

## Ministers

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*Minister of Music*

*Minister of Children, Families, and Outreach*

*Minister of Youth and Mission*

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# *First Baptist Church*

*Athens, Georgia*

February 11, 2018

11:00 a.m.

*Transfiguration Sunday*

## Weekly Calendar

### *Creative Brooding*

*We are capable of more than we realize. Every day is an opportunity. If we will open our eyes, we will find that moments of God's presence lie like unopened gifts at every turn of the road. As we exercise our sense of wonder, we realize that God beyond us is in our midst.*

*Our everyday life is not every day. The surface of what we see and hear is not all that there is. When you laugh, when you cry, when you feel hope, open yourself to the possibilities. The potential that God has placed within us is breathtaking. Christ calls his disciples to catch a glimpse of glory and live with awe....Christ invites his disciples out of the sleep of death and into the light of wonder.*

*Open your eyes. Listen carefully. Pay attention.*

-Brett Younger, "Glimpses of Glory"

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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, February 11**

8:30 a.m.....Children's Ministry Team — Farrall Conference 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 Ski Trip Returns

#### **Monday, February 12**

2:00 p.m..... Staff Meeting — Farrall Conference Rm.  
6:30 p.m..... Valentine Banquet — Fellowship Hall

#### **Tuesday, February 13**

7:30 a.m.....Men's Prayer Breakfast — Em's Kitchen  
12:00 noon .....Bible Study — Rm. 324  
7:00 p.m..... Boy Scout Troop #22 — Rm. 3 (3rd floor)

#### **Wednesday, February 14**

5:00 p.m..... Wednesday Night Supper  
6:00 p.m.....Ash Wednesday Worship — Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m.....Sanctuary Choir — Sanctuary

#### **Sunday, February 18**

8:30 a.m..... Mission Team, Third floor Conference Rm.  
9:30 a.m..... Next Steps Conversation and Breakfast — Fellowship Hall  
9:30—10:45 a.m. .... Sunday School for children — throughout the building  
11:00 a.m..... Worship Service — Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m..... Adult Sunday School Leadership Mtg. — Rotunda  
5:15 .m..... Youth Choir — Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m..... Youth Activities — Youth Area



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**



*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Dr. and Mrs. Fred Young and their children: Porter, Wilson, Mary Jane, Molly and Owen, in loving memory of Dr. Young's father, Mr. Robert Young, whose birthday anniversary is February 14.*

**COMMUNITY NOTES**

The Deacons of FBC invite you to the **45th ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET** tomorrow, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. If you have not already RSVP'd to attend or have meals delivered, please contact the church office first thing tomorrow morning.

The Seekers invite you to join them on February 20 at 7:00 p.m. for a panel discussion **LIVING LONGER AND STAYING HOME**, a conversation about aging in place. This is open to all members and will be of particular interest to members with aging parents. All are welcome. A dessert, cheese and fruit bar will be served. RSVP to the church office no later than February 14.

There are two open dates to **DONATE FLOWERS** for Sunday worship. If you'd like to honor or memorialize a loved one on March 11 or September 2, please contact Heather Swank in the church office.

Join us on Sunday, February 18, during the Sunday School hour for our **NEXT STEPS BREAKFAST**. All youth and adult Sunday School classes will gather in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to continue our conversation surrounding the priorities of FBC. We will host a panel of community leaders to field questions on what needs in the Athens area are more pressing and garner ideas on how FBC can be a part of addressing these needs. Breakfast will be provided (\$2/person). Children will attend Sunday School as usual but breakfast will be provided. Please plan to attend.

**OUR CHURCH ON MISSION**

**Emergency Food Bank Needs:**

Saltines, Hamburger Helper, 1lb. Bags of Rice  
Volunteers are needed on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each month. Sign up on the FBC website.

The upcoming annual fundraiser for Interfaith Hospitality Network, **LA TABLE** will be held at the Athens Country Club on Tuesday, February 27 at 11:00 a.m. Tickets (\$50) can be purchased on Wednesday evenings, Sunday mornings, or by calling Marcia Caskey (706.369.8474).

