

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**DECEMBER 18, 2016**

*"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

Luke 2:17-20

David Hull

**8:30 AM - REACH**  
Contemporary Worship

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

**11 AM Traditional Worship**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**DECEMBER 25, 2016**

*"I Give You My Word"*

John 1:1-14

David Hull

**11 AM Combined 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.

No Wednesday meals  
December 21  
and December 28

**First Thoughts**

Typical of last minute Christmas shoppers, a mother was running furiously from store to store. Suddenly she became aware that the pudgy little hand of her three-year-old son was no longer clutched in hers. In a panic, she retraced her steps and found him standing with his little nose pressed flatly against a frosty window. He was gazing at a manger scene. Hearing his mother's near hysterical call, he turned and shouted with innocent glee, "Look mommy! It's Jesus - baby Jesus in the hay." With obvious indifference to his joy and wonder, she impatiently jerked him away saying, "We don't have time for that!"

Hmmm . . . This Christmas, are you taking time to stand in wonder before "baby Jesus in the hay?" Let me invite you to several worship experiences in the next few days that may be opportunities for you to stop your rushing around long enough so that you can experience the joy and wonder of the birth of Jesus.

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Advent. Our journey through Luke 2 comes to the end as we talk about the shepherds again. What did these shepherds do after they knelt in wonder before "baby Jesus in the hay?" How did that experience at the manger change them? How could Christmas possibly change us? I hope that you will join us for worship at 8:30 or 11:00 this Sunday morning as we explore those questions by studying Luke 2:17-20.

Christmas Eve provides two worship opportunities to "come and adore him." A Family worship service will be held at 3:00 in the Sanctuary. Children will help to lead this time of worship. Then at 5:00, we will have our traditional service of candlelight and communion. Come to one, or both, of these worship services and prepare your heart for the celebration of Christmas.

This year we have the rich blessing of being able to worship with our church family on Christmas Day. On Sunday, December 25, we will have one combined worship service in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. So that families can have plenty of time for their own Christmas celebrations that morning, we will not have Sunday School on that day.

In these last few days before Christmas, I hope that you will take the time to experience the wonder of "baby Jesus in the hay."

Merry Christmas, David Hull



**Family Christmas Eve Service**

*A special service designed for families with children.*

*3 PM, December 24*

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**

*5 PM, December 24*



**Combined Worship Service** 11 AM, December 25

*No Sunday School*

**Combined Worship Service** 11 AM, January 1

*in the Fellowship Hall*

**Welcome to Kelly Rose, Church Administrator**

Our church family joins together to welcome the newest member of our administration and ministry team, Kelly Rose. On January 1, Kelly will begin serving in the role of Church Administrator. She has two adult children, Hannah Rose Shuler and Sophia Rose Chambers, Kelly comes to us after many years of experience in both secular and church business. After graduating from the University of Tennessee, she worked several years in the university's administration, concluding her career with Tennessee as a Senior Benefits Specialist in Human Resources. Kelly began her work in ministry with First Baptist of Maryville, TN from 2000-2011, where she served as Church Administrator and Pastor of Spiritual Gifts. She has served as Interim Associate Pastor of Administration at FBC of Knoxville, TN and as Business Manager at Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, also in Knoxville. In 2006, Kelly was recognized as a Fellow in Church Administration, an award presented by the National Association of Church Business Administrators (NACBA.) Her certification project through Emory University was titled *The Creation of a Policy Handbook for First Baptist Church, Maryville, TN*. Kelly has maintained her certification credentials through NACBA. In the days ahead, take time to welcome Kelly to Augusta. We look forward to having her minister alongside us.



*The Church Office will be closed  
Friday, December 23,  
Monday, December 26  
and Monday, January 2.*

Prayer Ministry

**Week of Prayer** - What better way to begin our Church's 200th Anniversary celebration than with a Week of Prayer! This prayer event will be **Monday, January 9 - Friday, January 13, 2017, 6-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall/Chapel**. Each night we will come together as the body of Christ to pray for our Church. We will have specific prayer requests to pray over each night during a time that will be totally dedicated to prayer. Since this will be a time to talk personally and intimately with God and to listen to Him, we want everyone to feel comfortable praying at this event. You will be encouraged to pray aloud or silently as you feel the Lord leading you.

**Pray-er Volunteers** - If you would like to volunteer to pray before, during, or after either of our worship services on Sunday morning, please email Sherri Hollar at [hs.hollar@fbcaugusta.org](mailto:hs.hollar@fbcaugusta.org).

Preschool/Children's Ministries

**Inside/Out Midway Testing** - Midway testing is a great way to get some points checked off and start earning your way toward the Mystery Trip. You can test on the first 5 verses from this year, the books of the Old Testament, and the 5 verses from last year. Make an appointment to test with Jennifer Huston or Leah Galey anytime in December or January.

