

# FIRSTLIFE

175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF:  
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

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In the first few years of being an established church, First Baptist members coined the phrase: In the Center of the City With the Saviour. Today we have adapted a new version: Becoming the People of God, In the City, For the City. God put us in the city on purpose, and we are thrilled to celebrate 175 years of following God into the unknown for his glory.

That is what the Kick-Off Celebration will be all about. We'll take an intentional look back at our past then take an intentional step forward into our future. We see this mirrored in the Bible when God commands Joshua and the Israelites to erect 12 stones in remembrance of what God had done for them. Then, God has them leave the stones, turn, and enter into the promise land. Throughout it all, God iterates over and over to be strong and courageous for they are about to experience something they never have before. We believe God is asking the same of us.

So, on January 21, we will kick off a year of intentionally thanking God for being faithful and taking the next steps into what God has for us. Here is how the celebration on the 21st will go:

## Unified Service | 10:30 am | Sanctuary

Come and enjoy 90 minutes of worship featuring music from across the life of our church and across the generations. We'll showcase the First Community Worship Team, the Sanctuary Choir, as well as a commission piece by John Purifoy. We will also kick off our latest sermon series: *Becoming the People of God*. This series will usher us into the new year and take us all the way through Easter, looking at 12 old testament characters and challenging us to embrace the future God has for us with courage.

## Celebration Luncheon | 12 pm | Trentham Hall

Tickets: \$5/person, \$20/max for families

Directly after the Unified Service, join us in Trentham Hall for a catered luncheon. You will not recognize Trentham Hall. Think VBS, then think bigger. Here, we'll have a presentation featuring the first in a documentary series about our past, present, and future called *Becoming the People of God*. We'll also unveil the church-wide photo that was taken in December and roll our details for our 175th Anniversary Campaign. Every family in attendance will get a special commemorative gift.

## The Anniversary Campaign

Join us on the 21st for a presentation about this matching campaign. Scott Claybrook and Lauren Stewart will tell you everything you need to know. Our goal is to prepare our church for the next generation of believers by impacting all areas of our 4-Fold Mission.

If you're planning on attending, will you RSVP or share the event on Facebook? This will increase awareness and attendance! [fb.com/firstbaptistknoxville/events](http://fb.com/firstbaptistknoxville/events)

## WEEKLYUPDATES

### Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers are given to begin the year 2018 marking the 175th anniversary of First Baptist Knoxville by grateful members. Glory be to God.

### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday School	199
First Community	90
11:00 am	280
Deaf	30
Worship Total	400

### 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	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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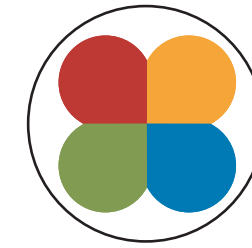
Pam Neal, Minister for Administration

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 | JANUARY 7, 2018

## Order of Worship

Prelude Brandon Coffey

**"It Is Well with My Soul"**  
arr. Mark Hayes

Choral Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir

**"Worship the Lord"**  
Monsell/Fettke

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His name!

\* Responsive Call to Worship Richard Buerkle

**"Journey"**  
by Sharlande Sledge

Where are you, pilgrims? Do you know?

**Once we were in familiar territory. But now God has called us out and away from home. We do not know where God is leading. We often wander about in our own land without bread, a roof, a map. And without a guide, we are not sure where to go.**

Do you see the Light? Do you see it beckoning you forward, calling you away and home again? It is the Light of God, shining for you.

**Journeying God, pitch your tent with us, so that we may not become deterred by unfamiliar landscapes and detours in the road.**

At every turn we are blessed and contained by your ancient and steadfast love that continually and insistently sustains us.

