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FAMILY PROMISE



ight now, according to the Community Dashboard on Homelessness (knoxhmis.org), over 2675 people are homeless in Knoxville. If you've only encountered homeless people when driving down Broadway or walking downtown, you may associate the entire homeless population with these defining characteristics of a few.

Jim Plemmons, First Baptist member and Family Promise Co-coordinator with Kennie Riffey, has been working with the homeless population since 2005. Both recognize the disparity between how people perceive homelessness and how it actually is.

"We're often scared of homelessness," says Jim. "It can make you think you have to be trained or be an expert to deal with it. But most people are just folks like us."

For First Baptist, where families with children are a vital part of our ministry, the homeless population is close to home. The Dashboard on Homelessness reports that 231 families are homeless right now - a family being defined as at least one parent and one child under 18.

Family Promise is an organization that coordinates with local churches to provide temporary housing to homeless families. Volunteers set up and break down the living quarters, cook meals, eat dinner with the families, or serve as overnight hosts. During the day, Family Promise transports families to the day center, where they work with participants to procure jobs, counseling, financial management, and most of all, permanent housing.

The Knoxville chapter can support 5 families at a time, who usually stay in the program for about three months before they are situated in permanent housing. During that three months, they have a safe place for their children and the loving community of local churches.

Over the years, Jim has come to view Family Promise as a "mission trip at home." While it takes about 50-60 volunteers to make it happen each quarter, it really only requires a small commitment on the part of each person.

"Our kids get to play with the Family Promise kids," says Jim. "And they also get this experience of seeing their parents and the church engaged with these families."

So, what's the payoff of a small commitment on the part of a lot of people? Well, nation-wide, Family Promise has a success rate of 74%, and even after the families are settled, Family Promise remains in contact and support for up to two years.

There is room for you if you would like to impact a family. The way Family Promise is structured makes it flexible enough to be at work at 8 am each morning. If you are short on time, you can provide a meal. If you can't cook, you can provide a listening ear. There is something for everyone within this ministry.

Read the full article at fp and contact Jim (jimilyp@comcast.net) or Kennie (kennieriffey@yahoo.com) today to get involved in our November hosting of Family Promise!

WEEKLYUPDATES

Sanctuary Flowers

In memory of Betty and Eugene Wells, given by family.

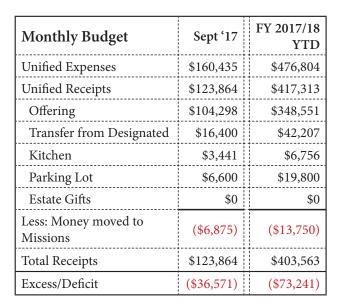
Last Week's Attendance

Sunday School	304
First Community	103
11:00 am	282
Deaf	25
Worship Total	367

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

Brandon Coffer

"A Mighty Fortress" arr. Joel Raney

Choral Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Sol

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore:
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

Choir:

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Solo

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

Responsive Reading #470

Richard Buerkle

"Calling"

*Call to Worship Hymn 271

Congregation

"Christian People, Sing Together"

Welcome

Scott Claybrook

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 17

Congregation

"This Is My Father's World"

Pastoral Prayer

Tom Ogburn Brannon Hulsey

Scripture Reading (Romans 12:1-8)

*Hymn 486

Congregation

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"
RESTORATION

Offertory Prayer Clark Denton
Offertory Sanctuary Choir

"Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him!"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Praise the Lord! O heavens, adore Him! Praise the Lord! O earth bow before Him! Come, let us praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! O heavens, adore Him; praise Him, angels in the height! Sun and moon, rejoice before Him; praise Him shining stars of light.

Praise the Lord for He has spoken, worlds His mighty voice obeyed; laws which never shall be broken for their guidance He has made.

Praise the Lord! For He is glorious; never shall His promise fail. God has made His saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high, His power proclaim! Heaven and earth and all creation, praise and glorify His name.

Congregation: Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer You our praise. Young and old, one faith professing! Hear the songs of joy we raise.

All the saints in heaven adore You; we would join their glad acclaim. As Your angels serve before You, so on earth we praise Your name!

Praise the Lord! O heavens, adore Him! Praise the Lord! O earth bow before Him! Come, let us praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Sermon Tom Ogburn

"Rediscovering Sacred Work: Work Redirected"
Romans 12:1-8

*Hymn of Response 490

Congregation

"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

Sharing of Public Decisions

*Spoken Benediction

Tom Ogburn

*Choral Benediction

Sanctuary Choir

"Deep Peace" Linda Spevacek-Avery

The Iona Community, Scotland

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining star to you.

Deep peace of the Son of peace to you.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Rhonda Carpenter

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" by Don Phillips

*Congregation is asked to stand as you are able.

A Special Welcome to Our Guests

SERMON**NOTES**

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.

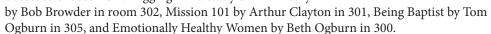
Hearing devices are available in the Reception Office courtesy of the Senior Adult Ministry.

SUNDAYANNOUNCEMENTS

Life and Faith: Wednesday Night Schedule

October 18-29, 6 pm

Our next Life and Faith series will begin Oct. 18. with four classes to choose from: Digging In - a study on 1 Timothy



Family Meeting

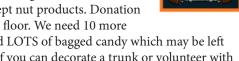
October 25, 5:45 pm, Trentham Hall

Because of our new class schedule, our Quarterly Business Meeting (Family Meeting) will be held from 5:45 to 6:00 p.m.

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 pre-wrapped candy, but will not accept nut products. Donation baskets will be available in the crossover on each floor. We need 10 more



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decorated vehicles, 25 or so more volunteers, and LOTS of bagged candy which may be left in the baskets on each floor. Please email Susan if you can decorate a trunk or volunteer with games and concessions at statum@fbcknox.org.

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 fbcknox.org/youth/events or outside the Youth Suite. Forms and payment are due by October 22. Financial assistance is available if needed.

Family Promise at First Baptist

November 12-19, Mezzanine

As one of our mission partners, Family Promise provides temporary housing for homeless families by allowing them to stay in buildings of homeless families by allowing them to stay in buildings of participating congregations. If you would like to assist us as we host families this week or in the future by staying overnight, providing a meal, or serving in another way, please contact Jim Plemmons at jimilyp@comcast.net.

Love Feast

November 19, Noon, Trentham Hall

You are invited to join us for our annual Love Feast, a time of fellowship with the First Baptist family around a great Thanksgiving meal. We will have a combined worship service at 11 am in the Sanctuary. Regular meal prices apply (\$6 for adults, \$3 for children, \$18 for families), and everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite holiday dessert to share.



Dwell Night of Worship Fall Series: Way of Wisdom

October 15, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

Our fall series is for young adults who want to learn what biblical wisdom looks like and how to apply it to their lives. If you would like childcare for ages 5 and under, please RSVP to Missy Clayton at mclayton@fbcknox.org.



Resources for Current Sermon Series from Bob Dickie

Bob Dickie is a deacon here at First Baptist, and joined us as guest in the first session of the Rediscovering Sacred Work sermon series. He has written two books that complement the series well: Love Your Work and The Leap. If you would like these Biblically based books as resources to help you reorient your perspective about your vocational work, we have copies for sale in the East Offices for \$10 and \$15 respectively. See Vanessa Moore to get your copy today.

