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Athens, Georgia

October 29, 2017
11:00 a.m.

The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

Creative Brooding

A child is perfectly willing to see and feel in a straightforward and simple way. So, when I found a visitor registration card filled out by a child here at First Baptist Church it compelled me to think simply about being in church and being a member of a congregation.

She wrote in the blank...."I am a guest of God! "

How simple, straightforward, honest and direct. It was clear this was the real thing!

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 29

8:30 a.m..... Mission Team Mtg. — Room 5 (3rd floor)
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 — Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Fall Family Mission Adventure — Meet in Parking Lot
4:30 p.m. Reforming Questions Small Groups

Monday, October 30

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting — Room 7 (3rd floor)
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Tuesday, October 31

12:00 noon Tuesday Noon Bible Study — Room 7 (3rd floor)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #22 — Room 3 (3rd floor)

Wednesday, November 1

5:30 p.m. Reforming Questions Small Groups — Various locations
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Thursday, November 2

11:00 a.m..... The Seekers Team — Room 5 (3rd floor)

Friday, November 3

4:30p.m. Youth Retreat Begins

Sunday, November 5

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. All Saints Worship Service with Communion— Sanctuary
2:30 p.m. *The Hope We Have* Reception — Branyon Foyer
3:00 p.m. Youth Retreat Returns
4:30 p.m. Children's Choirs
4:30 p.m. Reforming Questions Small Groups
5:15 p.m. Mission Kids

The Sunday Messenger

COMMUNITY NEWS

Instead of a Fall Festival this year, the Children's Ministry Team will hold a **FALL FAMILY MISSION ADVENTURE** this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. We will deliver treat bags into the neighborhoods near the church. Join us!

A special collection of Jon Appleton's sermons *The Hope We Have*, has been compiled by John Pierce, editor and publisher of *Nurturing Faith*. On All Saint's Sunday, November 5, we will recognize the book with a reception from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Branyon Foyer. John Pierce will be on hand to sign copies of the book and books will be available for purchase.

The Seekers will attend Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's **SENIOR CELEBRATION** in Commerce on Thursday, November 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$15/person. A carpool will be forming to leave from the church at 9:15 a.m. Please RSVP to the church office by October 30.

Join the Seekers for a fall gathering at the **BBQ SHACK** on Lexington Road in Athens on Thursday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to the church office by November 8.

We will hold our **DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE** on Sunday, November 12 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. At this time, three newly elected Deacons will be ordained: Mary Conley, Pam Dillard, and Jeff Randa. This is a special time for the new Deacons and their families, and we as their church, join them in celebrating their ordination. Please join us.

OUR CHURCH ON MISSION

Action Ministries Athens will host a day called **DINE OUT, DO GOOD** on Thursday, November 1. On this date, 10% of proceeds at select restaurants around Athens go toward Action Ministry and Our Daily Bread. While we may not be able to host Our Daily Bread currently due to our renovations, we can all eat out and by doing so, support a ministry that is feeding our community.

Our next hosting week for **IHN ATHENS** will begin next Sunday, November 5. We will host guests in the IHN Day Center (upstairs). The week's coordinators are Kim & Wayne Rogers (kimqrogers@att.net). We will be sharing responsibilities with Chestnut Grove Baptist Church. If you are available to help during the week, please sign up on the IHN board in the Mission hallway or online (<https://goo.gl/THj2iQ>).

Plans are in the works for an **INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP** to Slovakia this spring (March 8-18, 2018). We will be serving in partnership with Shane and Dianne McNary building relationships, providing health care and education. Contact Brandon Pendry (brandon@firstbaptistathens.org) to learn more about this trip. Participants will need to commit to the mission by November 15.

Join our **MISSION MINISTRIES at FBC** by signing up for your choice of ministries on the two month calendar on the second floor hallway. On the FIRST and LAST Sunday of every month, a mission team member will be in the main hallway to help you sign up to serve with FBC's mission partners.

