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*First Baptist Church*  
*Athens, Georgia*

September 3, 2017  
11:00 a.m.

*The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

# Creative Brooding

The church is commonly referred to as a community ‘called out’ of the world or as a community ‘set apart’ for a distinct mission in relation to the world. (p. 14).

The greater the tension between the faith community and the surrounding world, the more sharply defined is the identity and character of the community. While no faith community is completely outside the mold of its surrounding society, the early Christian communities were actively self-aware of their identity and calling as ‘alternative societies’ vis-à-vis the wider world, particularly the imperial Roman context. They wrestled not only with how to stand in contrast to the imperial Roman system of privilege, power, and social conformity, but also how to live differently as communities defined by the life and teachings of the crucified One. (p. 14,16).

Commentary from Eleazar S. Fernandez in *Feasting on the Word*

Habit simplifies the movements required to achieve a given result, makes them more accurate and diminishes fatigue.” (p. 26)

Habit diminishes the conscious attention with which our acts are performed. (p. 31)

Seize the very first possible opportunity to act on every resolution you make, and on every emotional prompting you may experience in the direction of the habits you aspire to gain (p. 60).

From the essay *Habit* (1914) by William James

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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.

## Weekly Calendar

### 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

Monday, September 4 ..... Office Closed for Labor Day

### Tuesday, September 5

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

### Wednesday, September 6

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. .... M.O.W. (FBC Youth —Mission on Wednesdays) — E-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 Room

### Thursday, September 7

11:00 a.m..... The Seekers Team Mtg. — S-104  
7:00 p.m. .... Bible Study and Prayer at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church

### Sunday, September 10

8:30 a.m..... Outreach 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 — 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

## Serving Together

### Co-Deacons of the Week

September 3-9: Amy & Fred Young

September 10-16: Mark Sanders, Andy Ullrich

### Welcome Center Team

September 3: Teresa Granger, Christine Lo

September 10: Becky Adams, Amy Young

### Counting Committee

September 3: Lane Chason, Jackie Griffin

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

## The Sunday Messenger

### COMMUNITY

#### FBC WALKING GROUP

Tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the FBC Parking Lot  
On the 2nd and 4th Sundays we will walk from Oconee Veterans Park. We gather for a moderate-paced walk each week, join us for exercise and fellowship.

#### TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

Resumes this week on Sept. 5, 12-1 p.m.  
Meeting in Karen Class under the Sanctuary, the study will focus on *The Rise of David* as described in I Samuel.

#### BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER SERVICE

Thurs., Sept. 7 at 7:00 p.m. @ Chestnut Grove Baptist Church

All are invited to join us for bible study & worship. We will meet monthly at Chestnut Grove until our renovations are complete.

#### #MOMS

Wed., Sept. 20 at 6:00 pm in room 11 on the third floor.

Moms of all ages and seasons of life are invited for refreshments, fellowship, and idea gathering for the future.

### Prayer Concerns

**We extend our Christian love and sympathy** to Carole DuVall and her family in the loss of her husband, Tal Duvall, on August 30, 2017.

Kathy Barrow  
Larry Cutshaw  
Rob Harris  
June Robertson  
Steve Yocum

### OUR CHURCH ON MISSION

#### Emergency Food Bank Needs:

Canned Soup, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter  
Donations go in the marked bins in the Branyon Foyer.

#### HURRICANE HARVEY RESPONSE

##### GIVE

Individuals are encouraged to provide financial support for so that funds can be used in the most effective way. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ITEMS** as they often aren't what is actually needed. Financial gifts may be made through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship online (cbf.net/Harvey) or through FBC (Harvey relief in the memo line).

##### PRAY

For those suffering as well as the first responders.

##### VOLUNTEER

If you have interest in joining a team later, contact Minister of Mission, Brandon Pendry (brandon@firstbaptistathens.org).

#### INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK TRAINING

Sunday, September 17, at 12:15 p.m. at Tuckston United Methodist Church (4175 Lexington Rd.). All new volunteers must attend one, 1-hour session. Contact Kim Rogers (kimqrogers@att.net) with questions.

#### OUR DAILY BREAD

Beginning Sep 8, ODB will temporarily move to Oconee Street Methodist Church to allow for the renovations of our Fellowship Hall. We will still be supporting this ministry and volunteers are still encouraged to engage. ODB will return to FBC—and a newly renovated space — late in the year or early 2018.

## The Worship of God

### Invitation to Worship

Paul Baxley

### Prelude

To God Be the Glory  
Sarah Deal, Flute

arr. Karen Kuehmann

### Invocation

Brandon Pendry

### \*Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven a long,  
O praise Him, alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest us both warmth and light,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father,  
praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Francis of Assisi, 1225; Trans. William H. Draper, 1925

### Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c

Emily Harbin

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*You Shall Have a Song*  
Sanctuary Choir

Harriet Ziegenhals

*You shall have a song and gladness of heart, for music can joyfully our love to all impart.  
Lift every voice, play the flute and violin, and you shall have a song to sing, Alleluia.*

*Make a joyful noise to God all ye lands, come serve Him  
with gladness of heart and mind and hands.  
We are His children, He made us everyone, and we shall have a song to sing, Alleluia.*

*Enter now His gates with thanksgiving and praise, for He is our God;  
let us serve Him all our days.  
His steadfast love will endure to the end, and we shall have a song to sing, Alleluia!*  
Based on Isaiah 30, 29, and Psalm 100

**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**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

AURELIA

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
In living situations to do the truth in love;  
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
The table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,  
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:  
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!*

Fred Kaan, 1974

>>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**

Romans 12: 1-2, 9-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*Changing Habits*

Frank Granger

**\*Hymn**

*The Servant Song*

BEACH SPRING

*We are travelers on a journey, Fellow pilgrims on the road;  
We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold the Christlight for you In the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.*

*Sister, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.  
Brother, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.*

*I will weep when you are weeping, When you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow, Till we've seen our journey thro'.  
When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.*

Richard Gillard

**\*Prayer of Stewardship**

Amy Young, Deacon

**Offertory**

*Meditation*

Michael Larkin

**\*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**

*Variations on Hyfrydol*

Michael Larkin

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