

Ministers

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| Paul Baxley | <i>Senior Minister</i> |
| Frank Granger | <i>Minister of Christian Community</i> |
| Randy Brittain | <i>Minister of Music</i> |
| Janet Cleland | <i>Minister of Children, Families, and Outreach</i> |
| Brandon Pendry | <i>Minister of Youth and Mission</i> |
| Emily Harbin | <i>Minister of College Students</i> |
| Anne Brittain | <i>Organist and Music Associate</i> |
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Athens, Georgia

March 11, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Creative Brooding

“But what good works are those, the practice of which you affirm to be necessary to sanctification? First, all works of piety, such as public prayer, family prayer, and praying in our closet; receiving the Supper of the Lord; searching the Scriptures by hearing, reading, meditating; and using such a measure of fasting or abstinence as our bodily health allows. Secondly, all works of mercy . . . such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, entertaining the stranger, visiting those that are in prison, or sick, or variously afflicted. This is the repentance, and these the fruits meet for repentance, which are necessary to full sanctification. This is the way wherein God hath appointed his children to wait for complete salvation.”

- John Wesley on Ephesians 2:8,
from Smyth & Helwys Commentary on Ephesians

“. . . church isn't static. It's not a building or a denomination, or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Church is a movement in time when the kingdom of God draws near, when a meal, a story, a song, an apology, and even a failure is made holy by the presence of Jesus among us and within us.”

- Rachel Held Evans, *Searching for Sunday*

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 11

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

Monday, March 12

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

Tuesday, March 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 — Rooms 337 & 339

Wednesday, March 14

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper — Fellowship Hall
5:15 p.m. Finance Committee — Farrall Conf. Rm.
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs — First Floor
6:00 p.m. Adult Discipleship
Option 1: led by Brandon Pendry — Fellowship Hall
Option 2: led by Frank Granger — Rm. 325

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

Sunday, March 18

8:30 a.m. Mission Team Mtg.— 3rd Floor 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

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 who meet the following criteria:

- At least 21 years of age; have been members of First Baptist for 2 years by the time of balloting
- Regular in attendance and support of FBC service
- Financially supportive of the church
- In the opinion of the person making the nomination, meet the Biblical principles and conditions set forth in Acts 6:3-6 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

On **Wednesday, March 14**, ballots will be mailed to membership. On **Tuesday, March 27**, ballots must be submitted to church office for counting.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Join the ladies of FBC for a **LADIES DAY AWAY** on Thursday, April 3 (*note date change*). We plan to depart FBC at 7:45 a.m. for Asheville by coach to tour the Biltmore House exhibit of 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.

The Children’s Ministry Team is collecting **FILLED EASTER EGGS** for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt that will take place on Palm Sunday, March 25. Please bring donations to the church by March 19. Collection baskets will be placed in both the Branyon and Fanning Foyers.

Remember or honor a friend or loved one with an **EASTER LILY** donation. Please submit completed forms found in the Branyon Foyer with payment (\$12/lily) to the church office by **Wednesday, March 21** to be listed in the worship bulletin on Easter Sunday. Purchased lilies may be taken with you following Easter worship. Remaining lilies will be delivered to shut-ins. Surplus cash donations will be given to the Emergency Food Bank.

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. Space is limited!

OUR CHURCH ON MISSION

Emergency Food Bank Needs:
Hamburger Helper, Peanut Butter
Volunteers are needed on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each month. Sign up on the FBC website.

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) with questions.

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 is currently leading a small team to spend time with Shane and Diane McNary, Jek Drom and The Samuel House in **SLOVAKIA**. Please left their mission team in prayer that they may see how else God might be calling us to partner with the people of this area.

The Worship of God

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| Invitation to Worship | | Frank Granger |
| Prelude | <i>What Wondrous Love is This</i> | arr. Anna Laura Page |
| Invocation | | Randy Brittain |
| *Hymn 349 | <i>To God Be the Glory</i> | TO GOD BE THE GLORY |
| Old Testament Lesson | Numbers 21: 4-9 Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God. | Mike Cleland |
| Gospel Lesson | John 3: 14-21 Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God. | Emily Harbin |
| Testimony in Song | <i>There’s Room at the Cross for You</i> Mike Dekle | Ira F. Stanphill |
| Silent Prayers | | |
| Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer | <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> | Brandon Pendry |

***Hymn 41** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY
*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 Ephesians 2: 1-10 Janet Cleland
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *God So Loved the World* John Stainer

Sermon *But Wait . . . There's More* Frank Granger

***Hymn 488** *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* BEACH SPRING

***Prayer of Stewardship** Ray Noblet, Deacon

Offertory *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Bock

***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** Frank Granger

***Postlude** *Praise Him! Praise Him!* arr. Mark Hayes

***Please stand, if able.**



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Dave and Becky Braid and their children, Sarah and Kevin, in loving memory of their parents and grandparents: Barbara & Edgar Barber & Bertie and Murray Braid.



Recent Prayer Concerns

Claire Brown — breast cancer
Bill Horton — PARMC, rm. 6055
Kris Wilson — home

Serving Together

Co-Deacons of the Week

March 11-17: *Joanna Hill, Ray Noblet*
March 18-24: *Wayne Hogan, Debbie Hargrave*

March Fellowship Team

Helen & Milton Mills, Ray Noblet, Shaun O'Rear

Welcome Center Team—March 11

Fanning Foyer: *Teresa Granger, Christine Lo*
Branyon Foyer: *Becky Adams, Amy Young*

Welcome Center Team—March 18

Fanning Foyer: *Bettye & Wayne Jordan*
Branyon Foyer: *Debbie & Tom Brown*

March Usher Team

Brad Lastinger, Doug Dillard, Ches Smith, Kevin Price, Bill Horton, Wes Hogan

Counting Committee

March 11: *Steve Barton, Ray Noblet*
March 4: *Lane Chason, Jackie Griffin*

Please mark your calendars and worship with us during Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday Worship in our Sanctuary on Sunday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m.

Note the schedule below:

- **Tuesday, March 27—6:30 p.m.** Bible Study and Prayer with Chestnut Grove Baptist Church in the FBC Fellowship Hall
- **Wednesday, March 28—6:00 p.m.** Worship in the Sanctuary
- **Thursday, March 29—6:00 p.m.** Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion
- **Friday, March 30—12:00 noon** Good Friday Worship

Easter Sunday, April 1

- **7:00 a.m.** Sunrise worship at Oconee Hill Cemetery
- **11:00 a.m.** Easter worship at FBC Sanctuary