

# FIRSTLIFE

WOMEN ON MISSION: RAISING AWARENESS  
OF CHILD SEX-TRAFFICKING

BY RACHEL BELL



**W**omen on Mission, which traditionally meets on the first Tuesday of each month, will be offering a brand-new installment on the first Wednesday night of each month starting this Wednesday, December 6, at 6 pm.

The leader team – comprised of Janice, Teré Atwater, and Tammy Baker – has put together a comprehensive list of mission topics to cover in the coming months at Women on Mission on Wednesday Nights (WOM OWN) including: narcotics abuse, homelessness, hospice care, ministering to PTSD victims, meditation, prayer walks, and child sex-trafficking. The last of which will be covered in their first meeting on December 6, where those in attendance will hear from FBI Special Agent Kristina Norris.

There is a common misconception that human trafficking is mostly a problem outside of the United States or that children who are trafficked in the states are smuggled here from abroad. However, according to Agent Norris, who specializes in Crimes Against Children, most trafficked children in the U.S. are native citizens.

“These are kids who run away from home,” says Agent Norris, “Kids who may have been in foster care most of their life or have some sort of other issue with their home life. It’s more prevalent than people may think.”

In fact, Agent Norris reports that in the first 24-48 hours, 80% of children who find themselves on the streets are approached by a trafficker, who will take on any disguise to draw in children. They will even offer the child the chance to “make it” in show business or modeling. Then, Agent Norris says, the trafficker will normally manipulate the child in the forms of physical or substance abuse, as well as threatening to hurt or kill the child’s loved ones.

Child sex-trafficking is a painful and difficult situation with no easy solution. Organizations like the FBI train extensively to see investigations through to the end. Their ultimate goal is to put guilty parties in prison and free the victims of these crimes, but it is no easy task.

Agent Norris, who has been working in Crimes Against Children for the majority of her career, attests to the difficulty of the situation but encourages community awareness as a first step.

Whether you are a man or woman, if you want to learn what you can do for preyed-upon children, come to WOM OWN this Wednesday. Agent Norris will point First Baptist in the right direction so we might be aware of this situation in our community and country.

Visit our blog to learn more about child sex-trafficking and the new opportunities to serve through Women on Mission: [fbcknox.org/womown](http://fbcknox.org/womown)

## 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

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.**

## Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday School	301
First Community	86
11:00 am	304
Deaf	27
Worship Total	417

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)

## Thank You for Praying!

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).

## SPECIAL THANKS

### Orchestra

**Violins:** William Shaub, Zofia Glashauser

**Viola:** Jennifer Bloch

**Cello:** Ildar Khuziakhmetov

**Flute:** Hannah Hammel, Jill Bartine

**Penny Wistle/Recorder:** Patti Foster

**Oboe:** Claire Chenette

**Clarinet:** Gary Sperl, Becky Rowe

**Horn:** Jeffrey Whaley

**Trumpet:** Phillip Chase Hawkins, Brian Winegardner

**Trombone:** Sam Chen

**Timpani/Percussion:** Michael Combs, Matthew Waldron

**Harp/Keys:** Rhonda Carpenter

**Piano:** Brando Coffey

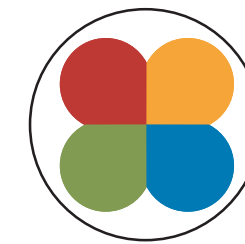
### Soloists

Jilly Hobby, “My Soul Rejoices”

Jeanne Eskew & Niki Caswell, “Celtic Cradle Carol”

Julie Rice, “Gloria Gathering”

David Mosher, “Sing We Now of Christmas”



# FIRSTBAPTIST KNOXVILLE

11:00 AM | DECEMBER 3, 2017

## Invitation to a Miracle

by Joseph M. Martin

Prelude

Orchestra

### “Overture”

#### “A Processional of Hope”

Narrators Mark Palmer and Sharon Bowman

A miracle shall come. A Morning Star shall rise.  
The glory of Emmanuel shall gild the skies.  
O come, O come, Emmanuel; and ransom captive Israel.  
Declare to every land; proclaim in every place  
The promise of redemption, and the dawn of grace.  
The people mourn in darkness and night.  
With hope they wait the coming of the Light.  
Rejoice! (x2) Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel (x2)

### “Joy Arising”

Prophet, tell us of the night; what its signs of promise are.  
Seeker, O what wondrous sight: a glory-beaming star.  
Prophet, does its beautiful ray, news of joy of hope foretell?  
Seeker, yes, it brings the day; the promised day of Israel.

