# FIRSTLIFE

# A CHILD WILL LEAD THEM



he wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them." Isaiah 11:6.

In our society, age groups are separated until adulthood. This segregation strips us of the opportunity to learn from those older and younger than us. Susan Tatum recognizes adults can learn from children and vice versa. She believes one of the responsibilities of a church is to teach children about worship and give them the chance to lead.

"Allowing children to lead in worship," Susan said. "Shows them a worship service is not just something they must endure, but something they may actively participate in."

Our children's choir directors, Karisa Engle, Elizabeth Pemberton, and Melanie Simpson, are some of those adults dedicated to raising up a generation of worshippers. All three understand that including children in worship has an effect on the congregation as a whole.

"There's a time when a child's voice makes more of an impact than any other voice," Karisa said. "So it's a very precious instrument, and we need to treat it as such when teaching."

As a young person, music brought scripture to life for Elizabeth Pemberton and drew her closer to God. As an adult, she sees how choir teaches people to be an active part of a whole.

"A lot of adults don't see themselves teaching or preaching or leading a prayer," Elizabeth said. "But joining with the voices of people around us helps create an environment where we're more receptive to teaching, preaching, and praying."

The same can be said for children's choirs. Each child is necessary to make the group function, and within the group, there is space to learn and grow.

Melanie Simpson, who describes children's choir as her "happy place," enjoys watching the children not only come to know Jesus, but also connect with the church.

"Children are sponges and soak up new information and experiences," Melanie said. "We talk a lot to our kids about different types of worship, different types of songs, how everyone can be part of worship, and how we can worship in many different ways."

So, we welcome our children into our service not congregants, but leaders. We hope that as a little child leads, our faith from our childhood might surface and let us see Christ in new light

To learn more about our this ministry and for the full article visit: fbcknox.org/kidleaders

#### **WEEKLYUPDATES**

#### **Sanctuary Flowers**

Flowers are given in celebration of the life of Mike Williams by his wife, Beverly and daughter, Alison.

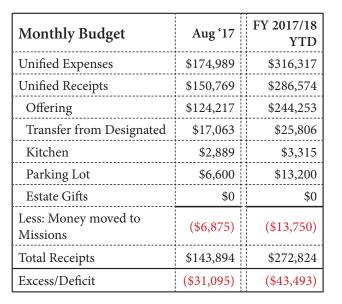
#### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday School	335
First Community	82
11:00 am	301
Deaf	27
Worship Total	410

#### 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.



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## **Order of Worship**

Prelude Rhonda Carpenter

"Praise Him, Praise Him"

Lyndell Leatherman

First Baptist Children's Choirs

"Sing Praises to the Lord""

Ruth Elaine Schram Judy Johnson, piano

Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord. Praise the Lord!

Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord. Praise the Lord!

The birds in the trees, the bugs and the bees, the fish in the sea, and you and me!

Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

\*Call to Worship Hymn 20

Choral Call to Worship

Children's Choirs with Congregation

"Creation Sings (the Father's Song)"
CREATION SINGS

Welcome Tom Ogburn

Children's Sermon

Choral Anthem

Susan Tatum

Children's Choirs

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

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

arr. Cindy Berry Pam Miller, piano

Each little flower the opens, each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

The purple-headed mountains, the rivers running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one, every one. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

\*Hymn 263 Congregation

"To Worship, Work, and Witness"

WEBB

Pastoral Prayer Ben Winder

\*Hymn 477 Congregation

"We Are Called to Be God's People"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Scripture Reading (Genesis 1:20-30)

Phoebe Denton

Offertory Prayer Emma Simpson

Offertory Chris Justice, clarinet

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

arr. Dana Everson Brandon Coffer, piano

Sermon Tom Ogburn and Bob Dickie

"Rediscovering Sacred Work: Sacred Beginnings"

Genesis 1:20-30

\*Hymn of Response 497 Congregation

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

ASSAN

Sharing of Public Decisions

\*Spoken Benediction Tom Ogburn

\*Choral Benediction Sanctuary Choir

"Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him"
HOLY MANNA

Christians, let us go and serve Him, serve the One who gives us life.

Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Serve in love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see.

Christians, let us go and serve Him, now and through eternity.

Organ Postlude Rhonda Carpenter

"Go Your Way with Rejoicing"

Douglas Wagner

\*Congregation is asked to stand as you are able.

Special thanks to Elizabeth Pemberton, director of Joyful Noise Choir; Karisa Engle, director of Music Makers Choir; and Melanie Simpson, director of Young Musicians Choir for their leadership, patience, and passion for worship.

# **SERMONNOTES**

#### 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.

# SUNDAYANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

#### **Sunday Flower Dedications Available**

There are open dates available for flower donations. The flowers displayed in the sanctuary are bought in memory or honor of a loved one, to show appreciation for someone, or to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and special occasions. If interested, contact Teré Atwater at <a href="mailto:atwaterteresa@gmail.com">atwaterteresa@gmail.com</a> or call 865-694-0738.



## Life and Faith: Wednesday Night Schedule

Continuing through October 4, 6 pm, Rooms 302, 304, 307 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 for \$8 a plate from Walt and Ann Love of Love That Barbecue. All are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair and picnic blanket for the afternoon.



# 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.

#### Trunk-or-Treat

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

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 prewrapped candy, but no nut products. Donation baskets will be available on the second and third floor crossovers. We will also need volunteers to make this event run smoothly. Contact Susan Tatum at <a href="mailto:statum@fbcknox.org">statum@fbcknox.org</a> to volunteer.

#### Youth Ministry Fall Retreat

November 10-12, Camp Living Stones, \$80

Our youth will return to Camp Living Stones for a weekend of fun, worship, and Bible study. They'll ponder the question, "How do I know what God is calling me to do?" Forms are available at <a href="mailto:fbcknox.org/youth/events">fbcknox.org/youth/events</a> or outside the Youth Suite. Forms and payment are due by October 22. Financial assistance is available if needed.



#### 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.

