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July 16, 2017

11:00 a.m.

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Weekly Calendar

Creative Brooding

Jacob caught his brother in a moment of acute vulnerability. Esau has been out hunting. He comes back from the hunt tired and very hungry. And Jacob is cooking up a storm, perhaps all part of his scheme. Tired Esau comes in and brother Jacob says to him: "How about a bowl of soup?" Esau says, "Smells good; I would like that." Jacob says, "What will you give me for a bowl of piping hot venison soup?" Esau answers, "I am very hungry. I will let you have whatever you want of mine." And Jacob, who could count real good, says, "I will take your birthright, your entitlements to land, name and wealth as the first born." And Esau in his hunger says, "It is a deal!"

The tradition does not blame Jacob for his shrewd manipulation of his older brother. The tradition blames Esau for his being stupidly propelled by his hunger and his readiness to satisfy his appetite, and his willingness to give up long-term advantage for the sake of immediate satisfaction. We might say, he is a consumer, and he wants all of it now, right now! And from this birthright transaction, the tradition reflects on a choice between immediate stuff and long-term benefit that is of much more value.

And the text suggests that this is still the big issue in our world, long-term well-being or short-term satiation.

-Walter Brueggemann

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

Sunday, July 16

8:30 a.m..... Mission Team Mtg. — E-112
8:30 a.m..... Reach Out Team — E-108
8:30 a.m..... Budget Prep. Meeting — S-103
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. Family Lunch and Food Bank Mission Project — Fanning Foyer
5:00 p.m. Walking Group — FBC Parking Lot

Monday, July 17

8:30 a.m..... Youth to Six Flags — Meet in Parking Lot
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting — S-104

Tuesday, July 18

6:00 p.m. Smart Lunch/Smart Kid Mission Project — Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Virginia Appleton Circle
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #22 — Joe Callaway Class
7:00 p.m. Youth Supper at Taco Stand

Wednesday, July 19

9:30 a.m..... Seekers Breakfast — Cracker Barrel

Saturday, July 22

9:00 a.m. NEGA Foodbank Youth Mission Project — NEGA Foodbank

Sunday, July 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 — Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth — Location TBA
5:00 p.m. Walking Group — Oconee Veterans Park
6:00 p.m. Youth Group — Location TBA

Prayer Concerns

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Mark Sanders, V, who passed away on July 12. Family includes his wife Sandy Sanders; son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Beth Sanders; and their children, Mark and Caroline.

Ted Crowe
Larry Cutshaw
Rob Harris
Hilda McDonald

Pax Randa
June Robertson
Jackie Thomason
Steve Yocum



WORSHIP FLOWERS

The worship flowers are given in honor of W. C. McArthur and in loving memory of Helen McArthur by their children on what would have been their 72nd wedding anniversary on July 21st.



COMMUNITY NOTES

CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS are invited to join right after the worship service today 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 in the Fanning Foyer for lunch after church and then head over to the food bank on Barber St. and work from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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.

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

Bring the family for a “Back to School” **POOL PARTY** at the Bentley’s home on Sunday, July 30 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will swim and enjoy refreshments. This is a great opportunity to invite a family you know to come and join us. Contact the church office for directions!

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars for a church-wide back-to-school picnic on Saturday, August 12 at Memorial Park. We will provide the main dish and will ask members to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Watch FBC publications for more details!

OUR CHURCH ON MISSION

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

Many children in Clarke County Schools are eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunch, a crucial meal that disappears in the summer. **SMART LUNCH, SMART KID** ensures that these children are fed during school breaks. We will assemble bag lunches on Tuesday evening, July 18 at 6:00 p.m. at FBC. You can sign up online or contact Brandon Pendry if you are available to help.

On Saturday, July 22, from 9 am—12 noon, a team from FBC will volunteer at the **NORTHEAST GEORGIA FOODBANK** This is a great way for families or individuals to put your hands and feet to work with the regional foodbank that helps supply food to other agencies battling hunger as we try to Fill the Hunger Gap this summer. Sign up on the FBC Mission Page online

As summer winds down, don’t forget to pick up a few extra items to drop in the box for the **CLARKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL PANTRY**. On Sunday, July 23, we will celebrate our efforts to fill the summer hunger gap as we bless the items we’ve collected for the pantry. A list of needs can be found on the FBC Facebook page or the Missions Page of the website.

The Worship of God

Invitation to Worship Paul Baxley

Prelude *Praise to the Lord!* LOBE DEN HERREN/
Patrick Young, Tuba arr. Brant Adams

Invocation Brandon Pendry

***Hymn** *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY
*To God be the glory, great things he has done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.*

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]*

*Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]*

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

New Testament Lesson Romans 8: 1-11 Frank Granger
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Testimony in Song *I Am Satisfied with Jesus* B. B. McKinney
Mike Dekle

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**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CLOSER WALK

*I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.*

Refrain:

*Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. [Refrain]*

Author Unknown

*During the hymn, children in Pre-K 4, 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.<*

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 25:19-26
Genesis 25: 27-34

Janet Cleland
Elinor Ellis

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

Sermon

Impulse and Intention

Paul Baxley

***Hymn**

God! When Human Bonds are Broken

GALILEE

*God! When human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.*

*Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.*

*You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.*

*Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life;
Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger, give us faith.*

*Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning: God! Encourage and renew!*

Fred Khan

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***Prayer of Stewardship**

Julie Jenkins, Deacon

Offertory

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Michael Larkin

***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**

Randy Brittain

***The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace;
peace this day, and forevermore. Amen.***

Numbers 6: 24-26

***Postlude**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

arr. Dan Forrest

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