

FIRSTLIFE

WHY I SING: HALEY WOMACK

BY RACHEL BELL



Haley Womack and her husband, Matt, came to Knoxville in June of this year. Haley is a Financial Counselor, and Matt is in Law School at UT. Both grew up in Baptist churches and describe themselves as “Baptist at heart.” Together, they attended First Baptist from their hometown in Texas, so trying out First Baptist Knoxville was a natural progression for them.

“We tried a few other places,” says Haley. “But First Baptist is a beautiful church and everyone was really welcoming. On our first day, everybody recognized we were a new couple and greeted us. We were really impressed.”

Haley participated in church choirs and school bands throughout childhood, and has always enjoyed singing. When she met her husband, he brought out an even more musical side in her. They often spend time with a guitar or around the piano with Matt’s mother singing hymns and worshipping together.

Hymns are the primary way Haley and Matt worship. They grew up singing out of hymnals and love the simplicity the music. So, as soon as Haley heard the Sanctuary Choir, she knew she wanted to join in.

“I heard the choir, they sounded amazing, and I wanted to be part of it,” says Haley. “My husband and I really like traditional hymns. They just help me worship a little better.”

She loves the aspect of worship that comes along with singing in the choir, but she also loves the challenge and community. Choir practices, which are all followed by a time of prayer for each other, last at least an hour and a half each week, and in the Christmas season they practice even longer.

After her first practice, Haley, who is a soprano, says she was exhausted. While it was “hard on her voice” and even a “work out,” she has seen a major change in her performance since June. She can hit notes she never was able to hit before. She says this “shows how hard they work as a choir” to lead the congregation in authentic worship week-to-week.

Whether she is singing in the choir, in the congregation, or at home by herself, singing functions as continuous worship for Haley. She feels that singing is a natural part of everyone, and, with practice, anyone can do it.

“Singing gives me joy. I feel like it’s a natural thing to do, because, you know, it’s your voice. It’s your own instrument, and you don’t need a separate instrument to do it. It’s kind of a primitive thing.”

WEEKLYUPDATES

Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday School	301
11:00 am	371
Deaf	53
Worship Total	421

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	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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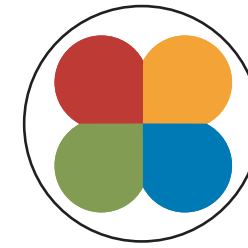
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Dave Ward, Minister Emeritus

Ben Winder, Minister with Youth & Families



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11:00 AM | NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Order of Worship

Prelude Brandon Coffey

“Simple Gifts”
arr. Joseph Martin

Call to Worship Richard Buerkle
Instrumental Call to Worship The Belltone Believers with
Chris Justice, clarinet

“Mary Had a Baby”
arr. Stephenson

Responsive Reading Pam Neal

Leader: We come to prepare for the birth of a King.

People: We come to celebrate the birth of God’s Son, Jesus of Nazareth.

Leader: We begin the holy season of Advent.

People: Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord.

Leader: Let us adorn this sanctuary to honor His birth.

People: Let us sing songs and raise our symbols in dedication to God.

Leader: Let us prepare for God’s gift of hope, the gift of our Messiah.

People: Let us follow the star for we have come to worship Him.

Processional Sanctuary Choir

“Processional of Hope”
Joseph Martin from *Invitation to a Miracle*

*Hymn 79 Congregation

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Veni Emmanuel

Invocation and Welcome Richard Buerkle

Children’s Sermon - The Chrismon Tree Susan Tatum

Children are invited to take a Chrismon and go up to the balcony to help decorate the Christmas Trees before returning to their seats or going to Passage. Parents, you are encouraged to also take a Chrismon and assist your child.

*Hymn 95 Congregation

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

The Evergreens Ben Winder

*Hymn 103 Congregation

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Adeste Fidelis
Stanzas 1 and 3

The Advent Candles Scott Claybrook

“Come, Lord Jesus, Come”
Joel Raney

Words by
CHARLES WESLEY

Music by
JOEL RANEY

Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus,
born_ to set thy peo - ple free; from our
sins and fears re - lease us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Leader: Advent is a time to be filled with anticipation and hope.

Congregation: We wait and hope for the One who will bring light to the darkness.

Leader: Advent is a time to remember that God's love extends to all people.

Congregation: We wait and hope for the One who will bring justice.

Leader: Advent is a time to renew our determination.

Congregation: We wait and hope for the One who will bring righteousness.

Leader: Advent is a time to strive for understanding.

Congregation: We wait and hope for the One who will bring peace.

Offertory Prayer Tom Ogburn

Sermon Tom Ogburn

“Setting the Stage”
Matthew 3:1-12

*Hymn of Response 87 Congregation

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”
Festal Song

Sharing of Public Decisions

*Spoken Benediction Tom Ogburn

*Sung Benediction 143 Congregation

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”
Go tell It

Organ Postlude Rhonda Carpenter

“Good Christians All, Rejoice”
Mary McDonald

*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.

Mobile Directory Now Available!

Our directory is now available in an online format at 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.



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.



Women on Mission

December 6, 10:30 am, Room 302

The December meeting for Women on Mission will be on Wednesday, December 6, with a program on international missions. Lunch (\$6) will follow the meeting.



Women on Mission On Wednesday Night

December 6, 6 pm, Room 304

Everyone, **both men and women**, are welcome to the first session of this new mission opportunity! WOM will be starting a new class periodically on Wednesday nights. The first session will feature FBI Agent Kristina Norris, who will talk with us about child sex-trafficking in America.



Children's Worship and Golden Notes Christmas Concert

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

Join us on December 10 as First Baptist's Children lead us in a worship service. Then, On December 13, we will accompany the Golden Notes in lieu of standard Wednesday night activities.



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.



Winter Schedule

- **November 29** – Last session of Faith & Life classes
- **December 6** - Last night for children's/youth activities and a new mission opportunity: Women On Mission on Wednesday Night
- **December 13** - Final dinner and Bridge
- Sanctuary Choir will continue meeting every week *besides* December 27
- **January 10** - regular activities resume

Christmas Decorations at First Baptist

We invite you to contribute to decorating our beautiful church for the Advent and Christmas season. This includes poinsettias, wreaths, garlands and ribbons for inside and outside. You may contribute as individuals, families, classes or departments. Please designate "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" for gifts of \$20 or more. To make a donation, contact Beverly Shirk at bshirk@fbcknox.org.