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First Baptist Church
Athens, Georgia

November 26, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 26

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. Children’s Ministry Team — Rm. 7 (3rd floor)
4:30 p.m. Children’s Choirs
5:15 p.m. Mission Kids
5:15 p.m. Youth Choir
6:30 p.m. Youth Activities

Monday, November 27

10:00 a.m. Embroiderer’s Guild — Room 6 (3rd floor)
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting — Farrall Conference Rm.

Tuesday, November 28

12:00 noon Noon Bible Study — Rm. 7 (3rd floor)
6:30 p.m. Young Adult Dinner and Bible Study — Home of Kelli & Steve Smith
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #22 — Room 3 (3rd floor)

Wednesday, November 29

6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Sunday, December 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 — Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Children’s Choirs
6:30 p.m. Youth Activities

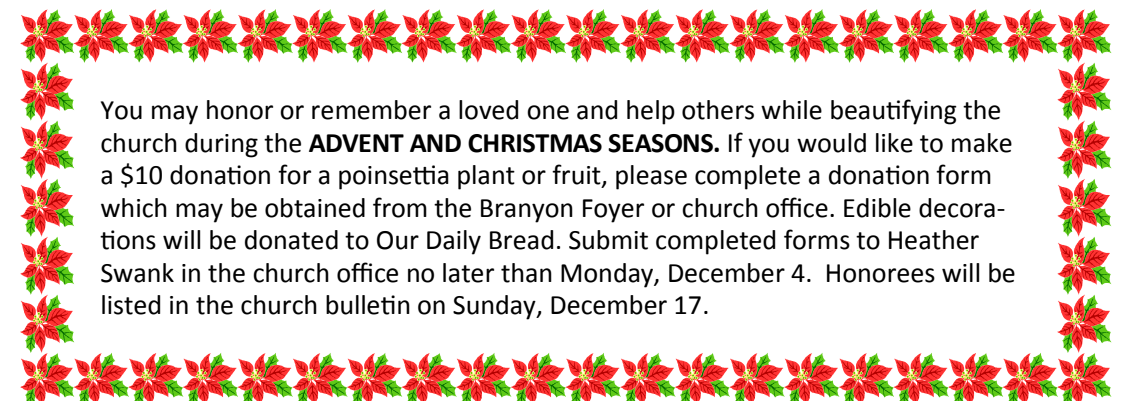
Creative Brooding

Christ is King every Sunday, every day of the week. On this Sunday, however, the church has decided that it will state the matter plain to ourselves and to the world: Jesus alone is the true Lord of our lives. In such a claim there is rich hope but no shabby sentimentality.

This Sunday all our inconsequential distinctions melt away. No longer are we Jew or Gentile, black or brown or white, laity or clergy, partisans of one special interest or another. Christ is King. Our true citizenship is in Heaven, as heirs of an indestructible salvation whose sole purpose is ceaseless praise of God’s glory. That is why the church gathers in worship this Sunday. Finally it’s the only reason we ever do.

-C. Clifton Black

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



You may honor or remember a loved one and help others while beautifying the church during the **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS**. If you would like to make a \$10 donation for a poinsettia plant or fruit, please complete a donation form which may be obtained from the Branyon Foyer or church office. Edible decorations will be donated to Our Daily Bread. Submit completed forms to Heather Swank in the church office no later than Monday, December 4. Honorees will be listed in the church bulletin on Sunday, December 17.

The Sunday Messenger

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** on Sunday, December 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The choirs will tell the story of Christmas by performing "All Creation Sings: A Night of Wonder!" A light reception in the Branyon Foyer will follow the performance.

CONSTRUCTION continues throughout the building. During the coming week, access to the office will be limited to entry through the hallway doors across from the bathrooms. Please continue to use the Branyon Foyer entrance during all times. Finishing touches are being made to the third floor classroom area as well as the Sanctuary. Work is progressing as expected in the Fellowship Hall. For your safety we ask that you please **STAY OUT OF CONSTRUCTION AREAS** at all times.