Mission Opportunities

**Angel Christmas Tree Store update** - The Angel Christmas Store served 41 families who purchased toys and other items at \$5 each for 138 children. We collected over \$1100 to benefit the FBC Benevolence Fund, which is one source used to assist families with financial needs as well as supply our food bank over the year. There were a lot of smiles as clients shopped and wrapped their treasures. Many clients stopped to express their gratitude because they were able to buy the toys for their children and this made them very proud. Thanks to all who supported this ministry with your gifts, money and time. Each of our members has a part in this ministry through donations in the "green envelope" and donations to our food bank.

**DEBT RETIREMENT MEMORIALS****Mrs. Sybil Atkins Rogers***Anna Kim & Larry Fletcher  
Tom Dozier  
Cason Bruker Bible Class - FBC***Dr. Harold Engler***Tom Dozier  
Mr. & Mrs. David Hudson  
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Mrs. Alethia Nowell  
Mrs. Gloria Patrick  
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Mrs. Gloria Patrick  
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Anna Kim & Larry Fletcher  
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Sherri & Mark Osteen  
J. I. & JoAnn McNair  
Lisa & Bobby Turner  
Mrs. Nan Shaefer  
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Storey  
Mr. & Mrs. Sid Mullis  
Martha & Gene Tanner  
Mr. & Mrs. David Hudson  
Denise & John P. Smith***DESTINO del REINO MEMORIAL****Mrs. Rena Mobley***Mr. & Mrs. Robert Scaggs***Congratulations and best wishes to ...****Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sherard**, who were married Saturday, December 10 at First Baptist Church. Mrs. Sherard is the former Abigail Thielke.*Just  
Married***January****Staff Birthdays***Jim Walls - January 26***Staff Anniversaries***Leah Galey - 3 years*

# First Baptist Church of Augusta

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## Weekly Church Calendar December 18-31, 2017

### Sunday, December 18

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, MAC  
9:00 a.m. College Brunch, Fellowship Hall  
9:40 a.m. Bible Study, all Buildings  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
Vietnamese Worship, MAC  
1:00 p.m. Contemporary Search Comt., Conf. Room  
7:00 p.m. Vietnamese Christmas, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, December 19

9:00 a.m. Preschool/MDO/Kindergarten  
12:00 p.m. Widow/Widowers Lunch, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, December 20

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill  
9:00 a.m. Preschool/MDO/Kindergarten  
11:45 a.m. Faith@Work, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, December 21

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Arts & Crafts  
9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO

### Friday, December 23 - Church Office Closed

### Saturday, December 24

3:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion, Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 25

11:00 a.m. Combined Worship, Sanctuary

### Monday, December 26 - Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, December 27

9:00 a.m. Benevolence, MAC

### Wednesday, December 28

5:00 p.m. Bridge Prep, MAC/Grill

### Saturday, December 31

11:30 a.m. Bridge Ministry, 15th Street Bridge

## Attendance/Giving Report December 11, 2016

Sunday Worship Attendance.....705  
Sunday School Attendance.....668  
Sanctuary Choir Program.....662  
Weekly Requirements .....\$59,922  
Budget-Building Receipts.....\$61,221  
Budget-Building to Date.....\$2,475,254  
Budget-Bldg. Requirements.....\$2,996,100

## Daily Bible Reading

SUNDAY: Matt 24:1-31; Num 25-27; Sgs 6:4-8:4  
MONDAY: Mat 24:32-51; Nu 28-29; Sgs 8:5-13  
TUESDAY: Matt 25:1-30; Numbers 30-31; Job 1  
WEDNESDAY: Matt 25:31-46; Nu 32-34; Job 2  
THURSDAY: Matt 26:1-25; Numbers 35-36; Job 3  
FRIDAY: Matthew 26:26-46; Deut 1-2; Job 4  
SATURDAY: Matthew 26:47-75; Deut 3-4; Job 5  
SUNDAY: Matthew 27:1-31; Deut 5-6; Job 6  
MONDAY: Matthew 27:32-66; Deut 7-8; Job 7  
TUESDAY: Matthew 28; Deut 9-10; Job 8  
WEDNESDAY: Acts 1; Deut 11-12; Job 9  
THURSDAY: Acts 2:1-13; Deut 13-14; Job 10  
FRIDAY: Acts 2:14-47; Deut 15-16; Job 11  
SATURDAY: Acts 3; Deuteronomy 17-18; Job 12

## Prayer Texts

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

## Minister On Call 706-832-2944

**Patti Fowler** December 17 and 18  
**Jim Walls** December 24 and 25

## EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS DECEMBER 18 & 25



**December 18 - 8:30 AM:** Dawn, Cassie & Anna Jones, Jennifer & Clint Shearouse

**Hostess: Jennifer Shearouse**

**11 AM:** Caroline & Bryan Ginn, Rachel Partl, Samantha DeLappe, Niti & Elizabeth Carlson

**December 25**

**11 AM Combined:** Lori, Steve, Carolyn & Wesley McPherson, Susan Jones

## IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Anne Galloway December 3, 2016  
Mr. Jim England December 8, 2016  
Mr. Rocky Evans December 10, 2016