\* Hava nagila (x3) Let us rejoice! Come rejoicing, ye people of Zion.  
Lift your voices in jubilant song to the Lord.

Prophet, tell us of the night, for the morning seeks to dawn.  
Seeker, shadows take their flight. All doubt and fear are gone. All fear is gone.

\* Hebrew translation: “Let us rejoice.”

### “Your Light Has Come”

Arise and shine; your Light has come, the Savior of the nations.  
Arise and shine; your Light has come; behold Emmanuel.  
The glory of the Lord has come! Come and rejoice. Come and see what God has done.

Arise and shine; your Light has come, the hope of all creation.  
Arise and shine; your Light has come. Let joy awake the dawn.  
The glory of the Lord has come! Come and rejoice.  
Lift your voice. Arise; your Light has come!

Hear the glad tidings that we bring: heaven’s declaration.  
Mountains ring and canyons sing. Hear the proclamation.  
Call His name Emmanuel: God with us abiding.  
Now the heavens shine and tell. See His star is rising.

Arise and shine; your Light has come, the Savior of the nations.  
Arise and shine; your Light has come; behold Emmanuel.  
The glory of the Lord has come! Come and rejoice. Lift your voices to the sky.

### “My Soul Rejoices in the Lord”

Behold, a virgin shall conceive (x2) and she will bear a Son (x2)  
and they will call His name Emmanuel. Emmanuel, God is with us.

# SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Throughout the month of December, we have a goal of giving \$20,000 to mission through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (IMB) and the Offering for Global Missions (CBF). Please pray about how you might contribute and change lives.

## KidsHope Mentor Needed!!

If you have been at all interested in mentoring for KidsHope, we have a special request of you! A few children in particular at South Knox Elementary school are in need of mentors as quickly as possible. Will you step in to serve these children? Please contact Arthur Clayton today at [aclayton@fbcknox.org](mailto:aclayton@fbcknox.org).



## Christmas Shop Set-up

December 3 after Sunday School | December 4 at 10 am (if need)

An opportunity to aid First Baptist's annual Christmas Shop event – volunteers are requested to clear rooms while setting up tables and chairs. Please contact Susan Tatum at [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org) if you can help.



## Women on Mission

December 6, 10:30 am, Room 302

The December meeting for Women on Mission will feature 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 on the first Wednesday night of every month. The first session will feature FBI Agent Kristina Norris, who will talk 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. The Christmas dinner menu will be prime rib, chicken, and trimmings. Entertainment will be provided by Ada and Company including Dr. Phil (Tom Ogburn) with special guest, Alan Williams, from WVLT. Tickets are \$10.



## Winter Schedule

- **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 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](mailto:bshirk@fbcknox.org).

Would I miss the miracle? Would I see the King,  
or would my life be so consumed with ordinary things?  
Would I miss the wonder, the hope that Christmas brings?  
Would I miss the miracle? Would I see the King?

If a stranger knocked upon my door tonight in deepest need,  
in my life would there be room for anyone but me?  
Would I hear the voice of God within a Baby's cry?  
Would I open up my heart and welcome Him inside?

Sermon

Tom Ogburn

### "Invitation to a Miracle"

Isaiah 61:1-3

\*Hymn of Response 83

Congregation

### "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

Sharing of Public Decisions

Tom Ogburn

\*Benediction

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

### "A Gloria Gathering"

Gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo, Deo; in excelsis, in excelsis, in excelsis Deo.  
Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth.  
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
Come and worship. Come and worship. Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

\* Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we all Noel! (x2)  
Sing we Noel. Sing we glad Noel. The King is born, Noel. Sing we Noel.  
Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we all Noel! Sing we Noel! Noel! Noel!  
Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we all Noel. Sing we Noel. Sing we Noel.  
Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we all Noel! Sing we Noel! Sing a glad Noel!

