

FIRSTLIFE

EMMANUEL ACADEMY OF THE DEAF



Victoria Perez (pictured above) was two years old when her parents recognized she was experiencing hearing loss. Pablo and Zihara, both native Puerto Ricans, immediately bought Victoria hearing aids and started researching Puerto Rican services for families with partially hearing children. They were committed to enabling their daughter to realize her full potential. Eventually, they discovered Puerto Rico had very little accommodations for the deaf.

If they are financially able, Puerto Rican families with deaf or partially hearing children often move to the United States to procure quality education for their kids. Pablo and Zihara, however, longed to stay in their home country.

Reaching out for support, Zihara started a Facebook page called Grupo Apoyo de Victoria to share with other parents what her and Pablo were learning about hearing loss and deafness. When Victoria turned three, they began learning sign language at their local church in order to form better communication.

It was during a sign language class that they met Diane Robinette, founder of Emmanuel Academy of the Deaf. At the time, however, the academy was a dream for the future.

Diane shared with the Perez family her vision of starting a Christian school for deaf students in Puerto Rico. She explained the goals for early intervention services and plans to open Emmanuel. Diane showed them pictures of the school in Carolina, which was offering classroom space for the deaf children.

As Zihara realized her daughter would have the accommodations she needed in their home country, comprehension dawned on her face, and tears suddenly came to her eyes.

“So we’re not going to have to move!” she exclaimed.

Her realization spoke volumes, because it revealed the lack of educational services for deaf children in Puerto Rico. The Emmanuel Academy of the Deaf has been able to step into that need. Specifically, Emmanuel gave the Perez family hope for their daughter’s future.

To learn more about Emmanuel and hear other stories like Victoria’s, check out emmanueldeaf.com or email Diane Robinette at emmanueldeafpr@gmail.com

WEEKLYUPDATES

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers are in honor of our First Baptist Church staff.

Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday School	326
First Community	103
11:00 am	294
Deaf	27
Worship Total	425

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	Aug '17	FY 2017/18 YTD
Unified Expenses	\$174,989	\$316,317
Unified Receipts	\$150,769	\$286,574
Offering	\$124,217	\$244,253
Transfer from Designated	\$17,063	\$25,806
Kitchen	\$2,889	\$3,315
Parking Lot	\$6,600	\$13,200
Estate Gifts	\$0	\$0
Less: Money moved to Missions	(\$6,875)	(\$13,750)
Total Receipts	\$143,894	\$272,824
Excess/Deficit	(\$31,095)	(\$43,493)

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Richard Buerkle, Minister of Music & Worship

Scott Claybrook, Minister with Young Adults

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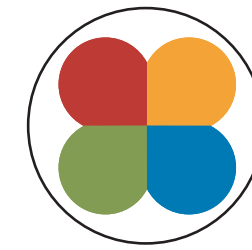
Pam Neal, Minister for Administration

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 | SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Order of Worship

Prelude Brandon Coffey

“Variations on ‘Pisgah’
arr. Joseph Martin

Choral Call to Worship

“Rejoice and Be Glad”
William Brown

This is the day which the Lord hath made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Rejoice and be glad; Rejoice and be glad;
Rejoice and be glad!

*Call to Worship Hymn 19 Congregation

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”
FOREST GREEN

Welcome Susan Tatum

Family Dedication Ben, Laura Beth, and Levi Truett Winder

Charge to the Church:

Do you, as members of this church family, promise to join these parents in the teaching and training of this child that he may be led in due time to confess Jesus is Lord and follow him in Baptism and church membership?

If you accept this responsibility, will you indicate it by standing?

Congregation Stand

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.]

*Hymn 591 Congregation

“All That Thrills My Soul”
HARRIS

Pastoral Prayer Pam Neal

*Hymn 586 Congregation

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
MOODY

Scripture Reading (Mark 16:1-8) Ben Winder

Offertory Prayer Monte Miller

“Joyfully Sing”
Cindy Berry

Joyfully sing, joyfully sing your praises.
Joyfully sing, joyfully sing your praise to God!

The Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.
The Lord is just, and righteous in all His ways.
He is forevermore the same, the true and living God.
Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

Let the trees rejoice, rejoice, and all the mountains sing.
Let the seas resound as all creation praises the King!
All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays;
stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.

The Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.
The Lord is just, and righteous in all His ways, His ways.
His greatness reaches to the sky, His promises are sure.
Exalted be His name on high!

Joyfully sing, joyfully sing, joyfully sing your praises.
Joyfully sing, joyfully sing, joyfully sing your praise to God.
Joyfully sing, joyfully sing!

“Christ as Pioneer”
Hebrews 12:1-3

*Hymn of Response 571

Congregation

“You Are My All in All”
JERNIGAN

Sharing of Public Decisions

*Spoken Benediction

Scott Claybrook

*Choral Benediction

Sanctuary Choir

“Peace I Leave with You”
David Music

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you:
Not as the world giveth, give I to you.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

Organ Postlude

Tim Benson

“Song for All Saints”
Mary McDonald

*Congregation is asked to stand as you are able.

Special thanks to Tim Benson for leading us in worship on organ this morning.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday 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.

Sunday Flower Dedications Available

The flowers displayed in the sanctuary are bought in memory or honor of a loved one, to show appreciation for someone, or celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and special occasions. All four Sundays in October have vacancies to be filled. If interested, please contact Teré Atwater at Atwaterteresa@gmail.com or call 865-694-0738.



The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board is taking up the Golden Offering, an offering specifically to revitalize churches, serve people groups in Tennessee, equip future generations of church leaders, and meet needs within the state. First Baptist’s goal is to donate \$5000. You can give during service, online at GoldenOffering.org, or pick up a Golden Offering pamphlet in the Welcome Center.



Life and Faith: NEW Wednesday Night Schedule

Continuing through October 4, 6 pm, Rooms 302, 304, 307

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE
LIFE AND FAITH

For the next six weeks, choose from three different classes meant to help you grow in your life and faith: Understanding Paul’s World (led by Tom Ogburn and Bob Browder), Worship 101 (led by Richard Buerkle), or Honest Conversations on End-of-Life Issues (led by Pam Neal with guests).

Bluegrass and Barbecue

October 1, 5 pm, Front Lawn

You’re invited to live music and community on our front lawn, with performances from the Tim and Jodi Harbin Bluegrass Band featuring Sara Baskins. Barbecue will be provided for purchase from Walt and Ann Love of Love That Barbecue. All are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair and picnic blanket for the afternoon.



Women on Mission

October 3, 10:30 am, Room 302

This month Charlotte Damewood, First Baptist’s WMU Director will speak about the mission work going on at our church and around the world. Lunch is available after the meeting for \$6 in Trentham Hall. RSVP to Melissa Clayton at mclayton@fbcknox.org if you would like childcare.



Trunk-or-Treat

October 29, 4-6 pm, Trentham Hall parking lot

The Sunday before Halloween, First Baptist will be hosting the annual Trunk-or-Treat event. Candy, inflatables, refreshments, games, prizes, and more will be available for family entertainment during the afternoon. Candy donations are encouraged to help supply the community with a fun-filled evening, and the church accepts any pre-wrapped candy, but no nut products. Donation baskets will be available on the second and third floor crossovers.



New Fall Sermon Series: Rediscovering Sacred Work

Beginning October 5

The new sermon series “Rediscovering Sacred Work” from Tom Ogburn is revival of the spirit often dragged by the nitty gritty of everyday life. What sets apart the life of a believer in the work place? What does it mean for church to be a “halftime”, an intermission for spiritual recharge, instead of our weekly fill? The first sermon, “Sacred Beginnings” takes a look at life before the fall - God’s complete care of us before sin clouded our view of the Creator.



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.