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Athens, Georgia

October 1, 2017

11:00 a.m.

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Creative Brooding

For centuries, Christianity has been presented as a system of beliefs. . . . What would it mean for Christians to rediscover their faith not as a problematic system of beliefs, but as a just and generous way of life, rooted in contemplation and expressed in compassion, that makes amends for its mistakes and is dedicated to beloved community for all? Could Christians migrate from defining their faith as a system of beliefs to expressing it as a loving way of life? Could Christian faith lose the bitter taste of colonialism, exclusion, judgment, hypocrisy, and oppression, and regain the sweet and nourishing flavor of justice, joy, and peace?

The Great Spiritual Migration:

How the World's Largest Religion Is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian

Brian D. McLaren

*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. Childcare 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 childcare for children birth – 3 year olds and Children's Worship for children PreK through Second Grade.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 1

8:30 a.m..... Children's Ministry Team Mtg. — 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 with Communion — Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m. Children's Choirs
4:30 p.m. Reforming Questions Small Groups
5:15 p.m. Mission Kids
5:15 p.m. Youth Choir — Choir Rm
6:00 p.m. Youth Group — UGA North Campus

Monday, October 2

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting— S-104

Tuesday, October 3

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

Wednesday, October 4

5:30 p.m. Youth Supper and Missions — E-113
5:30 p.m. Reforming Questions Small Groups — Various locations
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Choir Rm

Thursday, October 5

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

Sunday, October 8

8:30 a.m..... Worship — Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m..... Budget Discussion — Third Floor, Rm. 7
9:15 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship — Fanning Foyer
9:15 a.m..... Welcome Center Team Mtg. — S-104
9:45—10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study — throughout the building
11:00 a.m. Worship Service — Fellowship Hall
12:00 noon Seekers Luncheon — Gathering Area — Third Floor
2:00 p.m. IHN Training — Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m. Children's Choirs
4:30 p.m. Reforming Questions Small Groups
5:15 p.m. Mission Kids
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 NEWS

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

Times for Discussion Groups:

Wednesday Evenings 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.

Sunday afternoons 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.

If you have yet to register for a group, please contact Frank Granger as soon as possible (frank@firstbaptistathens.org).

Thanks to all of you who have participated in our worship, prayer and study opportunities this fall as we seek a closer relationship with the congregation of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church. Our next opportunity for **BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER** will be Thursday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Chestnut Grove. Please plan to join us!

The Seekers are hosting a **SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON** on Sunday, October 8 after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The main dish and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and RSVP to the church office by October 4.

Prayer Concerns

Kathy Barrow	Larry Cutshaw
Harriett Dwyer	J. Don Edwards
Judy Fleming	Jim Hall
Rob Harris	June Robertson

OUR CHURCH ON MISSION

Emergency Food Bank Needs:

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

IHN TRAINING will be offered at FBC on Sunday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us if you'd like to volunteer for IHN.

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 (www.cbf.net) or by donating a check payable to FBC with Hurricane Relief in the memo line.

The Seekers are sponsoring a **FOOD DRIVE** in October to benefit the Athens Emergency Food Bank. Please bring donations of non-perishable items (peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, etc.) to church at any time in October and place the donations in the marked bins.

Instead of a Fall Festival this year, the Children's Ministry Team is planning a Fall Family Mission Event. Going out as families, we will deliver treat bags into the neighborhoods near the church. Instead of having people come to our campus for candy and treats, we will take the treats to them.



Worship Flowers

The flowers in worship this morning are given by Bob and Betty Jane Farrall to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hammett and Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Farrall.

The Worship of God

Invitation to Worship

Paul Baxley

Call to Worship

This Is My Father's World

arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney

Music Makers Choir

Jennifer Baxley, Director; Emily Gertsch, Pianist

Sing Praise to the Lord

Ruth Elaine Schram

Music Makers and Joyful Singers Choirs

Teresa Granger, Director; Margaret Earnest, Pianist

Invocation

Frank Granger

*Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation, by water and the Word;
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And Christ's great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.*

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

Presentation of Bibles to First and Second Graders

Janet Cleland

Leader: The Bible is God’s record of revelation to us all. You are growing and learning. As you grow and learn we want you to have your very own Bible that will be a lamp unto your feet and a light to your path. We encourage you to read the stories of our faith, memorize the verses of inspiration, and discover God's love that comes to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. We love you and are proud of you and we give you this gift today and pray that you will open this gift, use it, and share its message with others.

Families: *As your family, we are proud of you today. We promise to share our faith with you as we read the Bible together.*

Congregation: **As your extended family of faith, we are proud of you. We promise to help you learn about the people, places, events, and stories contained in this book of our faith; and to share the message of God’s love as revealed in Jesus Christ.**

>>After the presentation of Bibles, 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.<<**

Scripture Lessons

Mark 1: 16-20
Acts 2: 37-47

Emily Harbin

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

Anthem

Jesus Is Lord
Sanctuary Choir

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend/
arr. Mark Edwards

*“Jesus is Lord,” the cry that echoes through creation;
Resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock.
The Son of God, the King, whose glory fills the heavens;
Yet bids us come to taste this bread of life.*

*Jesus is Lord, whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
Yet, in His wisdom, laid aside His crown.
Jesus, the man who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
Became accursed to bring salvation’s plan.*

*Jesus is Lord, the tomb is gloriously empty;
Not even death could crush this King of Love.
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we’re forgiven;
And we can run into the arms of God.*

New Testament Lesson

Romans 10: 9-13

Brandon Pendry

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

Sermon

The Foundational Question: What is a Christian?

Paul Baxley

The Celebration of Communion

Prayers of Preparation
The Invitation to the Table
Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

***Hymn**

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

HENDON

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,
at the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King,
always, only, for my King.*

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.*

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

***Prayer of Stewardship**

Shaun O’Rear, Deacon

Offertory

In Faith and Prayer

arr. Patti Drennan

***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**

Hope for God’s People

arr. Patti Drennan

***Please stand, if able.**