

FIRSTLIFE

SMALL NUMBERS, BIG IMPACT:
FIRST BAPTIST CHRISTMAS SHOP
BY RACHEL BELL



Our first annual Christmas Shop was last week, and it was a great experience. Thirty First Baptist volunteers served 13 families for a total of 31 children. We hope to build lasting relationships with some of these families as a result of the Shop.

As you may know, this endeavor took the place of Christmas programs like Christmas Brunch and Angel Tree shopping. The Christmas Shop, while not as large as the previous endeavors, will have a large impact on the people involved. We are intentionally choosing quality over quantity.

Parents and Grandparents of South Knox Elementary School children were able to sign up for the program upon their commitment to complete 6 hours of volunteer service in their community. The hours ensured that the families got to work for their children's Christmas gifts, just as they would have had they been paying with money. We wanted to empower them to provide for their children not through a handout, but a hand up.

"You know, the community deserves things to be as equal for them as anyone else," says Arthur Clayton. "So, that's what I thought was really cool about the program itself."

For each child, the guardians were able to pick out three stocking stuffers, a small, medium, and large gift, as well as a handmade hat and scarf from our Knots of Love ministry, an age-appropriate Bible, a gift basket, resources on First Baptist, and wrapping paper for the lot. Each family unit was assigned a Personal Shopping Assistant, and each gift station was assigned as volunteers to make the process run smoothly.

Myra Nunley, who has volunteered with us for Angel Tree in previous years, worked this year as one of the Personal Shopping Assistants. This meant she was paired with different families and walked them from gift room to gift room. She talked with the families to learn about their children's likes and dislikes and was then able to guide them in choosing gifts. Myra says in comparison to Angel Tree, where preselected gifts are given out to clients with little-to-no personal interaction, the Christmas Shop was "a thousand times better."

The volunteers really were the key ingredient. They added something that is difficult to pinpoint. The atmosphere was so positive. Everyone, including the participating families, was happy and kind and upbeat. Life stories were exchanged, hurts were prayed for, laughter was shared. It didn't feel like charity. It felt like family.

Like what you read? The full story is even better. Check it out at: fbcknox.org/the_shop

WEEKLYUPDATES

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday School	332
First Community	80
11:00 am	482
Deaf	32
Worship Total	594

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	Oct '17	FY 2017/18 YTD
Unified Expenses	\$174,797	\$651,600
Unified Receipts	\$157,229	\$574,542
Offering	\$140,599	\$489,150
Transfer from Designated	\$6,580	\$48,787
Kitchen	\$3,450	\$10,206
Parking Lot	\$6,600	\$26,400
Estate Gifts	\$0	\$0
Less: Money moved to Missions	(\$6,875)	(\$27,500)
Total Receipts	\$150,354	\$547,042
Excess/Deficit	(\$24,443)	(\$104,558)

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Richard Buerkle, Minister of Music & Worship

Scott Claybrook, Minister with Young Adults

Arthur Clayton, Minister of Congregational Mission and Minister with the Deaf

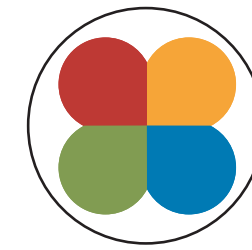
Pam Neal, Minister for Administration

Tom Ogburn, Senior Pastor

Susan Tatum, Minister with Children & Families

Dave Ward, Minister Emeritus

Ben Winder, Minister with Youth & Families



FIRSTBAPTIST KNOXVILLE

11:00 AM | DECEMBER 10, 2017

Order of Worship

Prelude Mamie Sullivan

"He Shall Feed His Flock"
arr. Albin Whitworth

Call to Worship Golden Notes Choir

"Worship Christ, the Newborn King"
Lloyd Larson

Child in the manger, Infant of Mary, outcast and stranger, Lord of all.
Child who inherits all our transgressions, all our demerits on Him fall.
Let us worship and adore Him. Christ is born, hear the angels sing!

Join with shepherds who kneel before Him, before Him;
worship Christ, the newborn King.

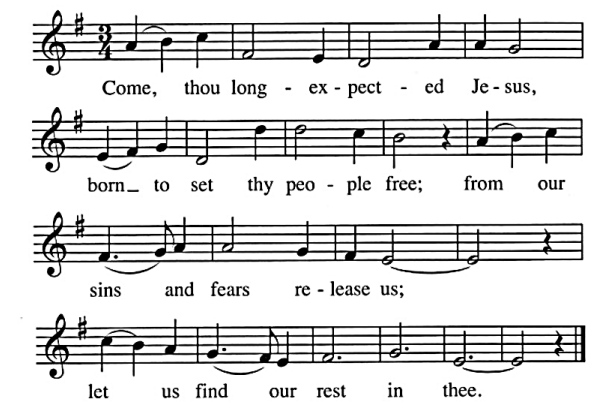
Prophets foretold Him, Infant of wonder; angels behold Him on His throne.
Worthy our Savior of all our praises; happy forever are His own.
Let us worship and adore Him. Christ is born, hear the angels sing!

