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*Minister of Children, Families, and Outreach*

*Minister of Youth and Mission*

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# *First Baptist Church*

*Athens, Georgia*

April 1, 2018

11:00 a.m.

*Easter*

# Creative Brooding

As we gather for worship on this Easter Sunday, reflect on the commentary offered by Frederick Dale Bruner on our Gospel text for today:

*This one word, Mary's own name, spoken by the most significant person she had ever known, changed her whole life.*

*"She turned around...." In the one or two seconds this turn took, I imagine the world shifting ever so slightly on its axis and at about this turn's one-second midpoint trajectory, history, too, moved almost imperceptibly from B.C. to A.D. A second before this turn there is a woman in the deepest human despair in the agonizing presence of unconquerable death. A second after the beginning of this turn there is a woman in the deepest possible human elation—in the presence of the death-conquering Central Figure of history. The rush that must have come over her in her two second turn is unimaginable. She is the first person, ever, to experience the personal presence of the Risen Lord. When she had turned to him at this moment, human history took a turn to a responsible hope for the vincibility of death and, so, to the conquest of meaninglessness.*

-Frederick Dale Bruner, The Gospel of John: A Commentary

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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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## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, April 1 — Easter

7:00 a.m. .... Easter Sunrise Worship — Ocone Hill Cemetery  
9:15 a.m. .... Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship — 3rd floor Gathering Area  
9:45—10:45 a.m. .... Sunday School for all ages— throughout the building  
11:00 a.m. .... Easter Worship Service — Sanctuary

### Monday, April 2

Church Office closed

### Tuesday, April 3

7:45 a.m. .... Ladies Day Away — departing from FBC parking lot  
12:00 noon ..... Bible Study — Rm. 324  
7:00 p.m. .... Boy Scout Troop #22 — Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, April 4

5:00 p.m. .... Wednesday Night Supper — Fellowship Hall  
5:45 p.m. .... Children's Choirs — First Floor  
6:00 p.m. .... Adult Discipleship — Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. .... Youth Activities — Youth Area  
6:30 p.m. .... Mission Kids — First Floor  
7:00 p.m. .... Sanctuary Choir — Sanctuary

### Thursday, April 5

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

### Friday, April 6

10:30 noon ..... Action Ministries Prayer Time — 3rd floor Gathering Area

### Sunday, April 8

8:00 a.m. .... Nominating Committee — Farrall Conf. Rm.  
9:15 a.m. .... Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship — 3rd floor Gathering Area  
9:45—10:45 a.m. .... Sunday School for all ages— throughout the building  
11:00 a.m. .... Worship Service — Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. .... Youth Activities — Youth Area

# The Sunday Messenger

## COMMUNITY NOTES

Please join us Wednesday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. for a special adult discipleship session **CELEBRATE, DISCOVER, CONNECT**. Cindy Haygood will give an overview of our April 15 Celebration, our Reach Out Team will bring you up to speed on our new logo and more, and Frank Granger will help you get connected through My Connections online and mobile church directory.

Mark your calendars for the **CELEBRATION OF THE COMPLETION OF RENOVATION AND REDEDICATION OF THE BUILDING** on Sunday, April 15. We will begin the morning with a special tour with a twist during the Sunday School hour, formally rededicate the building during worship, and open our doors to the community with an Open House in the afternoon.

**PASSPORT KIDS CAMP** will be held at Converse College in Spartanburg for children in grades 3-6 from July 11-14. The cost is \$235/child (scholarships are available). Email Janet Cleland (janet@firstbaptistathens.org) to sign up.

Online registration is now available for the **2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** on June 11-14 from 9 am to noon. "Lights, Camera, Action!" is the theme for this year's VBS, open to children who are rising Kindergarten through sixth grade. Please register on the FBC website.

## OUR CHURCH ON MISSION

**Emergency Food Bank Needs:**  
Jiffy Cornbread Mix/ Hamburger Helper/  
Boxed Mashed Potatoes

Volunteers are needed on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each month. Sign up on the FBC website.

Our next hosting week for **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK** of Athens begins on April 29. There are over 55 individual volunteer jobs that need to be filled. Won't you consider signing up to serve? Sign up on the FBC website today. New volunteers will be paired with someone experienced. Contact Brandon Pendry (brandon@firstbaptistathens.org) for more information.

Watch your inbox for our weekly electronic news **THE MIDWEEK MESSENGER** which is sent each Wednesday. If you do not currently receive our weekly enews but would like to do so, please contact Sharon Jenkins (Sharon@firstbaptistathens.org). Items to be included should be submitted to Sharon by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

# The Worship of God

<b>Invitation to Worship</b>		Paul Baxley
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	arr. Anna Laura Page
<b>Easter Greeting</b>		Paul Baxley
	Leader: Christ is risen! <b>People: Jesus Christ is risen indeed!</b> Leader: Christ is risen! <b>People: Jesus Christ is risen indeed!</b>	
<b>*Anthem</b>	<i>Hallelujah</i>	G. F. Handel
<b>*Invocation</b>		Emily Harbin
<b>*Hymn 194</b>	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i> Alan Hester and Andrew Aziz, Trumpets Nic Aquila, Horn; Brandon Shook, Trombone; Ryan Bratton, Tuba Nathan Tingler, Timpani	EASTER HYMN
<b>Epistle Lesson</b>	I Corinthians 15:1-11	Brandon Pendry
	Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>	
<b>Testimony in Song</b>	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Liveth</i> Rachel Eve Apfelbach, Soprano <i>I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the later day upon the earth. And thou worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.</i> — Job 19: 25-26; I Corinthians 15: 20	G. F. Handel

## 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 223

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

*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.<<*

### Gospel Lesson

John 20: 1-18

Frank Granger

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

*The First Word of a New World*

Paul Baxley

### \*Hymn 215

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

DARWALL

### \*Prayer of Stewardship

David Graves, Deacon

### Offertory

*At the Cross/When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Tornquist/Forrest

### \*Response of the People

*Doxology*

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*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

*The Risen Lord*

Eugene Butler

*\*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.



### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by DeMaris Turk and family in loving memory of Dr. Ray Turk. They are placed in recognition of his birthday anniversary and Ray and DeMaris' 61st wedding anniversary on April 14.*



## *Recent Prayer Concerns*

Claire Brown – breast cancer

Zuzanna Kotchuchova and newborn daughter

Anna Randa's sister, Abby Hayes – cancer

## *Serving Together*

### Co-Deacons of the Week

April 1-7: *David Graves, Leslie Gordon*

### April Fellowship Team

*Jeff Randa, Alan Reddish, Kim Rogers, Wayne Rogers*

### Welcome Center Team—April 1

Branyon Foyer: *Debbie & Tom Brown*

Fanning Foyer: *Judy & Jim Ebert*

### April Usher Team

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

### Counting Committee

April 1: *Dallas Cannady*