

May 2, 2021

## Welcome

Name

How can we contact you? (email or phone)

## Prayer Request

How can we pray for you?

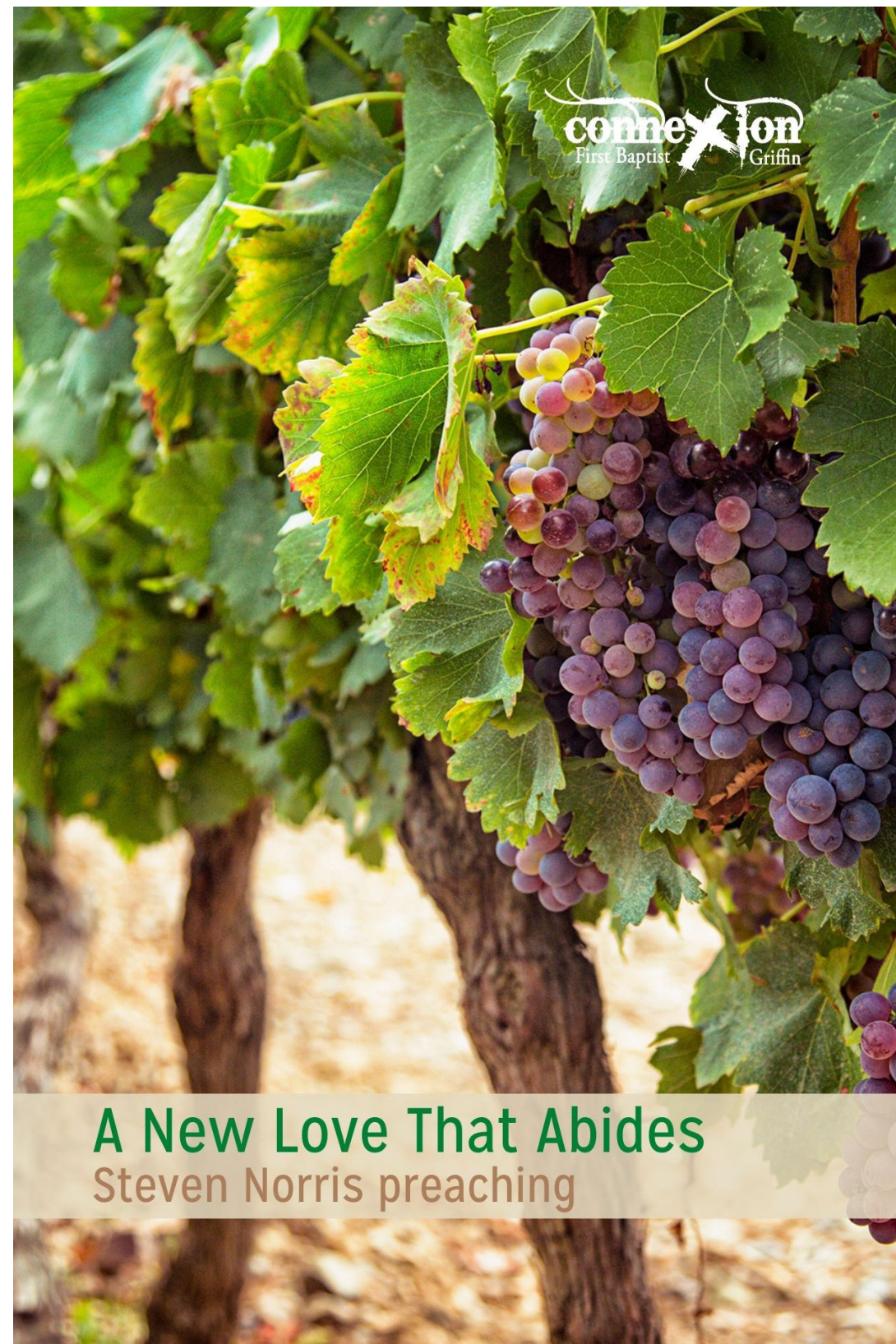


## Sermon Notes

Steven Norris preaching  
"A New Love that Abides"  
1 John 4: 7-21

Seth Brown, Minister to Students  
Erin Clarke, Minister of Music  
Ellee Hilley, Director of Worship Arts  
Steven Norris, Senior Pastor

