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First Baptist Church
Athens, Georgia

June 18, 2017

11:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday After Pentecost

Creative Brooding:

Faith is not a reasonable act which fits the normal scheme of life and perception. The promise of the gospel is not a conventional piece of wisdom that is easily accommodated to everything else. Embrace of this radical gospel requires shattering and discontinuity.

Abraham and Sarah have by this time become accustomed to their barrenness. They are resigned to their closed future. They have accepted that hopelessness is "normal." The gospel promise does not meet them in receptive hopefulness but in resistant hopelessness.

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" That is the question around which this confrontation revolves. It is an open question, one that waits for an answer. It is the question which surfaces everywhere in the Bible. We must say it is the fundamental question every human person must answer. And how it is answered determines everything else.

-Walter Brueggemann, Genesis

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 18

8:30 a.m. Reach Out Team Meeting — S-104
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, June 19

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting — S-104
6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting— Rotunda

Tuesday, June 20

6:30 p.m. Virginia Appleton Circle — Members' Homes
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 22 — Joe Callaway Classroom

Wednesday, June 21

7:00 p.m. #MOMS bowling — Showtime Bowl

Sunday, June 25

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

Serving Together

Co-Deacons of the Week

June 18-24: Ray Noblet, Robin O'Rear

June 25-July 1: Evelyn McNair, Don Nelson

Welcome Center Team — June 18

Beth Sanders, Janice Love,

Connie & Martha Ivester

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 18: Dallas Cannady, Steve Barton

June 25: Heather Stover, Joyce Fleeman

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.

Join **#MOMS** for an evening of bowling at Showtime Bowl (555 Macon Hwy) on Wednesday, June 21. We will meet at the bowling alley at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. All moms are welcome!

On Tuesday, June 27, you are invited to a slideshow talk by photojournalist Lee Karen Stow. **POPPIES: WOMEN, WAR, AND PEACE** will be presented in the Fellowship Hall at FBC at 7:00 p.m. Portraits of the poppy, in all colors, appear alongside an evolving series of portraits of women involved in or affected by war, from WWII to conflicts of today. RSVP to Cindy Haygood (706-769-8618).

Dr. W.C. (Mac) McArthur will be 100 years young on June 22, 2017! If you would like to send your happy birthday wishes to FBC's newest centenarian, cards may be mailed to Mac at his home address:

Dr. W.C. McArthur
126 Clifton Drive
Athens, GA 30606

Happy 100th Birthday, Dr. McArthur!



WORSHIP FLOWERS

Today's worship flowers are given in honor of all fathers, in particular our father, W.C. McArthur, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on June 22.

Our Church on Mission

Emergency Food Bank Needs:

Cereal, Peanut Butter, Canned Tomatoes

Our next hosting week for the **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK OF ATHENS** begins tonight. There may still be a couple of volunteer opportunities for you. Please select a job of your choice on the Mission Board in the Main Hallway.

Our **YOUTH AND ADULT MISSION TEAM** is currently serving in Slovakia. You can read 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.

FBC will be sending a group of adults to spend the week of June 26 living at Camp Hawkins serving people with developmental disabilities. They will teach Bible study, music, and games and provide three meals a day. Support our **CAMP HAWKINS ADULT MISSION TEAM** by providing pound cakes, cookies, and plain yellow or white cupcakes (no nuts, please!) for the campers. Please bring freshly baked items to FBC on Sunday, June 25.

Prayer Concerns

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

The Worship of God

Invitation to Worship Paul Baxley

Prelude *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI/arr. Lyndell Leatherman

Invocation Janet Cleland

***Hymn** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.*

*Jesus the name that calms my fears, that bids my sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace.*

*He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.*

*He speaks, and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love be ever, ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

Charles Wesley, 1739

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 18: 1-15 (21: 1-7) Frank Granger

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me* arr. K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak.*

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truth be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions sisterly, Speak Christ's sincerity.*

*Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.*

*Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.*

Adoro te devote, 1697

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

A Father's Love

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*(Based on Psalm 103:13; Matthew 7:7-12; Luke 15:11-32; Ephesians 5:25-6:4)
A father's love is gentle—he calms his children's fears,
And hugs them when they're hurting, and wipes away their tears.
A father gives strong guidance and lofty standards set,
But like his Heav'nly Father, he shows great tenderness.*

*A father's love is gracious—he gives his children gifts
That bring them joy and pleasure, and their young spirits lift.
But if he's wise he labors to give them what is best:
A faith in our Lord Jesus, in Whom alone we rest.*

*A father's love is faithful—he strives to see the best
In children when they're precious, and when they cause distress.
He prays for them and loves them when they are prodigal,
And when they're back he greets them with joy that forgives all.*

*A father's love is Godly—he dedicates his life
To loving and affirming his children and his wife.
He strives through words and actions to model Christian love,
To show and take the Pathway that leads to Heav'n above!*

Words by Thomas A. Bland, Jr., Senior Minister, FBC Morganton, NC
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*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.<*

New Testament Lesson

Romans 5: 1-8

Amanda Lewis

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

Sermon

At the Right Time

Paul Baxley

*Hymn

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight:
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest:
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

*Prayer of Stewardship

Ray Noblet, Deacon

Offertory

Morning Prayer

Matt Schinske

*Response of the People

Doxology

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*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

Come, People of the Risen King

Getty and Townsend/
arr. Lloyd Larson

***Please stand, if able.**