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First Baptist Church
Athens, Georgia

January 14, 2018

11:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Weekly Calendar

Creative Brooding:

God's call did not come to Samuel—nor does it come to us—in general circumstances. This is not a narrative of Samuel's general religious awakening. It is not simply another experience on the road to religious maturity. Samuel is called by God in a time of spiritual desolation, religious corruption, political danger and social upheaval. The word of the Lord is rare, the sons of Eli are corrupt, the Philistines are about to threaten Israel's survival....

This is no time to dwell on childlike faith experiences. The call is a prophetic task. The text will not allow us to dwell on the theophanic experience as an end in itself. This text reminds us of the spiritual challenges and social transformations that God's call brings. We are urged not only to discern God's voice but to listen to what it asks of us as well. We are called to become the channel for God's prophetic word to our time.

-Bruce C. Birch (on I Samuel 3)

Use me God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself.

-A Prayer of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Sunday, January 14

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
5:00 p.m. Community King Holiday Ecumenical Service, Sanctuary

Monday, January 15

9:00 a.m..... MLK Day of Service (Bear Hollow Zoo)
10:00 a.m..... Embroiderer's Guild — Rm. 5 (3rd floor)
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting — Farrall Conference Rm.

Tuesday, January 16

12:00 noon Bible Study — Farrall Conf. Rm.
6:30 p.m..... Virginia Appleton Circle — Members' Homes
7:00 p.m..... Boy Scout Troop #22 — Rm. 3 (3rd floor)

Wednesday, January 17

5:00 p.m..... Wednesday Night Supper
5:15 p.m..... Finance Committee — Farrall Conf. Rm.
5:45 p.m..... Children's Choirs
6:00 p.m..... Adult Discipleship
6:00 p.m..... Youth Activities
6:30 p.m..... Mission Kids
7:00 p.m..... Sanctuary Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday, January 18

5:15 p.m..... Personnel Committee — Farrall Conf. Rm.

Sunday, January 21

8:30 a.m..... Mission Team — Rm. 7 (3rd floor)
8:30 a.m..... Reach Out Team — Farrall Conf. Rm.
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
6:00 p.m..... Youth Activities — Youth Area

The Sunday Messenger

COMMUNITY NOTES

Join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we host the **COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL SERVICE** for the King Holiday Weekend sponsored by the Athens Area Human Relations Council and the Interfaith Clergy Partnership of Greater Athens. 2018 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. We will be honored to welcome several distinguished guest leaders for the service. Our Sanctuary Choir will provide an anthem for the service.

Our **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS** will resume this Wednesday, January 17 at 5:00 p.m. and will include dinner, children's choirs, mission kids, adult discipleship, youth activities and sanctuary choir. Reservations are needed for the meal. The cost of adult meals is \$7.00. The cost of children's meals is \$3.50. RSVP by noon on Monday via the church website, phone, or email to Heather Swank.

Our Church on Mission

Emergency Food Bank Needs:
Pork 'n Beans, Canned Salmon/Tuna,
Spaghetti Sauce

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.

Please consider joining fellow members of FBC for the **MLK DAY OF SERVICE** at Bear Hollow Zoo (293 Gran Ellen Dr.) on Monday, January 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Come prepared to work outside and bring hedge trimmers, shovels and gloves, if possible! Questions? Contact Brandon Pendry (Brandon@firstbaptistathens.org).

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP begins this Wednesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. There are two options:

Option 1: *A Study in First Corinthians*: led by Paul Baxley, meeting in the Fellowship Hall

* This will also be offered on Tuesdays at noon beginning January 16.

Option 2: *Did God Kill Jesus?* Book study and discussion led by Frank Granger, meeting in Room 6 on the third floor.

The book, *Did God Kill Jesus?: Searching for Love in History's Most Famous Execution*, will be the basis for this discussion. Author Tony Jones offers the opportunity to discover that there is more than one explanation for the reason for Jesus' death. According to Jones, "How we understand the cross also colors how we picture God, Jesus, ourselves, and our mission in the world and how we see others." If you wish to reserve a copy of the book (cost at \$10.00), please contact Frank Granger (frank@firstbaptistathens.org)

The Worship of God

Invitation to Worship

Paul Baxley

Prelude

Christ, Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell/
arr. Sally Drennan Mossing

Invocation

Brandon Pendry

*Hymn 285

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

First Lesson

I Samuel 3: 1-20

Janet Cleland

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Psalm 139

Allen Pote

Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know everything I do.

When I rise and lie down, you are with me through and through.

Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,

Your presence follows me day by day.

Where can I flee from your Spirit?

Where can I go to run away?

If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.

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 400** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PRECIOUS LORD
*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.<<

Second Lesson John 1: 43-51 Frank Granger
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *A Calling for Those Days . . . and These* Paul Baxley

***Hymn 482** *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM, LORD

***Prayer of Stewardship** Andy Ullrich, Deacon

Offertory *Where True Love and Charity Abide* UBI CARITAS/
arr. Sally Drennan Mossing

***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** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Trad. Spiritual/
arr. John Carter

***Please stand, if able.**



SANCTUARY FLOWERS



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs., S, H, (Hoyt and Ruby) Butler, Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. H.H. (Henry & Orien Belle) Cobb, sr. by Tony and Diane Dillard on the occasion of Mrs. Butler's birthday on January 12.

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 then visit the FBC website at www.firstbaptistathens.org for more information.

Save the Date

The Deacons of FBC invite you to the **45th ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET** on Monday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. Invitations to adults in the 50+ category will be mailed. Transportation to the event is available by contacting Heather Swank in the church office. Meals can also be delivered to home-bound members who may not be able to attend. Please contact Heather Swank in the church office to RSVP by Thursday, February 1 at noon.

Recent Prayer Concerns

Kathy Barrow – PARMC rm. 6054
Larry Cutshaw, husband of Evelyn Cutshaw
Harriet Dwyer – home
Judi Fleming
Jim Hall—home

Sarah Kesler – Athens Heritage, rm. 401
Larry Moon – recent cardiac ablation
Phyllis Nelson – PARMC
Greg Shull, brother of Cheri Rose, cancer

Serving Together

Co-Deacons of the Week

January 14-20: *Mark Sanders, Andy Ullrich*
January 20-21: *Kim & Wayne Rogers*

January Fellowship Team

*Bill Hopper, Joanna Hill, Jane Hubert,
Connie Ivester*

Welcome Center Team—January 14

Al Henderson, Wanda Grogan

Welcome Center Team—January 21

Brenda & Bob Cain

Usher Team January

*Jerry Gouge, Carl Hedrick, Jimmy Thomason, Milton Mills, Randan Ashmore,
Steve Smith*

Counting Committee

January 14: *Mike Lacy, Al Lee*
January 21: *Kelli Smith, Roy Segars*