

# FIRSTLIFE

WHY I SING: DAVID MOSHER

BY RACHEL BELL



In one way or another, we are all touched by music," says David Mosher. "There is something about it that touches on the divine and eternity, so it's something everyone can relate to. Creative expressions find their root in God himself because he is the creator."

David, who's been in the First Baptist Sanctuary Choir for over 10 years, started his musical journey as a child. When he entered the youth group, an older gentleman took David under his wing and taught him to read bass clef and sing tenor. Then, the youth minister, who was also his church's music director, introduced David to using music as a form of worship.

Within the church, David recognizes that music functions as the vein connecting us to God. Worship ministry, Sanctuary Choir, worship teams, solos, instrumentalists – all serve as avenues to lead a congregation in worship and are indispensable to the church member.

"It's not a performance," says David. "It's not one group trying to impress another group. We're all part of the experience. The leadership that's hopefully shown on the platform embraces and invites everybody else to be part of that. I see it as a joint effort – a joint venture – together."

So, together, as congregants and as leaders, we usher in worship and speak the language of God. For David, it's rewarding to be able to speak that language among a full choir of like-minded people. The camaraderie between choir members gives a sense of belonging and makes him feel closer to God. However, he maintains even those who feel they "can't sing" *can* actually sing.

"We can all have that bubbly experience of worship coming out – whatever sound it makes," he says. "It's there and that's how we were created. We yearn and long to respond in those ways, whatever music means to us. Even if it's not the right chords."

David believes all humans are musical. Yet, he is convinced that musical expression here on earth is limited compared to what we'll experience in eternity. He likens music in heaven to being able to hear the infinite number of notes "hidden between the cracks of the piano keys."

Yet, while we are here on earth, David serves as an example to us all to worship with our creativity, regardless of what it looks like. However you create – create with purpose and passion. For David, it's music.

"I sing because I can't help it," he says. "I wouldn't know what to do if I couldn't. It's something inside and has to come out. It's a response to God and what he gives. If I couldn't sing, I'd have to find some other way – to play an instrument or something. I'd have to express it."

For the full article and to find out how you can use your passion, visit [fbcknox.org/wisdauid](http://fbcknox.org/wisdauid).

## WEEKLYUPDATES

### Sanctuary Flowers

Given in loving memory of our parents and grandparents by Janice McCoy and Randy Williams.

### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday School	316
First Community	96
11:00 am	294
Deaf	37
Worship Total	427
Youth Retreat	50

### 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	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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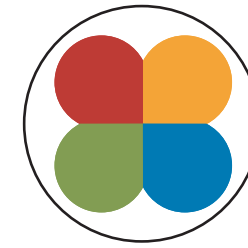
**Pam Neal**, Minister for Administration

**Tom Ogburn**, Senior Pastor

**Susan Tatum**, Minister with Children & Families

**Dave Ward**, Minister Emeritus

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# FIRSTBAPTIST KNOXVILLE

11:00 AM | NOVEMBER 19, 2017

### Order of Worship

Prelude		Brandon Coffey
	<b>"We Gather Together"</b> arr. Don Wyrzten	
Call to Worship		First Baptist Drama Team
	<b>"Give Thanks!"</b>	
*Hymn 371		Congregation
	<b>"Now Thank We All Our God"</b> NUN DANKET	
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 372		Congregation
	<b>"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"</b> ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR	
Pastoral Prayer		Tom Ogburn
*Hymn 341		Congregation
	<b>"For the Beauty of the Earth"</b> DIX	
*Scripture Reading (1 Corinthians 1:4-9)		Amanda Hodges
*Response Hymn 706		Congregation
	<b>"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)"</b> OLD 100 <sup>TH</sup> ALT	
Offertory Prayer		Alan Tatum
Offertory		Sanctuary Choir

### "With a Heart of Thanks"

Victor C. Johnson

For Your steadfast love and boundless grace, O Lord, we give You thanks.

For Your generous compassion, O Lord, we give You thanks.

For every gift and every blessing, for every need that You supply, what shall we render, O Lord, to You?

With a heart of thanks we sing to You, our God and King, for You are good and Your love endures forever.

Your faithfulness we proclaim as we bless Your name; and we raise this hymn of praise with a heart of thanks.

For the earth and all its beauty, for the sky and its light, for the dim and soothing shadows that cover us at night; For the blessing of Your presence every day and every hour, and for sustaining us by Your strength and mighty power!

With a heart of thanks we sing to You, our God and King,  
 for You are good and Your love endures forever.  
 Your faithfulness we proclaim as we bless Your name;  
 and we raise this hymn of praise with a heart of thanks.

We raise this hymn of praise with a heart of thanks,  
 with a heart of thanks, with a heart of thanks.

## SERMONNOTES

# SUNDAYANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us after the service for our annual Thanksgiving Meal, Love Feast. All are welcome! Regular Meal Prices apply.



### Mobile Directory Now Available!

Our directory is now available in an online format at [fbcknox.org/directory](http://fbcknox.org/directory). In order to access the photos and information, you must have the access code. Please call the front desk for the code: 865-546-9661.



### 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.



### Christmas Party

December 12, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

First Baptist's senior adults are offering our church family a night of holiday entertainment and food. The Christmas dinner menu will be prime rib, chicken, and delicious trimmings. Entertainment will be provided by Ada and Company including Dr. Phil (Tom Ogburn) with special guest, Alan Williams, from WVLT TV. Tickets are \$10, and will go on sale November 26.



### Children's Worship and Golden Notes Christmas Concert

December 10 at 5 pm, and December 13 at 6 pm

Join us on Sunday, December 10 at 5 pm as First Baptist's Children will lead us in a worship service. Then, On Wednesday, December 13 at 6 pm, we will host dinner then accompany the Golden Notes in lieu of standard Wednesday night activities. Please make the most of these chances to worship alongside the First Baptist community!



### Winter Schedule

As the year draws to an end, so do several of First Baptist's weekly events.

- **December 6** - Last night for children's/youth activities, and Life & Faith classes
- **December 13** - Final dinner and Bridge
- Sanctuary Choir will continue meeting every week *besides* December 27

Regular activities will resume on **January 10!**

Sermon		Tom Ogburn
	<b>"Saying Grace"</b> 1 Corinthians 1:4-9	
*Hymn of Response 377		Congregation
	<b>"There Is a Redeemer"</b> GREEN	
Sharing of Public Decisions		
*Spoken Benediction		Tom Ogburn
*Choral Benediction		Sanctuary Choir
	<b>"May the Lord Bless You and Keep You"</b> Ted Nichols	
	May the Lord bless you and keep you; May His love surround you with joy, And give you peace, give you peace. Amen, Amen, Amen.	
Organ Postlude		Rhonda Carpenter
	<b>"Come Thou Fount"</b> arr. Jason D. Payne	

\*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.**