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First Baptist Church
Athens, Georgia

June 4, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

Creative Brooding:

As we gather for worship on this Pentecost Sunday and remember the birth of the Church by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Thomas Troeger's prayer may be perfect for each of us:

*Wind who makes all winds that blow—gusts that bend the saplings low,
Gales that heave the sea in waves, stirrings in the mind's deep caves—
Aim your breath with steady power on your church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.*

*Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, move within our mortal frame.
Make our hearts an altar pyre. Kindle them with your own fire.
Brathe and blow upon that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways
Speak that tongue which every land by your grace shall understand.*

-Thomas Troeger

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 4

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 with Communion — Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Walking Group — FBC Parking Lot

Monday, June 5

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible Study
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting — E-112
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee — E-112

Tuesday, June 6

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 22 — Joe Callaway Classroom

Wednesday, June 7

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Property Management Committee — E-112

Thursday, June 8

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible Study

Friday, June 9

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible Study

Saturday, June 10

Youth Mission Team Leaves for Slovakia

Sunday, June 11

8:30 a.m. Passport Camp Mtg. for Parents and Campers — F-117
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 — Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Walking Group — Oconee Veterans Park

Prayer Concerns

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Virginia Hedrick in the loss of her sister, Betty Weir Hedrick of Marietta, GA, on May 24.

Ted Crowe
James Halligan
Rob Harris
Hilda McDonald
Faye McNair

Henry Ramsey
June Robertson
Kevin Rosemond
Steve Yocum



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers for worship this morning are given in loving memory of Mr. Lanier A. "Skeet" Cobb, June 3, 1922-April 29, 2001, and Mrs. Lanier A. (Gloria Butler) Cobb, July 22, 1928-January 21, 2014. The flowers are given by Tony and Diane Dillard.

The Sunday Messenger

STAR TRIP: THE TRUTH AWAKENS is the theme of this summer's Vacation Bible School at FBC starting tomorrow! Not signed up? There is still room! Online registration is open on the FBC website. Questions? Contact Janet Cleland (janet@firstbaptistathens.org).

The **FBC WALKING GROUP** gathers for a moderate-paced walk each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Tonight, we will walk from the church parking lot. All are welcome!

The **CHURCH LIBRARY** will be closed beginning Monday, June 19 for renovation. The goal is to re-open as soon as the work is complete.

On Thursday, June 15, the Seekers will depart at 10:00 a.m. for a day trip to see the **GEORGIA GUIDESTONES MONUMENT** in Elberton. The itinerary includes a visit to the monument, lunch downtown and a visit to the Elberton Granite Museum. The group plans to return to Athens at 4:00 p.m. Call the church office to RSVP. There is no charge for the trip, but you will be responsible for your own lunch.

Our Church on Mission

Emergency Food Bank Needs:
Cereal, Peanut Butter, Canned Tomatoes

Our next hosting week for the **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK OF ATHENS** will begin on Sunday, June 18. We will need a number of people to make sure our guests are comfortable. Please select a volunteer job of your choice online if you are available to serve.

Our **YOUTH AND ADULT MISSION TEAM** is preparing for a June 10 departure for Slovakia. You can read more about this important mission trip on page 7 of the May edition of FBC News. There is a list of items needed for the trip on the International Bulletin Board in the main hallway outside the sanctuary. Please consider making a donation from that list to support our work. No matter what your contribution may be, please keep our mission team in your thoughts and prayers.

Serving Together

Co-Deacons of the Week

June 4-10: Kim & Wayne Rogers

Welcome Center Team — June 4

Connie Ivester, Martha Ivester,

Beth Sanders, Janice Love

Fellowship Team

Sallyanne Barrow, Tom Brown,

Mary & Steve Barton

Usher Team

Brad Lastinger, Malcolm Skinner, Ches Smith,

Kevin Price, Bill Horton, Larry Toole

Counting Committee

June 4: Jackie Griffin, Michael Jenkins

June 11: Dallas Cannady, Kelli Smith

The Worship of God

Invitation to Worship Paul Baxley

Prelude *Prelude on Two Hymntunes* AURELIA and NICEAEA/
Charles Callahan

Invocation Frank Granger

***Hymn** *On Pentecost They Gathered* AURELIA

*On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.*

*The people all around them were startled and amazed
To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.*

*God pours the Holy Spirit on all those who believe,
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.*

*O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow
O give us hearts to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.*

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

First Scripture Lesson Acts 2: 1-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *God's Gonna Set This World on Fire* Spiritual/
arr. Moses Hogan

*God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days, Hallelujah.
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, Hallelujah
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry one of these days, Hallelujah.
I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty one of these days. Hallelujah.*

Silent Prayers

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
Randy Brittain, Soloist

Keith Getty/
Stuart Townend

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Paul Baxley

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.

*Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.*

***Hymn**

Holy Spirit, Come upon Me

NETTLETON

*Holy Spirit, come upon me, fill me with Your perfect peace.
Free me from the fears that bind me, from my worries bring release.
As a dove, You come from heaven. Stay here now; abide in me.
Teach me how to trust more fully, everlasting mystery.*

*Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.*

*Holy Spirit, come upon me, fill me with Your presence pure.
Let me feel You all around me, hold me with Your love secure.
As a flame, You come from heaven. Stay here now; burn bright in me.
Teach me how to love more fully, everlasting mystery.*

*Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.*

*Holy Spirit, come upon me, fill me with Your mighty power.
Give me strength for every challenge; grant me courage for each hour.
As a wind, You come from heaven, Stay here now; breath life in me.
Teach me how to live more fully, everlasting mystery.*

***Hymn**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will Thy will, to do and to endure.*

*Breath on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.*

*Breath on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.*

Edwin Hatch, 1878

Jan McGuire, 1998
*During the hymn, children in Pre-K 4’s, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-2 are invited to depart for Children’s
Worship (E-117) and Extended Session (F-116) on the first floor preschool area.
>Please pick up your children immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service.<*

Second Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 12: 3b-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

***Prayer of Stewardship**

Wayne Rogers, Deacon

Third Scripture Lesson

John 20: 19-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Offertory

Give Me Jesus

Spiritual/arr. Anna Laura Page

***Response of the People**

Doxology

OLD 100TH

*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*

Sermon

Empowered for Healing

Paul Baxley

Recognition of Commitments

The Celebration of Communion

Prayers of Preparation

The Invitation to the Table

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

The Church’s One Foundation

Samuel Wesley
/arr. Cindy Berry