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*First Baptist Church*  
*Athens, Georgia*

April 23, 2017

11:00 a.m.

*Second Sunday of Easter*

## Weekly Calendar

### *Creative Brooding:*

*When Jesus spoke to the two sad travelers on the road, and explained to them the words of Scriptures that were about himself, their hearts began to burn; that is, they experienced his presence. Speaking about himself, he became present to them. With his words he did much more than simply make them think of him, or instruct them about himself, or inspire them with his memory. Through his words, he became really present to them....The word creates what it expresses.*

*On the road to Emmaus, Jesus became present through his word, and it was that presence that transformed sadness to joy and mourning to dancing....The word that is read and spoken wants to lead us into God's presence and transform our hearts and minds. Often we think about the word as an exhortation to go out and change our lives. But the full power of the word lies, not in how we apply it to our lives after we have heard it, but in its transforming power that does its divine work as we listen.*

*When Jesus joins us on the road and explains the Scriptures to us, we must listen with our whole being, trusting that the word that creates us will also heal us.*

— Henri J. M. Nouwen, "With Burning Hearts"

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*First Baptist Church is a thriving community in Christ  
where we all participate in worship  
and are transformed by mission.*

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#### **Sunday, April 23**

9:15 a.m. .... Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship — Fanning Foyer  
9:45—10:45 a.m. .... Sunday School and Bible Study — throughout the building  
11:00 a.m. .... Worship Service — Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. .... College Luncheon — Rotunda.  
5:15 p.m. .... Youth Choir — Choir Rm.  
6:00 p.m. .... Youth Activities — E-113

#### **Monday, April 24**

10:00 a.m. .... Embroiderer's Guild — E-112  
12:00 p.m. .... Newsletter Deadline  
2:00 p.m. .... Staff Meeting — Farrall Conference Rm.  
5:00 p.m. .... Kiwanis Club — Rotunda  
6:00 p.m. .... Sisters on a Mission — Ebenezer Baptist Church West

#### **Tuesday, April 25**

7:00 p.m. .... Boy Scout Troop 22— S-304

#### **Wednesday, April 26**

5:00 p.m. .... Wednesday Night Supper — Fellowship Hall  
5:45 p.m. .... Welcome Prayer and Announcements — Fellowship Hall  
5:45 p.m. .... Children's Choir — F-115/116/117/118  
6:00 p.m. .... C.O.W. (Christ on Wednesdays) — E-113  
6:00 p.m. .... College Activities — College Rm.  
6:00 p.m. .... Adult Discipleship — Fellowship Hall  
*Seminaries, Congregations and Theological Education: A conversation with Dr. Jeffrey Willetts*  
6:30 p.m. .... Mission Kids — F-115/116/117/118  
7:00 p.m. .... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Choir Rm.

#### **Sunday, April 30**

8:30 a.m. .... Reach Out Team — Farrall Conference Rm.  
9:15 a.m. .... Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship — Fanning Foyer  
9:45—10:45 a.m. .... Sunday School and Bible Study — throughout the building  
11:00 a.m. .... Worship Service — Youth Sunday — Sanctuary  
12:00 noon .... Boy Scout Troop #22 Barbeque — Fellowship Hall

## The Sunday Messenger

**STAR TRIP: THE TRUTH AWAKENS** is the theme of this summer's Vacation Bible School at FBC on June 5-9. Rising Kindergartners through 6th graders are invited to attend. Online registration is now open on the FBC website (go to "News" for the link). Mark your calendars and make sure to invite your friends!

Do Justice. Love Kindness. Walk Humbly is the theme for **PASSPORTkids 2017**. Open to children who are currently in grades 3-6, the camp will be held June 27-30 in Summerton, SC. The cost is \$235 per camper — scholarships are available. Questions? Contact Janet Cleland (janet@firstbaptistathens.org).

On Thursday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m., the Sanford and Florence Schwartz Symposium Fund is sponsoring an evening of **INTERFAITH DIALOGUE** at the Congregation Children of Israel (115 Dudley Drive, Athens). The presenters include Rabbi Eric Linder, Congregation Children of Israel; Rev. Paul Baxley, First Baptist Athens; Rev. Alison Eskildsen, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship; and Imam Adel Amer, Al Huda Islamic Center. Judge Lawton Stephens will moderate the evening. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The results of our recent **DEACON ELECTION** have been compiled. We welcome our latest class of deacons: Mary Conley, Jill Dawson, Pam Dillard, Jim Ebert, Daniel Haygood, Joanna Hill, Bill Hopper, Connie Ivester, Shaun O'Rear, Jeff Randa, Alan Reddish, and Amy Young. Watch upcoming editions of FBC News for biographical sketches of each new Deacon.

