

# FIRSTLIFE

WHY I SING: STEVE AND PATTI FOSTER

BY RACHEL BELL



Singing brings joy to your life,” says Steve Foster, First Baptist’s Golden Notes Choir Director. “It gives you the opportunity to express [joy] to other folks. Not as a show, but as a message to encourage and inspire. To help draw attention to why we’re singing – because of Jesus and what he’s done in our lives.”

Steve and Patti Foster have been singing all their lives. They both grew up in musical families and met in the Carson-Newman Music Department. Their backgrounds and degrees in music uniquely prepared them for their careers and the ministries in which they’ve served.

“My love for senior adults started in my early 30s and just grew yearly,” says Steve. “Observing senior adults sing and the joy they have inspired me and encouraged me. Now that I am a senior adult, it makes it that much easier for me to minister to them.”

The Fosters are passionate about music and people, and that passion resonates with everyone they work with. That passion was poured into First Baptist’s senior adult choir when Steve became the director in 2011.

Steve encourages members to give their best. He teaches them how to sing without an accent, and he believes every voice, with practice, can sound like a 30-year-old voice. As a result, the Golden Notes are a vibrant part of First Baptist, offering worship that speaks across generations.

Golden Notes also regularly sings in nursing and retirement homes, which is Patti’s favorite part of being in the choir. Golden Notes members see these opportunities as a ministry, and Steve finds joy in being able to reach an Alzheimer’s patient with a familiar song.

“It’s amazing those who seem out of this world mentally and physically, when you sing something that brings back some familiarity to them, you can see a response,” says Steve. “Whether it’s tapping their foot, moving their hands, or even singing along. So it’s a joy.”

To Steve and Patti, Golden Notes is more than a singing group. It is a family. There is a certain camaraderie between members. They care for each other, keep each other accountable musically, and they teach and learn from each other. They’ve been a constant source of encouragement for the Fosters even in hard times.

“There’s such a kindness among the group,” says Patti. “They’re always uplifting and kind and generous. Their love is a reflection of what this church has been over time. Everybody in this world is given a special talent – an ability to reflect God’s love – and singing just so happens to be ours.”

To read the full article, visit our FirstLife blog at: [fbcknox.org/wisfoster](http://fbcknox.org/wisfoster)

## WEEKLYUPDATES

### Sanctuary Flowers

In loving memory of Ray Malcolm  
given by Arleen

### 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).

### Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday School	326
First Community	108
11:00 am	319
Deaf	28
Worship Total	455

Monthly Budget	Sept ‘17	FY 2017/18 YTD
Unified Expenses	\$160,435	\$476,804
Unified Receipts	\$123,864	\$417,313
Offering	\$104,298	\$348,551
Transfer from Designated	\$16,400	\$42,207
Kitchen	\$3,441	\$6,756
Parking Lot	\$6,600	\$19,800
Estate Gifts	\$0	\$0
Less: Money moved to Missions	(\$6,875)	(\$13,750)
Total Receipts	\$123,864	\$403,563
Excess/Deficit	(\$36,571)	(\$73,241)

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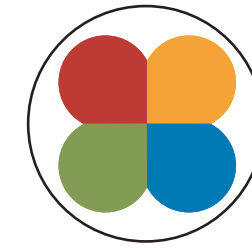
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# FIRSTBAPTIST KNOXVILLE

11:00 AM | NOVEMBER 12, 2017

### Order of Worship

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”

**Colossians 3:23**

Prelude

Rhonda Carpenter  
Brandon Coffey

“All Hail the Power with Trumpet Voluntary”  
arr. Linda McKechnie

Choral Call to Worship

Golden Notes Choir

“This Is Our Story (A Singer’s Prayer)”  
Pepper Choplin

What we sing with our lips, we believe in our hearts.  
What we believe in our hearts, we will show through our lives.  
What we show through our lives, we will give God the glory,  
for this is our story and this is our song.

This is our story, this is our song. We’re praising our Savior all the day long.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, lost in His love, His wonderful love.

What we sing with our lips, we believe in our hearts.  
What we show in our lives, we give you the glory.  
You are our story. You are our song, our story and song.

\*Responsive Reading 324

\*Call to Worship Hymn 323

Congregation

“How Great Thou Art”

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Stanza 2: Men Stanza 3: Women

Welcome

Richard Buerkle

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 576

Congregation

“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”  
MY SAVIOR’S LOVE

Pastoral Prayer

Tom Ogburn

\*Hymn 301

Congregation

“In This Very Room”  
IN THIS VERY ROOM

Scripture Reading (Colossians 3:12-17)

Tyler Lewelling

Offertory Prayer Julie Rice  
Offertory Golden Notes Choir

**“With Simple Faith”**  
Charles McCartha

With simple faith, with humble hearts, with Jesus’ truth and grace,  
we can make mountains move, and change lives with His love, as we live in simple faith.

With simple faith, with humble prayer, we will speak the Word of God.  
Face to face, heart to heart, one to one, arm in arm, we will bring the world God’s love.

Jesus Christ, our Lord, bids us now go forth and tell others of His grace;  
and lead broken souls to our Shepherd’s fold; where He will keep them safe.

A simple faith, a tiny seed, and yet, a tree grows tall.  
By the river it stands, every storm it withstands; and bears fruit for one and all.

With simple faith, with humble hearts, with Jesus’ truth and grace,  
we can make mountains move by the mighty power of God,  
as we live with simple faith; as we live with simple faith.

Sermon Tom Ogburn  
**“Rediscovering Sacred Work: Sacred Life”**  
Colossians 3:12-17

\*Hymn of Response 507 Congregation  
**“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**  
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Sharing of Public Decisions  
\*Spoken Benediction Tom Ogburn  
\*Choral Benediction Golden Notes Choir

**“This Is Our Story”**  
Pepper Choplin

What we sing with our lips, we believe in our hearts.  
What we show in our lives, we give you the glory.  
You are our story. You are our song, our story and song.

Postlude Rhonda Carpenter  
Brandon Coffey  
**“The Battle of Jericho”**  
Paul Michelson

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

Special thanks to Steve Foster, director of the Golden Notes Choir, and to Carolyn Monday, pianist, and Mamie Sullivan, organist, for their leadership in worship this morning.

## SERMONNOTES

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### 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.**

# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

To keep up with all our upcoming events, visit:  
[fbcknox.org/events](http://fbcknox.org/events) or  
[facebook.com/firstbaptistknoxville/events](https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistknoxville/events)

### Directory: Pick Up Yours TODAY

Our 2017 directories are finally here! If you participated in our photo sessions this summer, stop by the third floor crossover to get your copy today! Directories are now on sale for those who were not photographed, and can be purchased for \$10 at the church during the week.



### Youth Fall Retreat

At this moment First Baptist is hosting it’s youth fall retreat, and we ask for prayer for both the young people who are learning and their leaders who are teaching in this time of growth.

### 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 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](mailto: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

November 19, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

Our fall series is for young adults who want to learn biblical wisdom 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](mailto:mclayton@fbcknox.org).



### Hanging of the Green

November 26, Both Services

As we begin our Advent journey together, we reflect on the powerful symbols which adorn our sanctuary and remind us of the incarnation of Emmanuel.



### Christmas Cantata

December 3, During the 11 am Service

Join as we kick off the Christmas season with our annual Christmas Cantata: Joseph Martin’s Invitation to a Miracle. Our Sanctuary choir and orchestra will perform music filled with the hope, joy, peace, and love of Jesus Christ.