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**A New Love That Abides**  
Steven Norris preaching



# Connexion Worship

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*The act of singing creates an increased risk of spreading COVID. If worshippers choose to sing, we ask that you be considerate of others by wearing a mask and staying at least 6 feet apart throughout the service.*

*Following the Time for Children, children ages pre-K through 5th grade should remain with their families to celebrate Communion.*

*Stand in Your Love  
O Praise the Name  
How He Loves  
God Who Listens  
Worthy*

Adam Pugh  
Laura Kirby  
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Baby Dedication

Kambryn Ann Bland

Scripture Reading

1 John 4: 7-21

Marcia Henry

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. We love each other because he loved us first. If someone says, “I love God,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don’t love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.

Communion

At First Baptist, we believe that Jesus’ invitation to the Lord’s Table is for all His followers. Anyone who proclaims, “Jesus is Lord,” may take part.

Want to view today’s Connexion bulletin on your phone?

Scan the code or use the link provided.

<https://bible.com/events/48689066>



## What’s Happening @ FBC

### NEWS AND EVENTS

#### Called Church Conference May 9

Members, please plan to stay a few extra minutes after service next week to participate in our Church Conference. We will vote on two issues: 1) to approve a Search Committee that will begin looking for a new Children’s Minister; and 2) to fill two positions on the FBC Endowment Board that will become vacant at the end of June.

#### The Church on the Other Side

We invite you to join us on Wednesday nights throughout the month of May as we ask ourselves, “What does it mean to be the Church on the other side of this pandemic?” This series is part of the FBC “Six Months of Intentional Discernment.” These conversations will be facilitated by senior pastor, Steven Norris, and will be held at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

#### Baby Dedication During Connexion Service Today

Rejoice with us as Nicholas and Loren Bland dedicate their daughter, Kambryn Ann Bland, during the 11:15 Connexion service today.

#### Children’s Ministry Help Needed

We have been working diligently to fill out a rotation for volunteers in the preschool and children’s Sunday worship care and Children’s Church areas. Can you spare one Sunday every six weeks to help out where you are needed? We still have spots to be filled. This is a team effort, so please reach out to us and let us know how you can help — email us at [info@fbcgriffin.org](mailto:info@fbcgriffin.org) or speak to a staff member today.

#### XYZ Restarts May 11

We’re kicking off a new season with a meal catered by Touch of Grace and a performance by the Ukulele Ensemble! Make plans to join us on May 11. You can RSVP for your meal by clicking on the XYZ event on our FBC Griffin calendar in the app or on the website. The cost for the meal is \$6.

#### Senior Recognition May 16

Are you — or is someone in your family who attends FBC — a graduating senior? Send us your name, school, and degree so we can recognize your achievement on Senior Recognition Day. If you have pictures, we will be happy to take those too! Lunch will be provided following the 11:15am service for high school graduates. Email information to [sethbrown@fbcgriffin.org](mailto:sethbrown@fbcgriffin.org) by May 2.

#### It’s Planting Time Again!

The FBC Community Garden is looking for volunteers to assist with weeding, watering, picking and delivering vegetables this spring and summer. Gardening experience isn’t required and we will be glad to meet volunteers to explain what needs to be done and to answer any questions. Volunteers can sign up by contacting Patrick Shepherd at (678) 776-6286.

#### New Young Adult Sunday School Class Begins Today

Warren and Camilla Huddleston open their Young Adult Sunday school class at 10:15am today in the Instrumental Room on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.

#### Women’s Retreat at Callaway Gardens — Interest Form Available

Ladies, if you have an interest in joining this weekend getaway in October, please fill out the interest form available at [fbcgriffin.org/2021-womens-retreat](http://fbcgriffin.org/2021-womens-retreat).

## Offering

At FBC Griffin, we recognize that offerings come in many shapes and sizes. We believe that God has entrusted each of us with resources that are to be used for God’s glory and the bringing of God’s kingdom “on earth as it is in heaven.” Therefore, we encourage you to be good stewards of those resources.

Feel free to use the space below for additional offerings that you would like to present back to God during worship through our online giving feature or by mail.

Gifts of Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts of Talents: \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts of Presence: \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts of Prayer: \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts of Resources: \_\_\_\_\_