The Worship of God

Invitation to Worship

Janet Cleland

Prelude

Invocation

Emily Harbin

*Hymn 687

Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

NETTLETON

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

Danielle Williams

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

See the Children Here Before Us arr. Mary McDonald
*See the children here before us, fresh expressions of God's love,
each young life a precious promise, sent from heaven's realm above.
Lord, we ask You now to bless them as they learn and grow each day.
Help us teach them all the lessons that will guide them on their way.*

*Priceless gifts beyond all measure are the children in our care.
At this hour of dedication, Lord, please hear our humble prayer:
bless these parents on their journey through a vast, uncharted land;
help them follow as You lead them with a gentle guiding hand.*

*Now the church has come together with a promise we must share:
to be faithful to the children You entrusted to our care.
Let us see Your love reflected in each small and precious face;
help us show them all the wonders of Your endless love and grace.*

Jan McGuire

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 603** *Jesus Loves Me* CHINA

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-117.

>>Please pick up your children immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service.<<

Scripture Lesson Mark 10: 13-16 Sam Lumpkin

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Testimony in Song *Children Are a Gift from Heaven* arr. C. L. Bass

Randy Brittain, Tenor

*Children are a gift from heaven, each soul trusting and unique—
God's example of faith's journey for all people who will seek. Refrain*

*Children are a priceless treasure, sent from heaven like a dove;
Poetry yet to be written, they bring laughter, joy, and love!*

*Children help us to discover how our lives should be each day;
Joy unbounded, grace, forgiveness are the lights that mark the way. Refrain*

*They surprise us as we listen to each question, thought, and plea;
Unexpected pleasures find us through their innocence and glee. Refrain*

*Children need our care and guidance, teaching with each word and deed;
For they watch our actions closely, learning how to serve and lead. Refrain*

Sermon *The Formational Question:* Janet Cleland

How Do We Share Faith With Our Children?

***Hymn 532** *Hands of Blessing* ELLESDIE

***Prayer of Stewardship** Connie Ivester, Deacon

Offertory

***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

Janet Cleland

***Benediction**

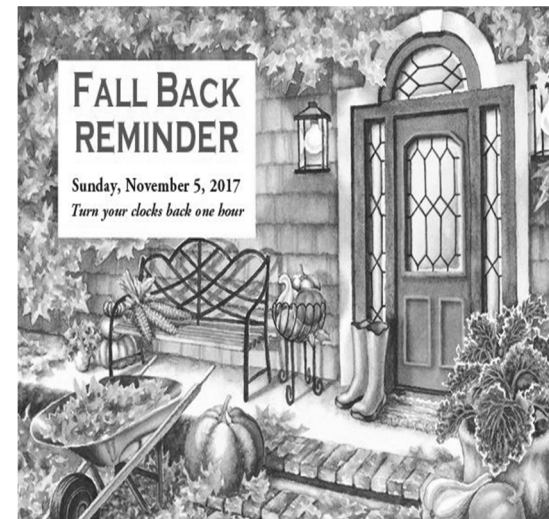
***Postlude**

***Please stand, if able.**



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of their parents, Joel and Elizabeth Giddens, and their brother, Charles Giddens, by Ann and Dale Giddens.



Serving Together

Co-Deacons of the Week

Oct.29– Nov. 4: *Jane Hubert, Connie Ivester*

November 5-11: *Joanna Hill, Bill Hopper*

Welcome Center Team

October 29: *Margaret Earnest, John Marshall*

November 5: *Sherri Divers, Joan Beckham*

October Fellowship Team

Kathy Coleman, Mary Conley,

Jill Dawson, Pam Dillard

Counting Committee

October 29: *Dallas Cannady, Steve Barton*

November 5: *Roy Segars, Dallas Cannady*

October Usher Team

Jerry Gouge, Carl Hedrick, Jimmy

Thomason, Milton Mills, Randan

Ashmore, Steve Smith

Prayer Concerns

Kathy Barrow — home

Larry Cutshaw, husband of Evelyn Cutshaw

Linda Moon — hip surgery, St. Mary's, rm. 6016

Gayle Noblet — knee surgery