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*Minister of Children, Families, and Outreach*

*Minister of Youth and Mission*

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# *First Baptist Church*

*Athens, Georgia*

February 4, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Celebration of Communion

*The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

## Weekly Calendar

### *Creative Brooding:*

In our Gospel Lesson this morning, we are reminded that Jesus, in the frenetic beginning of his ministry, arose one morning and withdrew to a deserted place to pray. His actions anticipate the words of Marva Dawn's beautiful text:

*Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;  
From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ and find release.  
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;  
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.*

*In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down and rest our soul.  
From the waters of God's mercy, we drink deeply, are made whole.  
At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.  
With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.*

-Marva J. Dawn (1999)

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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 4**

8:30 a.m.....Preschool and Elementary Sunday School Leader Mtg. — Rm. 117  
8:30 a.m..... Discipleship Team (3rd floor 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  
12:00 p.m. .... Homebound Communion and Lunch — Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m..... Youth Super Bowl Party — Youth Area

#### **Monday, February 5**

##### ***Our Daily Bread Returns to FBC***

2:00 p.m..... Staff Meeting — Farrall Conference Rm.

#### **Tuesday, February 6**

12:00 noon ..... Bible Study — Rm. 324  
7:00 p.m..... Boy Scout Troop #22 — Rm. 3 (3rd floor)

#### **Wednesday, February 7**

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 — Youth Area  
6:30 p.m..... Mission Kids  
7:00 p.m..... Sanctuary Choir — Sanctuary

#### **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 Activities — Youth Area

## The Sunday Messenger

### 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.

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 interest to members with aging parents. A dessert bar will be served. RSVP to the church office no later than February 14.

There are three open dates to **DONATE FLOWERS** for Sunday worship. If you'd like to honor or memorialize a loved one on March 4, 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 to serve 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). Space is limited!

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 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 in the near future.

**OUR DAILY BREAD** returns to FBC next Monday, February 5. Volunteers are always needed to help out with meal service. Please stop by any day next week to welcome our guests back to FBC. And sign up online to volunteer on a more regular basis.

## The Worship of God

<b>Invitation to Worship</b>		Paul Baxley
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>On Eagle's Wings</i>	Michael Joncas/ arr. Douglas Wagner
<b>Invocation</b>		Janet Cleland
<b>*Hymn 58</b>	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	ST. DENIO
<b>Old Testament Lesson</b>	Isaiah 40:21-31	Emily Harbin
	Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>	
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>They Shall Soar Like Eagles</i> Sarah Deal, Flute	Laura Manzo
	<i>They shall soar like eagles; rise up and soar like eagles. They who wait upon the Lord shall not be weary. They shall never stumble, but gain new strength and power. They who wait upon the Lord.</i>	
	<i>Those who are weary and burdened with sorrow need not despair there is hope for tomorrow. God will be there each time you call on Him. Based on Isaiah 40: 29-31</i>	
<b>New Testament Lesson</b>	Mark 1:29-39	Frank Granger
	Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>	

**\*Hymn 66** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION  
*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.<<**

**Sermon** *Relentless Energy* Paul Baxley

**The Celebration of Communion**

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

**\*Hymn 74** *There Is a Balm in Gilead* BALM IN GILEAD

**\*Prayer of Stewardship** Shaun O'Rear, Deacon

**Offertory** *Take My Life* HENDON/  
arr. Rodriguez

**\*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**

**\*Postlude** *Jesus Shall Reign* arr. Anna Laura Page

**\*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:

- Bill McDonald and family in the January 29 death of his mother Hilda Moore McDonald in NC.
- Betty Woolbright in the January 29 death of her sister Oveline King in SC.

Kathy Barrow — home  
Harriet Dwyer — home  
Judi Fleming — The Oaks, rm. 216  
Grace Gulley — The Oaks, rm. 704  
Jim Hall — home  
Sarah Kesler — Athens Heritage, rm. 401  
Hope Meredith — Fil & Lynn Meredith's daughter-in-law, cancer  
Linda Moon — St. Mary's, rm. 6005  
Juanita Reddish — Alan Reddish's mother  
Greg Shull — brother of Cheri Rose, cancer  
Bobby Wilbanks — brother of Nancy Lee Wilbanks, stroke

*Serving Together*

**Co-Deacons of the Week**

February 4-10: *Shaun O'Rear, Bill Hopper*

February 11-17: *Helen & Milton Mills*

**February Fellowship Team**

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

**Welcome Center Team—February 4**

Fanning Foyer: *Margaret Earnest, John Marshall*

Branyon Foyer: *Sherri Divers, Joan Beckham*

**Welcome Center Team—February 11**

Fanning Foyer: *Debbie & Tom Brown*

Branyon Foyer: *Judy & Jim Ebert*

**February Usher Team**

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

**Counting Committee**

February 4: *Ray Noblet*

February 11: *Jackie Griffin, Bevan Hopper*