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First Baptist Church
Athens, Georgia

July 2, 2017

11:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Creative Brooding:

*Anthems to God above, Source of eternal love, Now let us sing!
Praise our Creator's name, Come as our fathers came,
Hail, and with loud acclaim, Our God and King!*

*Thanks for our favored land, By his almighty hand, Guarded from ill:
Thanks for the dew and rain, Broad field and sunny plain,
Where stores of fruit and grain Our garner's fill.*

*Lord, from thy throne on high, Bend thine approving eye O'er us, we pray.
This be our one desire: Faith, love and zeal inspire,
Light with devotion's fire Our souls today.*

Fanny Crosby, 1820-1915

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 2

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 — Church Parking Lot

Monday, July 3

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting — S-104
5:30 p.m. IHNA Volunteer Coordinator Mtg. — Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 4

Church office closed for Independence Day

Thursday, July 6

11:00 a.m. Seekers Team Mtg. — S-104
12:30 p.m. Youth Lunch & Thrift Store Scavenger Hunt — Brett's/America's Thrift Store

Sunday, July 9

9:00 a.m. Youth depart for Passport Camp
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
12:00 p.m. Church Conference — Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Walking Group — Oconee Veterans Park

Serving Together

Co-Deacons of the Week

July 2-8: Helen & Milton Mills

July 9-15: Evelyn & Doug Martin

Welcome Center Team

July 2: Pam & Jackie Griffin

July Fellowship Team

Ches Smith, Erica Spackman,
Andy Ullrich, Fred Young

July Usher Team

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

Counting Committee

July 2: Jackie Griffin, Michael Jenkins



WORSHIP FLOWERS

*The flowers this morning are presented to the
glory of God and in loving recognition of the
birthdays of Clute Barrow Nelson, July 3, 1991,
and Arthur Lee Nelson, July 11, 1994, by their
parents, Don and Phyllis Nelson.*

Prayer Concerns

Ted Crowe
Larry Cutshaw
Rob Harris
Hilda McDonald
June Robertson
Steve Yocum

The Sunday Messenger

The **FBC WALKING GROUP** gathers for a moderate-paced walk each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Tonight, we will walk from the FBC Parking Lot.

The congregation will be called into **CONFERENCE** on Sunday, July 9 to vote for the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for church committees and teams. Please be present at the close of worship to vote.

Join the Seekers for a **FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** at Cracker Barrel on Wednesday, July 19 at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Heather Swank in the church office Heather Swank (heather@firstbaptistathens.org) by July 14 to confirm your attendance.

Join us for our next summer **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER** on July 12. Please sign up for the meal by Monday, July 10 by contacting Heather Swank in the church office (heather@firstbaptistathens.org).

Many children in Clarke County schools are eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunch, a crucial meal that is lacking in the summer. **SMART LUNCH, SMART KID** ensures that these children are fed in the summer and on school breaks. We will assemble lunch bags on Tuesday, July 18 at FBC at 6:00 p.m. Sign up on the FBC website or contact Brandon Pendry if you are available to help (brandon@firstbaptistathens.org).

Our Church on Mission

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

CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS are invited to join us on Sunday, July 16 right after the worship service for lunch and an afternoon of working at the food bank. We will be helping to count, sort, and organize the food. We will gather for lunch after church and then head over to the food bank on Barber St. and work from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to do missions as a family!

Thank you to everyone who worked hard last week to host guests from **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY**. While we were hosting, IHN leaders were working hard to expand the network:

- The four Mormon churches in the Athens area will serve as host congregations, hosting their first time June 25-July 2.
- Bethlehem United Methodist is a new host congregation, with their first week Nov. 12-19.
- Union Christian is a new host congregation with Ashford Memorial and First Christian Watkinville serving as support congregations.
- Trinity Lutheran will serve as a new support congregation for Oconee St. United Methodist.
- Good Shepherd Presbyterian will serve as a new support congregation for Central Presbyterian.
- The Christian Science Church will serve as a support congregation for Holy Cross Lutheran.

We offered six training sessions for new volunteers this past month and have trained 85 people. If you know people at these congregations, please join us in welcoming them to our network! Our next hosting week is in August. Sign up to volunteer online beginning July 15 or contact Brandon Pendry (brandon@firstbaptistathens.org).

The Worship of God

Invitation to Worship

Paul Baxley

Prelude

My Country, Tis of Thee

Traditional/arr. Cindy Berry

Invocation

Frank Granger

*Hymn

God of Our Fathers

NATIONAL HYMN

*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.*

*Thy love divine hath led us in the past, in this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.*

*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.*

Daniel C. Roberts, 1876

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 28: 1-17

Brandon Pendry

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Testimony in Song

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Tom Fettke

Jennifer and Livy Baxley

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower, raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Mary E. Byrne, 1905, vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

Silent Prayers

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.

During the following hymn, children in Pre-K 4's, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-2 are invited to depart for Children's Worship and Extended Session in E-110.

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

*Hymn

America the Beautiful

MATERNA

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees, beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

Katharine Lee Bates, 1893

New Testament Lesson:

Matthew 10: 40-42

Janet Cleland

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Are Prophets Welcome?

Paul Baxley

*Hymn

Take My Life and Let it Be

HENDON

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.*

Francis Ridley Havergal, 1874

*Prayer of Stewardship

Helen Mills, Deacon

Offertory

The Sheltering Rock — A Shelter in the Time of Storm

arr. Don Phillips

*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*

Recognition of Commitments

*Benediction

*Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Tornquist

*Please stand, if able.