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

*Athens, Georgia*

September 17, 2017

11:00 a.m.

*The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

## Weekly Calendar

# Creative Brooding

Finally, Luke shows us how, having transcended ethnic limits, the Messianist movement crossed still another geographical boundary...On the one side there is the role of human calculation: Paul, Silas and Timothy try turning to more familiar paths, first westward to Asia and then eastward to Bithynia. On the other side, there is the divine intervention and guidance, now more direct and urgent than ever. They are "prevented" by the Spirit from pursuing their own projects. Finally, just as Peter was drawn to the edge of Palestine before being shown he was to preach to Gentiles, so is Paul given a vision of a "certain Macedonian man" who implores him for help. On the basis of that vision, Paul and his companions decide that God is "summoning them" to preach the Gospel in Europe. The adventures of that mission we will turn to next.

-Luke Timothy Johnson, Acts

To what new adventures in mission is God calling us to turn next?

To what new ways of living out our vision is God calling us next?

Those are our questions, not only today, but in the days ahead.

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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 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  
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  
5:15 p.m. .... Youth Choir — Choir Rm.  
6:00 p.m. .... Youth Choir shuttle to Goggin's Home— FBC Parking Lot  
6:30 p.m. .... Youth Group at Goggin's Home

### Monday, September 18

2:00 p.m. .... Staff Meeting— S-104  
6:00 p.m. .... Deacons Mtg. — Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, September 19

12:00 noon ..... Tuesday Noon Bible Study — S-103  
6:30 p.m. .... Virginia Appleton Circle — Member's Home  
7:00 p.m. .... Boy Scout Troop #22 — Joe Callaway Class

### Wednesday, September 20

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. .... #MOMS — Rm. 11, 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. .... Mission Kids — First Floor  
7:00 p.m. .... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Choir Rm.

### Thursday, September 25

12:00 noon ..... Newsletter Deadline

### Sunday, September 24

8:30 a.m..... Worship — Fellowship Hall  
9:00 a.m..... Childcare Worker Mtg. — E-112  
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 Goggin's Home— FBC Parking Lot  
6:30 p.m. .... Youth Group at Goggin's Home

## The Sunday Messenger

### COMMUNITY

**FBC WALKING GROUP** gathers each Sunday for a moderate-paced walk. Tonight's walk is from the FBC Parking Lot. On the 2nd and 4th Sunday, we walk from Oconee Veterans Park. 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 RELIEF** so that funds can be used in the most effective way. Financial gifts may be made online through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship online ([www.cbf.net](http://www.cbf.net)) or by donating a check payable to FBC with Hurricane relief in the memo line. We also encourage you to continue to pray for the first responders and victims. Interested in joining a future mission team? Contact Brandon Pendry ([Brandon@firstbaptistathens.org](mailto:Brandon@firstbaptistathens.org)).

#### INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK TRAINING

will be offered at 12:15 p.m. today, 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](mailto:kimrogers@att.net)) for more information.

### Serving Together

#### Co-Deacons of the Week

September 17-23: *Kim & Wayne Rogers*

September 24– 30: *Alan Reddish, Jeff Randa*

#### Welcome Center Team

September 17: *Wanda Grogan, Al Henderson*

September 24: *Tom & Debbie Brown*

#### Counting Committee

September 17: *Michael Jenkins, Al Lee*

September 24: *Roy Segars, Steve Barton*

#### 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*

## The Worship of God

### Invitation to Worship

Paul Baxley

### Prelude

*This Is the Day of New Beginnings*

arr. Mark Hayes

### Invocation

Janet Cleland

### \*Hymn

*God of Past, Who by Your Spirit*

HYFRYDOL

*God of past, who by Your Spirit, led Your people through each age,  
May we learn from their example, by their faith our doubts assuage.  
May their steadfast resoluteness as they followed in Your way  
Be for us an inspiration as we serve the present day.*

*God of present undertakings, give us wisdom as we build  
for our service in Your kingdom, that Your purpose be fulfilled.  
May our vision be far-reaching, and our work by You decreed,  
That in building for the present, we discern tomorrow's need.*

*God of hope, to Whom our service is entrusted for the day  
When Your kingdom is established and all people know Your way,  
By the leading of Your Spirit guide us now, new faith instill,  
That we face the future boldly for the doing of Your will.*

Milburn Price, 1981

### Lesson from the Old Testament

Exodus 14: 5-22

Zach Graves

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*Sing to the Lord a New Song*

Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir

*Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.  
Declare His glory to all, His marvelous deeds to all peoples.  
For great is the Lord, most worthy of praise; we worship the Lord above all.*

*Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name.*

*Bring an offering and come into His courts. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
Bow before Him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"*

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice. Let the sea and all that is in it resound.  
Let the plains be glad and sing for joy. Let all the trees of the woods rejoice,  
Before the Lord who comes to govern the earth with justice,  
and the peoples with faithfulness.

Adapted from Psalm 96

### 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

God, Our Father, You Have Led Us

REGENT SQUARE

God, our Father, You have led us to this moment in this place.  
Focused here, within and 'round us, dreams and hopes unite with grace.  
God, our Father, You Have led us. Through Your Spirit lead us still.

God, our Father, Your Son taught us our lives lost for Him are gain.  
Help us, then, rejoice in challenge 'til our lives Your goals attain.  
God, our Father, Your Son taught us. Through Your Spirit teach us still.

God, our Father, ever lead us from this moment in this place.  
Help us see Divine potential in each challenge, in each face.  
God, our Father, You have led us. Through Your Spirit lead us still.

Terry W. York, 1984

>>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.<<

### New Testament Lesson:

Acts 16: 6-11

Brandon Pendry

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

Getting on with the Journey

Paul Baxley

### \*Hymn

He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought

HE LEADETH ME

He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine,  
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me!  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when, by Thy grace, the victory's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me!  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862

### \*Prayer of Stewardship

Kim Rogers, Deacon

### Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Charles Callahan

### \*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

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

Footsteps of Jesus

arr. Lani Smith

### \*Please stand, if able.

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## Prayer Concerns

We extend our Christian love and sympathy  
to the family of Miriam Drewry who passed  
away on September 9.

Kathy Barrow      Larry Cutshaw  
Jim Hall            Rob Harris  
June Robertson



### WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning  
are given by Wanda Grogan in loving  
memory of her mother, Missouri Grogan,  
honoring her birthday anniversary.

### FOYER FLOWERS

The flowers in the Fanning Foyer this  
morning are given in loving memory of  
Clara M. Edwards in recognition of her  
birthday anniversary on September  
21. The flowers are given by the Edwards  
family: J. Don, Jim, Shelley, Chelsea,  
Hannah, Kate, and Ashley.

