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First Baptist Church
Athens, Georgia

November 5, 2017

11:00 a.m.

All Saints Sunday

Weekly Calendar

Creative Brooding

As we gather for worship on this All Saints Sunday and prepare to share communion, Brett Younger’s communion meditations invite us to remember two very different groups of people who are not in the room with us today:

When we take the bread and the cup, we take our place before the throne and add our voices to the choir. We share in a song that was being sung long before we got here and will last for all eternity. We share the bread with the multitude who in every age witnessed to their faith in life and death, those for whom the trumpet sounded as they passed to the other side. We share the cup with those whom we have loved and who have gone to be with God, whose names are written in our hearts. God calls us to be saints together with those in every place who call on the name of Christ.

The Spirit is present when we realize God is watching to see what we do in worship; when we sing a hymn that takes us back or takes us forward; when we hear the Scripture that was written for us; when we share the bread and the cup and genuinely want to be the church. The Spirit is present when we look across the aisle and recognize that a casual acquaintance is a sister or brother; and when we realize that the people who are not in church, the ones who do not feel invited, are family too. When we become more of whom we are meant to be, when we let God open our hearts, and when we realize that God is just getting started with us, the Spirit is at work.

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

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. *This Hope We Have* Reception — Branyon Foyer
3:00 p.m. Youth Fall Retreat Returns
4:30 p.m. Children’s Choirs
4:30 p.m. Reforming Questions Small Groups
5:15 p.m. Mission Kids

Monday, November 6

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

Tuesday, November 7

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 8

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

Thursday, November 9

10:00 a.m..... The Seekers to CFB Senior Celebration — Commerce, Ga.
6:00 p.m. The Seekers at BBQ Shack — Lexington Road
7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study — Chestnut Grove Baptist Church

Sunday, November 12

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 Deacon Ordination — Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Children’s Choir
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 Shuttle to Goggin Home
6:30 p.m. Youth Group at Goggin Home

COMMUNITY NEWS

A special collection of Jon Appleton’s sermons *This Hope We Have*, has been compiled by John Pierce, editor and publisher of *Nurturing Faith*. We will recognize the book this afternoon 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. 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

Our next hosting week for **IHN ATHENS** begins this evening. We will host guests in the IHN Day Center (upstairs). The week’s coordinators are Kim & Wayne Rogers (kimrogers@att.net). We will be sharing responsibilities with Chestnut Grove Baptist Church. There are still volunteer jobs available. 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.

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, 2017. Honorees will be listed in the church bulletin on Sunday, December 17, 2017.

The Worship of God

Invitation to Worship Paul Baxley

Prelude *I Am Bound for the Kingdom* arr. Larry Shackley

Invocation Frank Granger

***Hymn 567** *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE
 Sarah Deal, flute; Connor Croasmun, clarinet;
 Dave Braid, Alan Hester, and Margaret McDonald, trumpets
 Matt Gordon, trombone; Ryan Bratton, tuba

Stewardship Testimony Bill Hopper

Litany for All Saints Sunday Paul Baxley

Leader: We are surrounded with the remembrance of those who, one year ago, walked the pilgrim’s path of faith with us.

People: **Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.**

Leader: We admit, that we had hoped to share more of this life with them; and we cling to the promise that God, creator, redeemer, sustainer is a God of fulfillment and blessing.

People: **Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.**

Leader: It is by faith, with faith, and for faith that these, our brothers and sisters in Christ, lived. By calling their names we acknowledge their witness through this community of believers. We also remember their family members, the loss they have experienced, and the love they have known.

All: ***Surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us continue on the journey set before us looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.***

Recognition of Saints:

Jon Appleton	1934-2016	Charles Bennett Brittain	1934-2017
Connie VerBerkmoes	1934-2017	James Henry Horton	1939-2017
Janet Gay Crawley	1933-2017	Maxine Davis	1935-2017
Miriam Drewry	1921-2017	Valeria Peters	1931-2017
Michael Blanton	1954-2017	Lois Bowden Lay Cobb	1927-2017
Theresa Cash	1932-2017	Talmadge (Tal) DuVall	1933-2017
James Halligan	1927-2017	Mark Williams Sanders V	1932-2017
Frances Thurman	1924-2017	Allen Stephenson	1926-2017

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn 556** *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* PROMISED LAND
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 Lessons Matthew 11: 28-30 Emily Harbin
Matthew 18: 6-9 Janet Cleland
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *The Healing Question:* Paul Baxley
How Do We Offer Healing to those Wounded by the Church?

Anthem *Come, Ye Disconsolate* Thomas Moore and Samuel Webbe/
arr. Terre Johnson
*Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish, come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel;
here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish:
earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.*

*Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."*

*Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above:
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.*

The Celebration of Communion

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

***Hymn 545** *In the Bulb* PROMISE

***Prayer of Stewardship** Bill Hopper, Deacon

Offertory *Shall We Gather at the River?* arr. Joel Raney

***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**

***Postlude** *We're Marching to Zion* arr. Larry Shackley

***Please stand, if able.**

Prayer Concerns

Kathy Barrow — St. Mary's, Rm. 5034
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 Andrew M. and Eleanor N. Beck and their son, Drew Beck. They are given by Mary Gimbert and Bruce Beck with gratitude for the richness of time shared with each of them.

Branyon Foyer Flowers

The flowers in the Branyon Foyer are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Evelyn Brooks on the occasion of her birthday anniversary, November 4, by her family: David, Dillon, Erika, and Alec.



Serving Together

Co-Deacons of the Week

November 5-11: *Joanna Hill, Bill Hopper*
November 12-18: *Wayne Hogan, Debbie Hargrave*

Welcome Center Team

November 5: *Sherri Divers, Joan Beckham*
November 12: *Debbie & Tom Brown*

November Fellowship Team

Tony Dillard, Jim Ebert, Leslie Gordon, David Graves

Counting Committee

November 5: *Roy Segars, Dallas Cannady*
November 12: *Ray Noblet, Kelli Smith*

November Usher Team

Annette Barfield, Larry Divers, Wilson Denney, Julie Jenkins, Bert Hill, Joanna Hill