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Athens, Georgia

April 8, 2018

11:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Easter

Creative Brooding

*Who never doubted never half believed.
Where doubt is, there truth is— it is her shadow.*

-Ambrose Bierce, American Journalist, 1842-1914

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 8

8:30 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
12:15 p.m. College Lunch — College Rm.
5:15 p.m. Youth Choir — Choir Rm.
6:00 p.m. Youth Activities — Youth Area

Monday, April 9

2:00 p.m. Staff Mtg.— Farrall Conf. Rm.
5:30 p.m. Next Steps Team — Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 10

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. 337/339

Wednesday, April 11

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 — Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Youth Activities — Youth Area
6:30 p.m. Mission Kids — First Floor
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir — Choir Rm.

Sunday, April 15

8:30 a.m. Mission Team — 3rd floor Conference 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. Rededication of Sanctuary and Worship Service — Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. College Lunch — College Rm.
2:00 p.m. Open House
5:15 p.m. Youth Choir—Choir Rm.
6:00 p.m. Youth Activities — Youth Area

COMMUNITY NOTES

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 Kindergartners through sixth grade. Please register on the FBC website.

Online registration is now available for our **FINE ARTS CAMP** on July 16-19 from 8:00 am to noon. This camp is open to children who have completed Kindergarten through rising seventh graders. The cost of the camp is \$25/child or \$20/sibling if more than one sibling attend together. Scholarships are available. Please register on the FBC website.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 22 and the next gathering in our **NEXT STEPS CONVERSATION** to discuss Participatory Worship. Lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall following worship (\$2/person) and childcare is available upon request. Please contact the church office or register for childcare online.

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. Please contact Brandon Pendry (brandon@firstbaptistathens.org) for more information.

The Worship of God

Invitation to Worship		Frank Granger
Prelude	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	arr. Michael Larkin
*Invocation		Janet Cleland
*Hymn 205	<i>Christ Is Alive</i>	TRURO
Epistle Lesson	1 John 1—2:2	Emily Harbin
	Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.	
	People: Thanks be to God.	

*Anthem	<i>In Christ Alone</i>	Keith Getty and Stuart Townend/ arr. Mark Hayes
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*In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save:
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the love was God was magnified;
for every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!*

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Frank Granger

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 235

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

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: 19-31

Connie Ivester

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

I Doubt It!

Doug Ivey

*Hymn 197

We Welcome Glad Easter

ST. DENIO

*Prayer of Stewardship

Tony Dillard, Deacon

Offertory

Voluntary on "Trust in Jesus"

Kirkpatrick/arr. Putnam

*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

Footsteps of Jesus

arr. Lani Smith

**Please stand, if able.*



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by the Aderhold-Farrall Sunday School Class in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Aderhold, Sr., Omer Clyde Aderhold, Jr., and Elizabeth (Bebe) Clyde Aderhold.

BRANYON FOYER FLOWERS

The flowers in the Branyon Foyer this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Lebengood by his wife, Gail.



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.

Serving Together

Co-Deacons of the Week

April 8-14: Tony Dillard, Jim Ebert

April 15-21: Pam Dillard, Jill Dawson

April Fellowship Team

Jeff Randa, Alan Reddish, Kim Rogers, Wayne Rogers

Welcome Center Team—April 8

Branyon Foyer: Martha & Connie Ivester

Fanning Foyer: Pam & Jackie Griffin

Welcome Center Team—April 15

Branyon Foyer: Al Henderson, Wanda Grogan

Fanning Foyer: Beth Sanders, Janice Love

April Usher Team

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

Counting Committee

April 8: Mike Lacy, Bevan Hopper

April 15: Roy Segars, Kelli Smith

Recent Prayer Concerns

Claire Brown – breast cancer

Evelyn Harney – home

Zuzanna Kotchuchova and newborn daughter

Anna Randa's sister, Abby Hayes – cancer