Mission for Life

August 23 & September 6, 6 pm, Room 306

Is mission involvement for you? Find out in our two-session class for men and women alike. You are invited to participate in mission education and learn about mission opportunities. Come find out ways to develop a missional lifestyle.



## Toy Shop Meeting

August 27, 12 pm, Room 242 | Benefiting South Knox Elementary

This meeting is open to anyone who may be interested in volunteering with our Toy Shop this Christmas. This shop will benefit families and cultivate lasting relationships. We would love your help to impact our community! If you would like lunch, please RSVP to Susan Tatum at [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org).



## 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. We'd love for you to be part of the fun for a good cause. Contact Jim Plemmons ([jimilyp@comcast.net](mailto:jimilyp@comcast.net)) or Kennie Riffey (865-228-1556) to reserve your spot.



## First Baptist at the Smokies

September 3, 5:30 pm, Smokies Stadium

Join us for a night of fellowship as the Smokies play against the Jackson Generals. Cost is \$9, you may reserve your ticket by contacting Beverly Shirk at [bshirk@fbcknox.org](mailto:bshirk@fbcknox.org) or 865-246-4654.



## 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

**“If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments”**  
Thomas Tallis (circa 1505-1585)

If ye love Me, keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father,  
and He shall give you another Comforter,  
that He may abide with you forever,  
Even the Spirit of truth, even the Spirit of truth,  
that He may abide with you forever,  
Even the Spirit of truth, even the Spirit of truth.

Offertory

Tom Ogburn

**“Intimate Church”**  
John 15:12-15

Sermon

Congregation

\*Hymn of Response 682

**“Christ Be My Leader”**  
SLANE

Sharing of Public Decisions

Tom Ogburn

\*Spoken Benediction

Sanctuary Choir

\*Choral Benediction

**“Christ, You Call Us All to Service”**  
IN BABILONE

Teach us how to work together, brothers, sisters, side by side;  
equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied.  
To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old;  
help us use each skill and talent Your great purpose to unfold.

Organ Postlude

Rhonda Carpenter

**“Prelude in C”**  
J. S. Bach

\*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.**