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# *First Baptist Church*

*Athens, Georgia*

June 11, 2017

11:00 a.m.

*The First Sunday After Pentecost*

*Trinity Sunday*

## *Creative Brooding:*

As we gather for worship on Trinity Sunday, we sing our faith that God exists “in three persons, blessed Trinity.” What does that tell us about God? What is at stake when we make this claim? How does it change our faith and our life?

*The doctrine of the Trinity is articulated in opposition to the myth that human beings can redeem themselves by exemplary moral conduct or that the initiative for human redemption comes from below. The story of Jesus is not the story of a human being who achieves elevation to sonship by his meritorious obedience to the will of God, but of a divine Son who condescends to assume human flesh in order to set right a situation that could have been corrected in no other way. What is at stake in the doctrine of the Trinity is not merely an understanding of the nature of God, but a vision of the nature of human salvation.*

-David C. Steinmetz (from “Taking the Long View”)

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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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## *Weekly Calendar*

### Sunday, June 11

8:30 a.m.....PassportKids Camp Meeting 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

### Monday, June 12

2:00 p.m..... Staff Meeting — E-112

### Tuesday, June 13

7:00 p.m. .... Boy Scout Troop 22 — Joe Callaway Classroom

### Wednesday, June 14

5:00 p.m..... Wednesday Night Supper — Fellowship Hall  
5:15 p.m..... Finance Committee — E-112  
5:45 p.m..... Gather for Prayers and Announcements  
6:00 p.m..... Bible Study

### Thursday, June 15

10:00 a.m..... The Seekers trip to Elberton

### Sunday, June 18

8:30 a.m..... Reach Out Team Mtg. — TBA  
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

## *Serving Together*

### Co-Deacons of the Week

**June 11-17:** Lori Ragsdale, Carol Reddish

**June 18-24:** Ray Noblet, Robin O’Rear

### Welcome Center Team — June 11

Margaret Earnest, John Marshall,  
Sherri Divers, Joan Beckham

### Fellowship Team

Sallyyanne Barrow, Tom Brown,  
Mary & Steve Barton

### Usher Team

Brad Lastinger, Malcolm Skinner, Ches Smith,  
Kevin Price, Bill Horton, Larry Toole

### Counting Committee

**June 11:** Dallas Cannady, Kelli Smith  
**June 18:** Dallas Cannady, Steve Barton

## 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 Oconee Veterans Park. All are welcome!

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. There are still a few spaces on the trip left! Call the church office to RSVP. There is no charge for the trip, but you will be responsible for your own lunch.

Our **SUMMER FELLOWSHIP MEAL** for June will be this Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Please contact the church office to sign up for the meal (even if you have a permanent reservation) no later than noon tomorrow. After the meal, the First Baptist Foundation will make a presentation and then we will spend time in Bible Study. Please join us.



### WORSHIP FLOWERS

This morning's table display is given to celebrate all of the children that participated in our Star Trip Vacation Bible School and in honor and appreciation of everyone that helped make this year's VBS a truly *astronomical* success! The Truth has Awakened!

### Our Church on Mission

#### **Emergency Food Bank Needs:**

Cereal, Peanut Butter, Canned Tomatoes  
Please place donations in the marked containers in the Fanning Foyer.

Our next hosting week for the **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK OF ATHENS** will begin next 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** left yesterday for the Mission trip to Slovakia. Learn more about this important mission trip on page 7 of the May edition of FBC News. Please keep our mission team in your thoughts and prayers for the entirety of their journey..

## Prayer Concerns

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to *Bonnie Ramsey* an *Daniel Uter* in the loss of husband and father, *Henry Ramsey* on Sunday, June 4, 2017. Cards may be sent to Mrs. *Bonnie Ramsey*, 43 Mathew Bird Circle, Bozeman, MT, 59715.

Ted Crowe  
Larry Cutshaw  
James Halligan  
Rob Harris

Hilda McDonald  
June Robertson  
Steve Yocum

## The Worship of God

<b>Invitation to Worship</b>		Paul Baxley
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Earth and All Stars!</i>	Arr. Sally Brennan Mousing
<b>Invocation</b>		Amanda Lewis
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!</i>	NICAEA
	<i>Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.</i>	
	<i>Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.</i>	
	<i>Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!</i>	Reginald Heber, 1826
<b>Vacation Bible School 2017</b>	<i>Star Trip: The Truth Awakens</i>	Janet Cleland
<b>First Scripture Lesson</b>	Psalm 8	Jon Millians
	Leader: This is the Word of the Lord <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>	
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Prayer to the Trinity Come, come O God of heaven, live within our hearts today; Come, come O God of heaven, hear us as we pray.</i>	Michael Bedford
	<i>Come, come O gracious Savior, stay within our hearts today; Come, come O gracious Savior, hear us as we pray.</i>	

*O be near us, love and cheer us, with your blessing from above;  
ever guide us, walk beside us, as we seek to share your love.*

*Come, come O Holy Spirit, shine within our hearts today;  
Come, come O Holy Spirit, hear us as we pray.*

### 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.*

### \*Hymn

*Come, Thou Almighty King  
Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

ITALIAN HYMN

*Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend!  
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success:  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.*

*Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art, now rule in every heart  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.*

*To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be, hence evermore;  
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.*

Anonymous

*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

II Corinthians 13: 11-13

Frank Granger

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God.

### Third Scripture Lesson

Matthew 28: 16-20

Paul Baxley

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

*One God in Three Persons*

Paul Baxley

### \*Hymn

*Creator God, Creating Still  
Creator God, creating still, by will and word and deed,  
Create a new desire in us to meet the present need.*

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*Redeemer God, redeeming still, with overflowing grace,  
Pour out Your love on us, through us, make this a holy place.*

*Sustainer God, sustaining still, with strength for every day,  
Empower us now to do Your will. Correct us when we stray.*

*Great Trinity, for this new day we need Your presence still.  
Create, redeem, sustain us now to do Your work and will.*

Jane Parker Huber, 1977

### \*Prayer of Stewardship

Beth Sanders, Deacon

### Offertory

*Creation Sings*

Getty, Townend/arr. Lloyd Larson

### \*Response of the People

*Doxology  
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*

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### Recognition of Commitments

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON/arr. John Carter

### \*Please stand, if able.