### Our Church on Mission

**Emergency Food Bank Needs:**  
Vienna Sausage, Canned Salmon/Tuna

**SISTERS ON A MISSION** will gather at Ebenezer Baptist Church West on tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy fellowship over a light supper and assemble hygiene kits for Athens Nurses Clinic (small donation for meal welcomed). Susan Henderson will be offering reflections on her volunteer work with the clinic as our devotional. Also, a new opportunity to connect with sisters from Ebenezer will be presented. If you'd like to help with providing items, checks can be made payable to FBC Athens "Sisters on a Mission" in the memo.

Wednesday Night **ADULT DISCIPLESHIP**  
Schedule:

- April 26: Seminaries, Congregations, and Theological Education: A conversation with Dr. Jeffrey Willetts, Dean and Professor of the Philosophy of Religion, McAfee School of Theology and Dr. Greg De Loach, Director of Development, McAfee School of Theology and Penfield College of Mercer University.
- May 3: Construction Update and Preview of Fall 2017
- May 10: Children's Choir and Mission Kids Recognition

## The Worship of God

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Invitation to Worship**

Paul Baxley

**Prelude**

*Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Ruth Elaine Schram  
Chris Adams, Dave Braid, and Margaret McDonald, Trumpets  
Andrew Sehmman, Horn  
Tim Morris and Zeke Williamson, Trombones  
Nick Beltchev, Tuba  
Patrick Young, Conductor

**Invocation**

Janet Cleland

**\*Hymn 205**

*Christ Is Alive!*

TRURO

**Epistle Lessons**

Hebrews 4: 12-13, II Timothy 3:14-17

Brandon Pendry

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* C. L. Bass  
*Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts, We turn unfilled to Thee again.*

*Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;  
To them who seek Thee Thou art good, To them who find Thee all in all.*

*Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, Wher-e'er our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.*

*O Jesus, ever with us stay, Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away, Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.*

— Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th century

**Silent Prayers**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

Amanda Lewis

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**\*Hymn 217**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYMN TO JOY

During the hymn, children are invited to depart for Children's Church/Extended Session.

· Grades 1-2 should leave through the organ-side door at the front of the sanctuary for CHILDREN'S WORSHIP. They will be in room E112 on the 1st floor.

· Pre-K 4's and Kindergarteners should leave for EXTENDED SESSION through the pulpit-side door at the front of the sanctuary. They will be in room F-116 on the 1st floor preschool area.

**Please pick up your children immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service.**

**Gospel Lesson**

Luke 24: 13-25

Frank Granger

**Sermon**

*Risen Christ and Living Word*

Paul Baxley

**\*Hymn 203**

*Day of Arising*

BUNESSAN

**\*Prayer of Stewardship**

Phil Caskey, Deacon

**Offertory**

*The Power of the Cross*

Getty and Townend/  
arr. Mark Hayes

**\*Response of the People**

*Doxology*

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**Recognition of Commitments**

Paul Baxley

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Ellacombe*

arr. Albert Travis

**\*Please stand, if able.**

*Welcome Visitors!*

We are so glad you're here! There are wonderful programs and opportunities for all ages! If you'd like to learn more about our ministries, please fill out the guest information card in the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the offering plate. You may also speak to any of our ushers, greeters, or ministers and then visit the FBC website at [www.firstbaptistathens.org](http://www.firstbaptistathens.org) for more information.

*Recent Prayer Concerns*

Ted Crowe  
James Halligan  
Rob Harris  
Jordan Lyles  
W. C. McArthur  
Faye McNair  
Art Nelson  
June Robertson  
Kevin Rosemond  
Kris Wilson  
Steve Yocum



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Christine and John Q. West and daughters, Linnea and Deupree, in loving memory of his mother, Mary Lamar Erwin West, whose birthday anniversary is April 28.



*Serving Together*

**Co-Deacons of the Week**

**April 23-29:** *Marcia & Phil Caskey*

**April 30—May 1:** *Mary & Steve Barton*

**Welcome Center Team — April 23**

Branyon Foyer: *Jane Hubert, Gayle Noblet*

Fanning Foyer: *Becky Adams, Amy Young*

**Welcome Center Team — April 30**

Branyon Foyer: *Teresa Granger, Christine Lo*

Fanning Foyer: *Wanda Grogan, Al Henderson*

**Fellowship Team**

**April:** *Kim and Wayne Rogers*

*Beth and Mark Sanders*

**Usher Team**

**April:** *Jerry Gouge, Carl Hedrick, Jimmy Thomason, Milton Mills, Randan Ashmore, Steve Smith*

**Counting Committee**

**April 23:** *Dallas Cannady, Kelli Smith*

**April 30:** *Buddy Snow, Dallas Cannady*

**Children's Worship**

**April 23:** *Ashley Gable*

**April 30:** *Jennifer & Craig Ellis*

**Acolytes**

**April 23:** *Skylar Randa, Sadie Leigh Randa*

**April 30:** *Elinor Ellis, Danielle Williamson*