**Through your Word, give us strength to continue our pilgrimage, searching for your Light to guide the way.**

\*Hymn 33 Congregation

**"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**  
CWM RHONDDA

Welcome Pam Neal

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 303 Congregation

**"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"**  
HOLY MANNA

Pastoral Prayer Scott Claybrook

\*Hymn 509 Congregation

**"Trust and Obey"**  
TRUST AND OBEY

Scripture Reading (Genesis 12:1-3)

Mark Parsons

Offertory Prayer

Sharon Bowman

Offertory

Sanctuary Choir

**“Grace”**  
arr. Mark Hayes

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch, a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already safely come;  
This grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home,  
I shall go home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, the glorious sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than since the day we first begun,  
Than since the day we first begun.

Sermon Tom Ogburn

**Be Strong and Courageous: Becoming the People of God**  
**“To the Land I Will Show You”**  
Genesis 12:1-3

\*Hymn of Response 491 Congregation

**“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go”**  
FALLS CREEK

Sharing of Public Decisions

\*Spoken Benediction Tom Ogburn

\*Choral Benediction Sanctuary Choir

**“Great God, We Sing Your Guiding Hand”**  
OLD 100TH

With grateful hearts the past we own;  
the future, all to us unknown,  
we to Your guardian care commit,  
and peaceful leave before Your feet.

Organ Postlude Rhonda Carpenter

**“Toccata on ‘Hymn to Joy”**  
Douglas Wagner

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

## SERMONNOTES

### 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

Today is the first Sunday of the month;  
we will receive our Community Care/Benevolence Offering,  
which allows us to meet the critical needs of those in our community.

### 175th Anniversary Kick-Off

Worship Service: January 21, 10:30 am

Luncheon: \$5/person, \$20 max/family

The Celebration will begin with a unified service at 10:30 am. There will be no Sunday School or First Community.

Afterwards, we will head to Trentham Hall for a church-wide luncheon. For updates, sign up for our special 175th Anniversary Email at [fbcknox.org/175](http://fbcknox.org/175).



### Wednesday Night Activities Resume

January 10

All Wednesday activities will resume on January 10. This includes, children and youth activities, Bridge, Bible study, dinner, Women on Mission on Wednesday Night, and a brand new cycle of Life & Faith Classes.

### Life & Faith Class Options

Starting January 10

Choose from three classes that will be offered through February 7:

- Digging Deeper: 2 Timothy - Bob Browder | Rm 302
- Twelve Ordinary Men: A Closer Look at Jesus’ Disciples - Tom Ogburn | Rm 305
- The Emotionally Healthy Woman II - Beth Ogburn | Rm 301



### Women on Mission in 2018

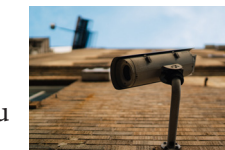
Women on Mission will look slightly different this year. The monthly Tuesday morning installment will remain the same. While there will be no meeting in January, they will resume meeting on February 6 at 10:30 am in 302. We will also be offering a night installment called Women on Mission on Wednesday Night (WOM OWN). They will meet on the first Wednesday night of each month beginning January 10 (then February 7, March 7, etc) at 6 pm in 304. To be added to the email list, contact Janice McCoy at [jcmmph@gmail.com](mailto:jcmmph@gmail.com).



### Be On Our Security Team | Orientation Meeting

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

We would like to enhance our Security Team and invite anyone interested 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](mailto:pneal@fbcknox.org) if you are interested in attending.



### Inclement Weather Policy

If Knox County Schools close on a weekday, we cancel all activities that day, including meetings. For weekend activities, we will make decisions based on conditions and post closings or delays on local television stations, [fbcknox.org](http://fbcknox.org), and our Facebook ([fb.com/firstbaptistknoxville](http://fb.com/firstbaptistknoxville)). The 11 am service will be held each Sunday.

### Pray for the CBF Winter Youth Summit

Pray for our youth and adult leaders as they attend this summit in Huntsville, AL next weekend.

### Senior Adult Bingo

February 1, 12:30 pm, Trentham Hall | Lunch Offered

Join us for a time of fellowship and fun through Bingo! Come, enjoy, laugh, and win prizes! Lunch will be offered at 11:30 am for \$6.