Stewardship Campaign Update Reach – Regenerate - Renew

Total Pledges received (November 20): 91
Total Amount Pledged: \$662,743
Average Amount Pledged: \$7,283

The average amount pledged reflects an increase of more than \$700 per pledge compared to last year's campaign. By the time all pledges were in last year, we had received 135 pledges for a total of \$883,719. So we know there are still outstanding pledges. If you have turned in your pledge already, thanks so much for your generous support. If you have not done so, please get your commitment form in as soon as possible. (A copy is included in Sunday School folders.)

OUR CHURCH ON MISSION

Food Bank Needs: Canned Soup, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Salmon. Please place donations in the marked bins in the Branyon Foyer.

Come ring the **SALVATION ARMY BELL** and support the ministries of our Athens Salvation Army while spreading Christmas joy! Times are available all day at the Walmart on Epps Bridge Parkway each day beginning November 27 through December 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Contact Brandon Pendry to sign up for a shift (brandon@firstbaptistathens.org) or sign up on the FBC website.

There are over 300 children in foster care with Clarke and Oconee DFCS. The Mission Team has committed to adopt 40 children for this year's **ANGEL TREE PROJECT** which provides an opportunity for church members to help make Christmas special for a foster child. Information about each child will be available at the Angel Tree in the Branyon Foyer. Gifts should be returned to the church by December 6, at 4:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Carol Rayburn Cofer (770-725-6655 after 6:00 p.m.). Monetary donations are also welcome!

OUR DAILY BREAD has moved temporarily to Oconee Street Methodist Church to allow for the renovation of our Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are still needed to serve there throughout the transition. Sign up on the FBC website or on the mission board in the main hallway.

The Worship of God

Invitation to Worship		Paul Baxley
Prelude	<i>O Worship The King</i>	arr. Phillip Keveren
Invocation		Janet Cleland
*Hymn 215	<i>Rejoice, the Lord is King</i>	DARWALL
A Psalm of Praise	Psalm 95: 1-7a	Frank Granger
	Leader: O come, let us sing unto the Lord!	
	People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!	
	Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving!	
	People: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!	
	Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains are his also.	
	People: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.	
	Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!	
	People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.	
Anthem	<i>Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	Mark Andrews
	<i>Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!</i>	
	<i>Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows. In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows!</i>	
	<i>Angels, in the height adore him; ye behold him face to face. Saints triumphant bow down before him, gathered in from every race. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!</i>	

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 158**

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

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.<<

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Brandon Brock

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Testimony in Song

Ride On, King Jesus!
Rachel Eve Apfelbach, Soprano

African-American Spiritual/
arr. Hall Johnson

Sermon

Christ Above All

Paul Baxley

***Hymn 159**

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

***Prayer of Stewardship**

Leslie Gordon, Deacon

Offertory

There Is A Balm In Gilead

arr. Barry Braman

***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

***Benediction**

Paul Baxley

***Postlude**

To God Be The Glory

Fanny Crosby

***Please stand, if able.**

Welcome Visitors!

We are so glad you're here! There are wonderful programs and opportunities for all ages! If you'd like to learn more about our ministries, please fill out the guest information card in the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the offering plate. You may also speak to any of our ushers, greeters, or ministers and visit the FBC website for more information.

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Serving Together

Co-Deacons of the Week

Nov. 26– Dec. 2: *David Graves, Leslie Gordon*

December 3-9: *Jim Ebert, Tony Dillard*

Welcome Center Team

November 26: *Connie & Martha Ivester*

December 3: *Gayle & Ray Noblet*

Counting Committee

November 26: *Bevan Hopper, Michael Jenkins*

December 3: *Michael Jenkins, Al Lee*

Fellowship Team

November: *Tony Dillard, Jim Ebert, Leslie Gordon, David Graves*

December: *Debbie Hargrave, Cindy & Daniel Haygood, Wayne Hogan*

Usher Team

November: *Annette Barfield, Larry Divers, Wilson Denney, Julie Jenkins, Bert & Joanna Hill*

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

Prayer Concerns

Kathy Barrow — St. Mary's, Rm. 6027
Richard Beeson — Menda Lambeth's father
Larry Cutshaw, husband of Evelyn Cutshaw
Linda Moon — hip surgery
Gayle Noblet — knee surgery



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Phyllis Jenkins Barrow, lifelong member of First Baptist Athens, in recognition of her heavenly birthday, November 30, 2009. The flowers are given by Don, Phyllis and Arthur Nelson.