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary. Worship Christ, the newborn King!

*Advent Reading Golden Notes Choir with Belltone Believers
The Campbell Family

"Come, Lord Jesus, Come"
Joel Raney

Words by CHARLES WESLEY Music by JOEL RANEY



Leader: Advent is marked by a spirit of yearning for peace.
Congregation: May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.
Leader: We long today for peace among the nations.
Congregation: May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.
Leader: We long today for peace among the races.
Congregation: May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.
Leader: We long today for peace in our hearts and in our lives.
Congregation: May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

SERMONNOTES

Today we light two candles – the candle of hope and the candle of peace. The light of this second candle reminds us that God’s purpose in sending his Son into the world was to bring peace. We look at the division, the fighting, and the turmoil around us, and we see a world in dire need. We remind ourselves that peace begins with forgiveness and that forgiveness begins in our hearts.

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 102 Golden Notes and Congregation
“Joy to the World”
ANTIOCH

Pastoral Prayer Tom Ogburn
*Hymn 107 Congregation

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
ST. LOUIS

Scripture Reading (Psalm 85:5-13) Ben Winder

Offertory Prayer Pam Neal

Offertory Golden Notes Choir
“Glory in the Highest”
Lloyd Larson

Gloria! We sing glory in the highest! Peace to all the earth.

Gloria! We sing glory in the highest! Celebrate the holy Savior’s birth, His holy birth.

There were shepherds in the lonely fields guarding flocks of sheep by night
when suddenly the darkened sky was ablaze with heaven’s light.

An angel of the Lord appeared saying, “Do not be afraid,
I bring you news of greatest joy! For the Lord is born this day, this day!”

Go to Bethlehem—you’ll find the Child in a lowly cattle stall, a cattle stall,
in swaddling cloths, a bed of hay, the King, the Lord of All!
The shepherds marveled at the news as the angels filled the sky.
They hurried off to Bethlehem shouting praise to God on high!

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back they joyous strains. Glory to God on high!

Sermon Tom Ogburn
“A Present and Future Peace”
Psalm 85:5-13

*Hymn of Response 377 Congregation
“There Is a Redeemer”
GREEN

Sharing of Public Decisions
*Spoken Benediction Tom Ogburn

*Choral Benediction Golden Notes Choir
“Sing Joy to All the World”
Lloyd Larson

Sing joy, joy to all the world! Sing joy, joy to all the world!
Sing joy, sing for joy! Sing joy!

Organ Postlude Rhonda Carpenter
“People, Look East”
Stephen L. Aber

*Congregation is asked to stand as you are able.

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.

Children’s Christmas Worship

December 10 at 5 pm

Join us on December 10 as First Baptist’s Children lead us in a worship service.



Golden Notes Christmas Concert

December 13 at 6 pm

Join us as the Golden Notes present: Sing Joy to All the World A Christmas Celebration by Lloyd Larson.



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 13** - Final dinner and Bridge
- Sanctuary Choir will continue meeting every week *besides* December 27
- **December 24** - Regular Sunday morning schedule plus our Christmas Eve Service at 5 pm
- **December 25-26 & January 1** - Offices closed
- **January 10** - regular activities resume

Christmas Eve Service

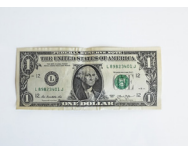
December 24, 5 pm, Sanctuary



End-of-Year Giving

Through December 31

The church offices will be open to receive year-end gifts through December 31st at 5 pm in order for them to count toward your 2014 charitable giving tax deduction. We are grateful for your generosity and what it means in the life and ministry of our church family. For a list of ways you can give, check out fbcknox.org/yearendgive.



CBF Winter Youth Summit

January 12-14, Huntsville, Alabama, Forms and Payment due TODAY

Today is the last day to sign up for our Winter Youth Summit. This year’s theme is Beyond, and will encourage our youth to trust God for immeasurably more. Forms can be found at fbcknox.org/youth/events.



Be On Our Security Team | Orientation Meeting

January 14, 12:15 pm, 242, Lunch Provided

In the wake of the church shooting in Texas, we would like to enhance our present Security Team and invite anyone who would like to be involved to this orientation meeting. We have multiple ways you can serve, some of which can be done while sitting in worship. RSVP to Pam Neal at pneal@fbcknox.org if you are interested in attending.

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.