There is an immediate need for an individual (or family) to work with a local immigrant family facing the crisis of deportation. This is a short-term **IMMIGRANT BUDDY PROGRAM** projected to last less than 3 months and is a great opportunity to live out our call to love the immigrants among us. Contact Brandon Pendry (brandon@firstbaptistathens.org) for more information. Watch FBC publications for information about upcoming training at FBC.

If you are interested in joining a newly formed **EMERGENCY WEATHER RESPONSE TEAM** to be a back-up family shelter for the Salvation Army during weather emergencies, please sign up on the FBC website under Mission Opportunities. FBC will host a training for this team soon.

Paul Baxley will lead a small team to spend time with Shane and Diane McNary, Jekh Drom and The Samuel House in **SLOVAKIA** March 8-14. Their task will be to dream about the future there, and see how else God might be calling us to partner with the people of this area. Donations are not requested, but prayers are welcome. More information is on the FBC website under Mission Partners.

*The Worship of God*

<b>Invitation to Worship</b>		Paul Baxley
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	arr. Dykes
<b>Invocation</b>		Frank Granger
<b>*Hymn 158</b>	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	DUKE STREET
<b>Old Testament Lesson</b>	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Emily Harbin
	Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>	
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Holy Ground</i> <i>Holy ground, holy ground; we are standing here, my friends, on holy ground.</i> <i>Holy ground, holy ground; we are standing here by faith on holy ground.</i>  <i>Maybe a bush burning there in the wilderness, and it is not consumed;</i> <i>Maybe a shack by the side of the highway, maybe a simple room;</i> <i>Maybe an altar upon a mountain, maybe a concert hall;</i> <i>Maybe a temple, maybe a treetop, or anyplace at all; (Refrain)</i>  <i>Maybe an office buzzing with business, where phones and faxes ring;</i> <i>Maybe a school room far from the city, where little children sing;</i> <i>Maybe a courthouse; maybe a church house; maybe a simple home;</i> <i>Wherever God calls; where grace like rain falls; this place has now become: (Refrain)</i>	Ken Medema
<b>Silent Prayers</b>		
<b>Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer</b>		Paul Baxley
	<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>	

**\*Hymn 71** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE  
*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.**<<

**New Testament Lesson** Galatians 5: 16-23 Janet Cleland  
 Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Saying Yes and Saying No* The Rev. Emily Hull McGee

**\*Hymn 96** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

**\*Prayer of Stewardship** Helen Mills, Deacon

**Offertory** *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Mark Hayes

**\*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** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. John Carter

**\*Please stand, if able.**



Our Ash Wednesday Service is set for Wednesday, February 14, at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. We will again offer a Lent Devotional Guide available in print and through email. These will be available at the beginning of the season for you to use as a guide for scripture and prayer.

*Recent Prayer Concerns*

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Leonidas "Lon" Rice who died on February 4.

Leanna Dawson — PARMC, Rm. 5110

Harriet Dwyer — home

Bill Fleeman — home

Judi Fleming — home

Grace Gully — The Oaks, rm. 704

Jim Hall — home

Sarah Kesler — Athens Heritage, rm. 401

Evelyn Martin — home

Hope Meredith — Fil & Lynn Meredith's daughter-in-law, cancer

Bobby Wilbanks — brother of Nancy Lee Wilbanks, stroke

*Serving Together*

**Co-Deacons of the Week**

February 11-17: *Helen & Milton Mills*

February 18-24: *Evelyn & Doug Martin*

**February Fellowship Team**

*Mark Sanders, Andy Ullrich, Amy Young, Fred Young*

**Welcome Center Team—February 11**

Fanning Foyer: *Debbie & Tom Brown*

Branyon Foyer: *Judy & Jim Ebert*

**Welcome Center Team—February 18**

Fanning Foyer: *Martha & Connie Ivester*

Branyon Foyer: *Pam & Jackie Griffin*

**February Usher Team**

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

**Counting Committee**

February 11: *Jackie Griffin, Bevan Hopper*

February 18: *Michael Jenkins, Mike Lacy*

*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.