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Athens, Georgia

August 27, 2017
11:00 a.m.

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Creative Brooding

Isn't that the way it goes? Over and over, God's call to us means pushing old boundaries, embracing outsiders, giving up the notion that there is not enough of us to go around. We may resist, we may even lose our tempers, but the call of God is insistent, as insistent as the Canaanite woman who would not leave Jesus alone. The call of God keeps after us, calling us by name, until finally we step over the lines we have drawn for ourselves and discover a whole new world on the other side.

-Barbara Brown Taylor, "Crossing the Line"
(a sermon on Matthew 15:21-28)

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

Until we return to the renovated Sanctuary, worship will be offered at 8:30 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Child care will be provided for children birth – 3 years old during our 8:30 a.m service. PreK – 6th grade children will attend the early worship service with their families. At the 11:00 am service there will be child care for children birth – 3 year olds and Children's Worship for children PreK through Second Grade.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 27

8:30 a.m..... Worship — Fellowship Hall
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
4:00 p.m. Joint worship service — Chestnut Grove Baptist Church — 610 Epps Bridge Pkwy
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal — Chestnut Grove Baptist Church
6:30 p.m. Softball Ministry — 655 Potter House Rd. — Jefferson, GA

Monday, August 28

10:00 a.m..... Embroiderer's Guild — S-104
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting — S-104

Tuesday, August 29

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

Wednesday, August 30

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper — Fellowship Hall
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs— First Floor
6:00 p.m. Adult Discipleship
Option 1: Bible Study — Led by Paul Baxley — Fellowship Hall
Option 2: *What Do You Really Believe About...* Led by Frank Granger — Third Floor
6:00 p.m. Youth Free Night: Polish Ping Pong — E-113
6:30 p.m. Mission Kids — First Floor
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Choir Room

Sunday, September 3

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 — FBC Parking Lot



WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Sanford Butler by his wife, Faye; his children, Scott Butler, David Butler, Kelley Butler, Cindy Jackson; and Faye's children, Tammy Gareth and Tracey West.



Prayer Concerns

Larry Cutshaw
Rob Harris
June Robertson
Steve Yocum

The Sunday Messenger

COMMUNITY NOTES

The **FBC WALKING GROUP** gathers for a moderate-paced walk each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Tonight's walk has been cancelled so that members can attend the worship service with Chestnut Grove. Next week, we will walk from the FBC Parking Lot.

Please plan to join us for a joint worship service with **CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH** (610 Epps Bridge Parkway) at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon. After the service, we will enjoy a fellowship meal together. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

The **TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY** will resume on September 5. For the first several weeks, the class will meet under the Sanctuary in the Karen Sunday School classroom. This fall, the Tuesday Noon study will focus on *The Rise of David* as described in I Samuel.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, we will only offer **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** at **11:00 a.m.** next Sunday, September 3. We will return to two services on September 10.

OUR CHURCH ON MISSION

Emergency Food Bank Needs:
Diced Tomatoes, Jiffy Muffin Mix,
Hamburger Helper, Pork 'n Beans

FBC has been invited to play a **FAMILY FRIENDLY SOFTBALL GAME TONIGHT at 6:30 p.m.** against the men's softball team at The Potter's House just outside of Athens. This is a transitional housing community that helps men who have experienced homelessness and/or addiction transition back into society. Fun and Christian fellowship is the most important outcome of our game.

Training will be offered for people who want to become involved in our ministry with **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**. All new volunteers must attend one, 1-hour session. Contact Kim Rogers (kimrogers@gmail.com) if you have questions. Upcoming dates:

- Monday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Union Christian Church (1130 Union Church Rd., Watkinsville)
- Sunday, September 17 at 12:15 p.m. at Tuckston United Methodist Church (4175 Lexington Rd., Athens)

Serving Together

Co-Deacons of the Week

August 27-Sept. 2: *Marcia & Phil Caskey*
September 3-9: *Amy & Fred Young*

Welcome Center Team

August 20: *Debbie & Tom Brown*
August 27: *Karen Price, Cindy Haygood*

Counting Committee

August 20: *Heather Stover, Mike Lacy*
August 27: *Michael Jenkins, Dallas Cannady*

August Fellowship Team

Tony Dillard, Leslie Gordon, David Graves, Debbie Hargrave

August Usher Team

Annette Barfield, Larry Divers, Wilson Denney, Julie Jenkins, Bert & Joanna Hill

The Worship of God

Invitation to Worship

Paul Baxley

Prelude

And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

arr. Lloyd Larson

Invocation

Janet Cleland

*Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore,
serving Thee whom we adore.*

*Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set all free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee!
That we fail not man nor Thee!*

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 138

Breanna Martin

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus
Sanctuary Choir

Derek Hakes

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I hoor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!*

*Munster Gesanbuch, 1677
Trans. Joseph August Seiss, 1873*

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Frank Granger

*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

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

*In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord, close binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as His child is surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet South and North:
All Christ-like souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.*

John Oxenham, 1908

*>>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.<<*

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 15: 21-28

Emily Harbin

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Hard Lesson in Humility

Paul Baxley

*Hymn

Christ, You Call Us All to Service

HOLY MANNA

*Christ, you call us all to service, call us all who follow You;
Plant in us a deep commitment all Your work and will to do.
Fire a passion for Your justice, in us kindle love of peace;
Help us heal the brokenhearted, to the captive bring release.*

*Teach us how to work together, brothers, sisters, side by side;
Equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied.
To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old;
Help us use each skill and talent Your great purpose to unfold.*

*Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife;
Seeking ways more just of sharing and of ord'ring human life.
Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be;
Send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.*

Joy F. Patterson, 1994

*Prayer of Stewardship

Marcia Caskey, Deacon

Offertory

Humbly We Adore Thee

ADORO TE DEVOTE/
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

Paul Baxley

*Benediction

*Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Michael Larkin

*Please stand, if able.