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First Thoughts

SUNDAY WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

"Looking Beyond the Giant"

1 Samuel 17:41-50

David Hull

8:30 AM - REACH
Contemporary Worship

9:40-10:40 AM
Bible Study All Ages

11 AM Traditional Worship

WEDNESDAY DINNER 5 PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$7 for adults;
\$3.50 for children 12 & under.
Carry outs are \$7.50
Call 733-2236 for reservations.

November 16 MENU

Garden Salad

Yeast Rolls

Braised Beef Bottom Round

Aromatic Vegetables

Idaho Potatoes Mashed

Green Beans

Chocolate on Chocolate Cake

Children's Menu

Grilled Hamburgers & Fries

PB & J Sandwiches

Fresh Fruit

I write these words on Election Day. After many months of campaigning for the office of President, our nation will cast votes today for a new leader. As I write on Tuesday morning, some have already participated in early voting, others have voted when the polls first opened, and some polls in our country have not even opened yet. At the time of writing, I do not know who will be elected President.

When you read these words, the outcome of the election should have already been decided. As I mentioned in my sermon on Sunday, there is a good chance that close to half of the nation is grieving after the election because the candidate they supported was not elected. With the mean-spirited campaigning now over, how will we relate to each other after November 8? What will shape our words and our actions as we move forward as a country? We who are part of the family of First Baptist Church must act and speak as faithful followers of Jesus.

The New Testament describes how Christians are to act in relation with other people. Many examples are found in the Bible. Let me offer these two as a way for us all to reflect on our words and actions in the days following the election:

Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV)

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Philippians 4:4-8 (NRSV)

8 Finally, beloved, [e] whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about [f] these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

As my late father-in-law would say at the end of a prayer, "So mote it be." So mote it be among all of us. Amen.

Church Wide News & Opportunities

A Family Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, November 20
5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

This year we are planning an all-church Thanksgiving celebration. On Sunday night, November 20, you are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. for fellowship, worship, and expressions of thanksgiving. This event is for all ages. The Church will provide the turkey and dressing; you will bring a covered dish to serve 10 people (vegetable, salad or dessert). Following supper, we will have a Thanksgiving worship experience around the tables that will include an observance of the Lord's Supper. Make your plans now to attend this special, new event that will add meaning to your Thanksgiving celebration this year.

Dear Church Members,
At the Church in Conference on October 23, 2016, the Church approved the formation of search committees for two positions: Minister to Preschool & Children and Minister to Students. Under the Church's Bylaws and Standing Rules, a Minister Search Committee shall be a Special Committee approved by the Church in Conference. Nomination of the members of the Minister Search Committee must first be made by a Search Nominating Committee. Members of the Search Nominating Committee are Moderator Larry Fletcher, Finance Committee Chair Steve McPherson, Committee on Committees Chair Len Collins, Nominating Committee Chair Doug Clepper, Ministers Advisory Council Chair Perry Sentell, and Reverend Jim Walls. The Search Nominating Committee requests nominations from the congregation for those who might serve on the Search Committees for the Minister to Preschool & Children and Minister to Students. Those nominated should be "persons who have demonstrated by their past participation, a commitment to the activities and ministries of the church." We also ask that those nominated be able and willing to invest the amount of time required to make this very important selection for the future of our Church.

Nominations should be addressed to the Search Nominating Committee using the form below.

Name _____

Committee: (circle one)
Minister to Preschool & Children or Minister to Students

Qualifications for Nomination:



2017 Deacon Ballots must be turned in by close of worship on Sunday, November 13. Drop boxes are located around the FBC campus.

THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE WILL BE GIVING AN UPDATE IN WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Faith@Work Tuesday, November 15 at 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall, led by Dr. Gary Redding. The cost is \$7 per person. Please make reservations by emailing cbusby@fbcaugusta.org. We look forward to seeing you!



Call Lavinia Polatty at 733-2236, ext. 201 to order a poinsettia for the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one. Cost is \$15. All profits go to the Benevolence Ministry.



Prayer Ministry

If you are a Bible study leader (preschool age to adult), a leader on Wednesday nights in any children or student activity, a committee chairperson, or just a very busy church member, we need your help! The Prayer Ministry is planning a Week of Prayer event for January 9-13, 2017, to start off the 200th year anniversary celebration. We are in the process of compiling prayer requests from each area of ministry in our church to be placed in a prayer booklet. Each day's prayer guide will be divided into three sections: Upward (Confessional and Praise), Inward (Inside our Church), and Outward (Outside our Church). This booklet will not only be our guide during this Week of Prayer, but will also serve as a prayer guide for us to use during the year 2017. Would you please take a few minutes to send us your prayer requests for your area of service and ministry so we can include them in the Inward and Outward sections of the Prayer Booklet? We are requesting that you be as specific and detailed as you can and to include any scripture or scripture references that might pertain to your prayer request. Please email you requests to Sherri Hollar at hs.hollar@hotmail.com or call 706-855-9767.

