

Ministers

Paul Baxley

Senior Minister

Frank Granger

Minister of Christian Community

Randy Brittain

Minister of Music

Janet Cleland

Minister of Children, Families, and Outreach

Brandon Pendry

Minister of Youth and Mission

Emily Harbin

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First Baptist Church

Athens, Georgia

February 25, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

Weekly Calendar

Creative Brooding

Let him who until now has had the privilege of living a common Christian life with other Christians praise God's grace from the bottom of his heart. Let him thank God on his knees and declare: It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren.

The Christian needs another Christian who speaks God's word to him. He needs him again and again when he becomes uncertain and discouraged, for by himself, he cannot help himself without belying the truth. He needs his brother man as a bearer and proclaimer of the divine word of salvation. He needs his brother solely because of Jesus Christ. The Christ in his own heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of his brother; his own heart is uncertain, his brother's is sure.

And that also clarifies the goal of Christian community; they meet one another as bringers of the message of salvation. As such, God permits them to meet together and gives them community.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

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

Sunday, February 25

9:15 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship — Fanning Foyer
9:45—10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages— throughout the building
11:00 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Next Steps Conversation and Luncheon — Fellowship Hall
5:15 p.m. Youth Choir — Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Youth Activities — Youth Area

Monday, February 26

10:00 a.m. Embroiderers Guild — Rm. 328
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting — Farrall Conference Rm.

Tuesday, February 27

12:00 noon Bible Study — Rm. 324
6:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer with Chestnut Grove — Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #22 — Rooms 337 & 339

Wednesday, February 28

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, Fellowship Hall
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs — First Floor
6:00 p.m. Adult Discipleship
Option 1: led by Paul Baxley — Fellowship Hall Option 2: led by Frank Granger — Rm. 325
6:00 p.m. #Moms — Third floor gathering area
6:00 p.m. Youth at Rush
6:30 p.m. Mission Kids
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday, March 1

10:00 a.m. Seekers Team — Farrall Conference Rm.

Sunday, March 4

8:30 a.m. Discipleship Team — 3rd Floor Conference Rm.
9:15 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship — Fanning Foyer
9:30—10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages— throughout the building
11:00 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
5:15 p.m. Youth Choir — Sanctuary
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DEACON ELECTION PROCESS FOR 2018

The schedule for our election process is as follows with all resident church members nominating up to 12 eligible members. Please refer to other FBC publications for the criteria. To **OPT OUT** of consideration for deacon or if you are a former deacon requesting **EMERITUS STATUS**, you must submit a request **in writing** to Cheri Rose in the church office (by mail or email) no later than February 28. Please note the important dates below:

- **Wednesday, February 28:** Last day to notify office to be removed from consideration for deacon (Emeritus Status or to be placed on the Ineligible list).
- **Wednesday, March 14:** Ballots mailed to membership
- **Tuesday, March 27:** Ballots submitted to church office for counting

COMMUNITY NOTES

Plan to join us after worship this morning for a **CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH AND NEXT STEPS CONVERSATION**. We will share a meal, listen to one another, and continue planning for the future of FBC. Donations for lunch will support the youth mission trip to Houston. Childcare will be available.

Our monthly gatherings with members of **CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST** for Bible study and prayer will resume this week. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27 in the Fellowship Hall at FBC. Please join us.

#MOMS will meet on Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Charlotte Marshall to share with us a history of women at First Baptist Athens. It will be a time of hearing from Charlotte, fellowship and planning for the future and of course a snack! Please join us on the third floor in the Adult Gathering Area.

Join the ladies of FBC for a **LADIES DAY AWAY** on Thursday, April 5 (*note date change*). We plan to depart FBC at 7:45 a.m. for Asheville by coach to tour the Biltmore House's exhibit of the clothes from the movie Titanic. The cost is \$100 per person. All are invited — bring a friend! RSVP to the church office no later than Tuesday, March 20.

The Seekers invite you to their second annual **HUGE BIRTHDAY PARTY** on Thursday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$5/person to cover the cost of the meal and entertainment. RSVP to the church office by Monday, March 19.

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 this Tuesday, February 27 at 11:00 a.m. Tickets (\$50) can be purchased 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

Invitation to Worship		Paul Baxley
Prelude	<i>The Power of the Cross</i>	Getty, Townend/arr. Larson
Invocation		Frank Granger
*Hymn 2	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	ITALIAN HYMN
Old Testament Lesson	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16	Emily Harbin
	Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.	
	People: Thanks be to God.	
Anthem	<i>Grace</i>	arr Mark Hayes
Silent Prayers		
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		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 267	<i>Blest Be the Tie</i>	DENNIS
	<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>	
	>>Please pick up your children immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service.<<	
New Testament Lesson	Mark 8: 31-38	Janet Cleland
	Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.	
	People: Thanks be to God.	

Testimony in Song

Take My Life

Craig Courtney

Randy Brittain, Tenor; Sarah Deal, Flute
*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.*

*Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal Throne.*
Frances R. Havergal, 1874

Sermon

A Community for Costly Discipleship

Paul Baxley

***Hymn 278**

We Are Travelers on a Journey

BEACH SPRING

***Prayer of Stewardship**

Gigi Lastinger, Deacon

Offertory

Speak, O Lord

arr. Zamora

***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**

Zach Graves

***Postlude**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

arr. John Carter

***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 for more information.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of Ellen Hammond by her family on the occasion of her March 3 birthday anniversary.



Recent Prayer Concerns

Kris Wilson — home

Serving Together

Co-Deacons of the Week

Feb. 25– Mar. 3: *Julie Jenkins, Gigi Lastinger*
March 4-10: *Jane Hubert, Connie Ivester*

Fellowship Team

February: *Mark Sanders, Andy Ullrich, Amy Young, Fred Young*
March: *Helen & Milton Mills, Ray Noblet, Shaun O'Rear*

Welcome Center Team—February 25

Fanning Foyer: *Al Henderson, Wanda Grogan*
Branyon Foyer: *Beth Sanders, Janice Love*

Welcome Center Team—March 4

Fanning Foyer: *Gayle & Ray Noblet*
Branyon Foyer: *Brenda & Bob Cain*

Usher Team

February: *Annette Barfield, Larry Divers, Wilson Denney, Julie Jenkins, Bert Hill, Joanna Hill*
March: *Brad Lastinger, Doug Dillard, Ches Smith, Kevin Price, Bill Horton, Wes Hogan*

Counting Committee

February 25: *Al Lee, Ray Segars*
March 4: *Kelli Smith, Dallas Cannady*