

## Ministers

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*Minister of Children, Families, and Outreach*

*Minister of Youth and Mission*

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*First Baptist Church*  
*Athens, Georgia*

January 21, 2018

11:00 a.m.

*The Third Sunday after Epiphany*

## Weekly Calendar

### *Creative Brooding:*

*The first movement of Jonah is the movement of disobedience, sailing off adventurously to Tarshish. The disobedience is aborted. The second movement consists of obedience, walking across the hot desert to Nineveh. Jonah arrives in Nineveh obedient*

*We quite naturally expect this to be a movement crowned with success, but it is not. Jonah obedient turns out to be as much in violation of the word of God as Jonah disobedient. This is a much neglected detail in the story...*

*Jonah is turned back from his disobedience by the sea storm and then rescued by the great fish. Saved, he goes to Nineveh, the place he was commanded to go by God. He preaches the word of God there as he was commanded to preach it. But Jonah is worse obedient than he was disobedient. Jonah obedient is angry and vindictive. Jonah hates Nineveh. Jonah despises Nineveh. Nineveh is a most contemptible place and he has no love for it. Jonah obeys to the letter the command of God, but Jonah betrays the spirit of God by his anger.*

-Eugene Peterson, *Under the Unpredictable Plant*

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

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#### **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  
5:15 p.m..... Youth Choir — Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m..... Youth Activities — Youth Area

#### **Monday, January 22**

2:00 p.m. .... Staff Meeting — Farrall Conference Rm.  
6:00 p.m. .... Deacon's Ham & Egg Supper— Fellowship Hall

#### **Tuesday, January 23**

12:00 noon ..... Bible Study — Farrall Conf. Rm.  
7:00 p.m..... Boy Scout Troop #22 — Rm. 3 (3rd floor)

#### **Wednesday, January 24**

5:00 p.m..... Wednesday Night Supper  
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

#### **Sunday, January 28**

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  
12:00 noon ..... Next Steps Luncheon — Fellowship Hall  
5:15 p.m..... Youth Choir — Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m..... Youth Activities — Youth Area

**COMMUNITY NOTES**

The Deacons of FBC invite you to the **45th ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET** on Monday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. 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.

**ADULT DISCIPLESHIP** begins this Wednesday and will continue throughout the Winter/Spring. 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. If you wish to reserve a copy of the book (\$10) contact Frank Granger (frank@firstbaptistathens.org)

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our **NEXT STEPS CONVERSATION** beginning with a church lunch on Sunday, January 28 immediately after worship. We will share a meal, listen to one another, and begin to plan for the future of FBC. The meal will cost \$2/ person. Child care is available. Please register for child care [online](#) or by calling the church office.

**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.

Our next hosting week for **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK** begins Sunday, January 28. Even if you've never volunteered with IHN before, we'd love to have you join in. Sign up for the job of your choice on the FBC website or on the Mission Board in the main hallway at church.

All are invited to the upcoming annual fundraiser for Interfaith Hospitality Network, **LA TABLE** held at the Athens Country Club on Tuesday February 27 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 each and can be purchased on Wednesday evenings, Sunday mornings, or by calling Marcia Caskey (706.369.8474). Come and enjoy a good meal, fellowship with friends, seeing all the "creativity" of the decorated tables, AND know that you have, once again, supported the work of IHNA, and "made a difference" in the lives of homeless families in our NE Georgia area!

*The Worship of God*

<b>Invitation to Worship</b>		Paul Baxley
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Once to Every Man and Nation</i>	arr. Fred Bock
<b>Invocation</b>		Emily Harbin
<b>*Hymn 319</b>	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	LOBE DEN HERREN
<b>Scripture Lesson</b>	Jonah 3: 1-4:11	Livy Baxley and Zeke Williamson
	Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.	
	<b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>	
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Seek the Lord</i>	John Carter
	<i>Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thought; Let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.</i>	
	Isaiah 55: 6-7	
<b>Silent Prayers</b>		
<b>Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer</b>		Janet Cleland
	<i>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.</i>	
<b>*Hymn 473</b>	<i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>	KELVINGROVE
	<i>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.</i>	
	<b>&gt;&gt;Please pick up your children immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service.&lt;&lt;</b>	

**Scripture Lessons** Mark 1: 14-20 Brandon Pendry

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Reluctant Repentance* Paul Baxley

**\*Hymn 497** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ASSAM

**\*Prayer of Stewardship** Wayne Rogers, Deacon

**Offertory** *Living for Jesus* arr. John Turner

**\*Response of the People** *Doxology* OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*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* arr. Matthew Weston

**\*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 then visit the FBC website at [www.firstbaptistathens.org](http://www.firstbaptistathens.org) for more information.

*Recent Prayer Concerns*

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Claude Williams and his family in the passing of his wife, Charlotte Williams on Saturday, January 13.

- Kathy Barrow — PARMC rm. 6054
- Larry Cutshaw, husband of Evelyn Cutshaw
- Harriet Dwyer — home
- Judi Fleming — The Oaks
- Jim Hall — home
- Sarah Kesler — Athens Heritage, rm. 401
- Hope Meredith — Fil & Lynn Meredith's daughter in law
- Phyllis Nelson — PARMC
- Greg Shull, brother of Cheri Rose, cancer
- Bobby Wilbanks, brother of Nancy Lee Wilbanks

*Serving Together*

**Co-Deacons of the Week**

January 20-27: *Kim & Wayne Rogers*  
Jan. 28-Feb. 3: *Alan Reddish, Jeff Randa*

**January Fellowship Team**

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

**Welcome Center Team—January 21**

*Brenda & Bob Cain*

**Welcome Center Team—January 28**

*Teresa Granger, Christine Lo*

**Usher Team January**

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

**Counting Committee**

January 21: *Kelli Smith, Roy Segars*  
January 28: *Dallas Cannady, Steve Barton*



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in memory of W. P., Sr., and Anne Horton and Jim and Angela Horton by Bill and Vickie Horton and Lorene Horton.*