Come, let us adore Him. Come, let us adore Him.  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies.  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

### Congregation stands and sings with Choir:

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!**

**Light and life to all He brings; risen with healing in His wings.**

**Mild, He lays His glory by; born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.**

**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!  
Glory to the newborn King!"**

Sing glory to God in the highest! Sing glory to God in the highest!  
Christ, the Lord, is born! Christ is born! Christ is born! Christ is born!

\* Latin translation: "Glory to God in the highest."

Organ Postlude

Rhonda Carpenter

### "Gloria"

Jason D. Payne

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

My soul rejoices in the Lord. My heart exalts my Savior;  
for He regards me with His love, and shows to me His favor.  
My soul rejoices in His light; and I am fill with wonder.  
His grace speaks softly as the rain. His truth resounds like thunder.

Glory be to God on high. Glory, laud, and magnify.  
I can hear the angel cry, "Call the baby, Jesus."

Rejoice, ye people; lift your song. The time has come for singing.  
Lift your voices loud and strong, till all the world is ringing.  
Glory be to God on high. Glory, laud, and magnify.  
Lift your voices to the sky. Praise the name of Jesus.

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.  
My soul rejoices in the Lord. My heart exalts the Savior.  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.  
My soul rejoices in my God. My soul rejoices in my God.

Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art.  
Dear desire of every nation. Joy! Joy! Joy! (x2) Joy of every longing heart.

Glory be to God on high. Glory, laud, and magnify.  
Lift your voices to the sky. Praise the name of Jesus. I will sing alleluia! (x2)  
My soul rejoices in the Lord. (x2) I'll call my baby Jesus. All shall call Him Jesus. Jesus.

### "A Celtic Cradle Carol"

Hush, my dear One, sleep is calling. Rest, as star-shine warms the night.  
Hearts are glowing; cattle lowing. In the stable, there is light.  
Angels guard You; none shall harm You. Dream, my Child, in heavenly peace.  
In a manger, far from danger, shepherds guard on bended knees.

In the silence, Love is sleeping; no more weeping, all is well.  
In the shadows, eyes are gazing. Hearts are praising; spirits swell.  
Hear the singing; music ringing, angels bringing songs of joy.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to the baby Boy.

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down.  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion. Pure, unbounded love Thou art.  
Visit us with Thy salvation. Enter every trembling heart. (x2) Alleluia.

### "Alleluia! Christ Is Born"

The bells of heaven are ringing. They ring a jubilant song. The angels join with singing.  
They bring a song to the Lord to the Son who is born. Alleluia. Sing alleluia.  
Break forth in jubilant song. Come raise a glad alleluia. Sing alleluia. Jesus Christ is born.

Creation shares the wonder. The stars shine bright as morn.  
The hills resound like thunder. They bring a song to the Lord;  
to the Son who was born. Alleluia. Sing alleluia. Break forth in jubilant song.  
Come raise a glad alleluia. Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia. Jesus Christ is born.

Sing we joyfully; and sing we merrily; for unto us a Son is given.  
Angels now are winging; joyful tidings bringing. \* Jubilate, jubilate. Christ is born!

Sing out with hearts of gladness. Reach out with peace and love.  
Proclaim the end of sadness; and bring a song to the Lord; to the Son who was born.  
Alleluia. Sing alleluia. Break forth in jubilant song. Come raise a glad alleluia. Sing alleluia.  
Jesus Christ is born. Jesus Christ, the Lord, is born!

\* Latin translation: "Shout for joy."

Offertory

### "Would I Miss the Miracle?"

If angels fill the skies tonight, would I hear them sing?  
Would tomorrow find me saying it was all a dream?  
Would I leave my bed and go outside to hear their song?  
Would I go on sleeping until the morning dawned?