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*Minister of Children, Families, and Outreach*  
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# *First Baptist Church*

*Athens, Georgia*

September 10, 2017

11:00 a.m.

*The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

## Weekly Calendar

### *Creative Brooding*

In our worship this morning we will hear of the extraordinary faith of two Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah. By most standards, they are the most unlikely heroes of faith, and yet they have much to teach us, not only about the surprising ways God works but also the courageous faithfulness often required by difficult times. As we prepare to hear their story and listen faithfully, consider these words:

*In this dangerous mix of power and powerlessness, the narrative places Shiphrah and Puah. Amazing! They are nowhere else named or known, and certainly not celebrated. Yet we remember them by name. We remember these two discreet, defiant, cunning, mothering agents. At great risk, they counter genocide; in so doing, they bear witness to the mothering power of God, whose will for life overrides the killing, and whose power for life is undeterred by the death dispensed by the powerful.*

-Walter Brueggemann, *Exodus*

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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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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. Childcare will be provided for children birth – 3 years old during our 8:30 a.m. service. PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> grade children will attend the early worship service with their families. At the 11:00 am service there will be childcare for children birth – 3 year olds and Children’s Worship for children PreK through Second Grade.

#### Sunday, September 10

8:30 a.m..... Outreach Team — E-108  
8:30 a.m..... Worship — Fellowship Hall  
8:45 a.m..... Discipleship Team — 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 — Oconee Veterans Park  
5:15 p.m. .... Youth Choir — Choir Rm.  
6:00 p.m. .... Youth Choir shuttle to Goggins Home— FBC Parking Lot  
6:30 p.m. .... Youth Group at Goggins Home

#### Monday, September 11

2:00 p.m. .... Staff Meeting— S-104

#### Tuesday, September 12

12:00 noon ..... Tuesday Noon Bible Study — S-103  
7:00 p.m. .... Boy Scout Troop #22 — Joe Callaway Class

#### Wednesday, September 13

5:00 p.m. .... Wednesday Night Supper — Fellowship Hall  
5:15 p.m. .... Finance Committee — S-103  
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. .... M.O.W. (FBC Youth — Mission on Wednesdays) — S-113  
6:00 p.m. .... College Activities — Third floor, Rm. 5  
6:30 p.m. .... Children’s Choir Leader Mtg. — E-103  
6:30 p.m. .... Mission Kids — First Floor  
7:00 p.m. .... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Choir Rm.

#### Sunday, September 17

8:30 a.m..... Mission Team — S-104  
8:30 a.m..... Reach Out Team — E-108  
8:30 a.m..... Worship — Fellowship Hall  
9:15 a.m. .... Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship — Fanning Foyer  
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## The Sunday Messenger

### COMMUNITY

**FBC WALKING GROUP** gathers each Sunday for a moderate-paced walk. Tonight's walk is from Oconee Veterans Park. On the 1st and 3rd Sunday, we walk from the FBC parking lot. All are welcome to join us!

Our **#MOMS** group is gearing up for our first fall gathering on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. in room 11 on the third floor. Moms of all ages and seasons of life are welcome to join us for refreshments, fellowship and brainstorming for future meetings.

The **REFORMING QUESTIONS SERIES** is our fall preaching series that will extend into small group discussions during the following week. Small group opportunities are being offered on Wednesday evenings (during the season when we will be out of the fellowship hall), and Sunday afternoons.

#### Brief Overview for Discussion Groups in the Reforming Questions Series

- 7 Week Series in October and November
- 2 Options for Meeting Times for Discussion Groups:

Wednesday Evenings 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.

Sunday afternoons 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Everyone will need to register for a session of their choice on the FBC website (under Wednesday Fellowship) or by contacting the church office. Childcare will be offered upon request for children from birth through age 3. The Wednesday option will include a meal. More details can be found online or on page 7 of the September **FBC News**.

### OUR CHURCH ON MISSION

#### Emergency Food Bank Needs:

Canned Soup, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter  
Please place your donations in the marked bins in the Fanning Foyer.

Individuals are encouraged to provide financial support for **HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF** so that funds can be used in the most effective way. Financial gifts may be made online through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship online (cbf.net/Harvey) or by donating a check payable to FBC with Harvey relief in the memo line. We also encourage you to continue to pray for the first responders and victims. If you have interest in joining a mission team to serve in Texas in the future, please contact Brandon Pendry (Brandon@firstbaptistathens.org).

#### INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK TRAINING

will be offered at 12:15 p.m. next Sunday, September 17, at Tuckston United Methodist Church (4175 Lexington Rd.). New volunteers are asked to attend one, 1-hour session. Please contact Kim Rogers (kimrogers@att.net) for more



#### WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers for worship this morning are given in loving memory of Lauren Dee Clark on the occasion of her heavenly birthday, September 30, 2006. They are given by her mother, Dee Futo; her grandparents, Joe and Lucy Clark; her brother, Joey Clark; and her niece, Kalli Clark.



## The Worship of God

### Invitation to Worship

Paul Baxley

### Prelude

*I Come With Joy*

arr. Sally Drennan Mossing

### Invocation

Janet Cleland

### \*Hymn

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing streams doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield.  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.*

William Williams, 1745

### Lesson from the Psalms

Psalms 149

Frank Granger

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*As Long As I Have Breath*

Sue Farrar

Sanctuary Choir

*As long as I have breath, I will praise You, Lord.  
As long as I have life, let my soul rejoice.  
In times of sore distress; in times of loneliness;  
As long as I have breath, I will praise You, Lord.*

*As long as I have breath, I will bless You, Lord.  
As long as life is mine, I will sing your song.  
Your joy brings forth my praise; Your peace fills all my days;  
As long as I have breath, I will praise You, Lord.*

*Let me know Your loving kindness every day, As you walk be side point out the way.  
As long as I have being, I will trust in You; You are my God; I lift my soul to You!*

As long as I have breath, I will serve You, Lord.  
As long as life is mine, I'll exalt Your word.  
And when this life shall pass, And I'm at home at last;  
Thru all eternity, I will praise You, Lord.

### Silent Prayers

#### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Brandon Pendry

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

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

GIFT OF LOVE

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Hal Hopson, 1972

>>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

Exodus 1: 8-22

Emily Harbin

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

#### New Testament Lesson:

Romans 13:8-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

Unlikely Heroes

Paul Baxley

#### \*Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christian

BEACH SPRING

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.  
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Peter Scholtes, 1966

#### \*Prayer of Stewardship

Julie Jenkins, Deacon

#### Offertory

Our Foundation, Our Guide

Ruth Elaine Schram

#### \*Response of the People

Doxology

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

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

#### Recognition of Suzy Moon

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Postlude

The Solid Rock

arr. Mark Hayes

*\*Please stand, if able.*

### Prayer Concerns

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Julia Yocum in the death of her husband Steve Yocum on September 6.

Kathy Barrow            Larry Cutshaw  
Jim Hall                    Rob Harris  
June Robertson

### Serving Together

#### Co-Deacons of the Week

September 10-16: Mark Sanders, Andy Ullrich

#### Welcome Center Team

September 10: Becky Adams, Amy Young

#### Counting Committee

September 10: Bill Hopper/Buddy Snow,  
Michael Jenkins

#### September Fellowship Team

Sallyanne Barrow, Steve Barton, Phil & Marcia Caskey

#### September Usher Team

Brad Lastinger, Doug Dillard, Ches Smith,  
Kevin Price, Bill Horton, Wes Hogan