Student Ministry

Honduras Mission Trip 2017 for Juniors and Seniors in High School! Trip dates are April 2-7, 2017. Interest meeting for students and parents on Wednesday, November 16, 6 PM in the youth area (Walton Building.) Allison Sizemore with Missions on the Move will be present to discuss the setting in which we will be serving. Costs are offset through the Dorothy Moore Youth Mission Fund. Deadline for sign-up has been extended until December 4. The trip is designed for 11-12 grade students who are active participants in the life of our church and ministry.

It is exciting that our new FBC history book is on the way to the publishers! We have been given a wonderful opportunity to honor and remember special people in this book. The last pages will be dedicated to our church family. You may purchase a line that will have your name on it and the individuals that you are honoring or remembering. Each line is \$20 and there is no limit on how many lines you may purchase. On some pages it will read:
In honor of _____ by _____



On others:
In memory of _____ by _____
There are forms in the Church Office on week days with Susan and Lavinia. Committee members will be at Wednesday night supper, and at the entrance to both worship services with forms and to accept payment. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church. This is a wonderful way to honor children, other family members, and to remember someone special. It will be meaningful to see the names of loved ones in our new history book. It is also a way of documenting ones membership at FBC Augusta.

There are many opportunities for kids of all ages to lead in the Family Christmas Eve Service on December 24 @ 3:00 p.m. Please call the Preschool/Children's Office if your child would like to participate. 706-731-5366

Passport Kids Camp June 27-30, 2017

All 3rd-5th graders can sign up to attend. Camp will be in Summerton, SC at Camp Bob Cooper (new location.) Total cost is \$250. A \$60 deposit is due by December 1 to reserve a space.

Mission Opportunities

The Benevolence Ministry will be providing Thanksgiving meals to families in need. We are asking for donations of turkeys and canned goods for these meals. Meals will be handed out to the families on November 15.

Angel Tree Christmas Store! You will notice the Angel Trees located around campus. Choose your angel and purchase an age-appropriate toy not to exceed \$50 (no bikes). Bring your unwrapped gift to the Mission Office by Monday, November 28. Volunteers are needed for the store. Contact Lisa Jones at 733-2236, ext. 292.



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Weekly Church Calendar November 13-19 2016

Sunday, November 13

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, MAC
9:40 a.m. Bible Study, all Buildings
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
Vietnamese Worship, MAC
2:00 p.m. Chinese Sunday School, W-105
2:30 p.m. Glorified Church Meeting, A-103
3:00 p.m. Deacon Nominating Committee, Conf. Rm
4:00 p.m. Student Handbells, D-203
5:00 p.m. Student Ensemble, Choir Room

Monday, November 14

9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO
9:30 a.m. Helping Hands Group, Arts & Crafts Room
Mom's in Prayer, Daniel Building, Rm. 201
5:00 p.m. BSF, Daniel, Adult & Walton & Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Kirkringers, 2nd Floor/Daniel Building
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Choir Room

Tuesday, November 15

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill
9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO
Benevolence, MAC
11:30 a.m. Faith@Work, Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee, Conference Rm

Wednesday, November 16

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Arts & Crafts
9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO
9:30 a.m. English As a Second Language, Adult Bldg
5:00 p.m. Family Supper, Fellowship Hall
5:15 p.m. Children's Handbells/Chimes, Sr. Adult 2
5:40 p.m. Preschool/Children's Choirs
5:45 p.m. THE RACE for Students, Walton Building
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
Orchestra Rehearsal, Daniel Bldg. Rm. 201
Ladies Bible Study, A-200
Men's Bible Study, Adult Bldg.
Pastor Search Committee, Conference Rm
6:30 p.m. Inside Out, Children's Missions
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal, MAC Gym

Thursday, November 17

9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO
10:00 a.m. First Family Singers, Choir Room
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee, Conf. Room

Friday, November 18

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill
9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO

Saturday, November 19

6:20 a.m. BSF Leadership, Daniel Building
11:30 a.m. Bridge Ministry, 15th Street Bridge

Attendance/Giving Report November 6, 2016

Sunday Worship Attendance.....727
Sunday School Attendance.....634
Weekly Requirements\$59,922
Budget-Building Receipts.....\$52,350
Budget-Building to Date.....\$2,160,565
Budget-Bldg. Requirements.....\$2,696,490

Daily Bible Reading

SUNDAY: Matthew 5:1-20; Ex 28-29; Prov 13
MONDAY: Matthew 5:21-48; Ex 30-32; Pv 14
TUESDAY: Matthew 6:1-18; Ex 33-34; Pv 15
WEDNESDAY: Matt 6:19-34; Ex 35-36; Pv 16
THURSDAY: Matthew 7; Ex 37-38; Proverbs 17
FRIDAY: Matthew 8:1-13; Ex 39-40; Prov 18
SATURDAY: Matthew 8:14-34; Lev 1-2; Pv 19

Prayer Texts

Coulter Hnatt (979) 446-1163
Please text "733" to the number provided
to let the individual know you have
prayed for them.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. Thomas Houck November 1, 2016

EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS NOVEMBER 13



8:30 AM: Sarah Cely, Pam & Allan Thomas,
Jennifer & Clint Shearouse

Hostess: Jennifer Shearouse

11 AM: Linda Bruggemann, Janet Price, Anita
Aguirre, John & Paula Watson

Minister On Call
706-832-2944

Jim Walls November 12 and 13