

# First Baptist Church of Augusta

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## Attendance/Giving Report January 11, 2017

Sunday Worship Attendance.....706  
Sunday School Attendance.....558  
Weekly Requirements .....\$58,844  
Budget-Building Receipts.....\$37,366  
Budget-Building to Date.....\$110,459  
Budget-Bldg. Requirements.....\$176,532

## Daily Bible Reading

SUNDAY: Acts 16:1-15; Judges 2-3; Job 34  
MONDAY: Acts 16:16-40; Judges 4-5; Job 35  
TUESDAY: Acts 17:1-15; Judges 6; Job 36  
WEDNESDAY: Acts 17:16-34; Judges 7-8; Job 37  
THURSDAY: Acts 18; Judges 9; Job 38  
FRIDAY: Acts 19:1-20; Jdgs 10:1-11:35; Job 39  
SATURDAY: Ac 19:21-41; Jdgs 11:36-12:15; Job 40

## Prayer Texts

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

## EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS JANUARY 22, 2017



**8:30 AM:** Beth & Jeff Morrison, Heather Unrath, Kristi Messer

**Hostess:** Heather Unrath

**11 AM:** Ashley & Adam Lee, Jessica & Brett Johnson, Alison & Camy Powell

**Minister On Call**  
706-832-2944

**Kurt Wachtel** January 21 and 22

## Weekly Church Calendar January 22-28, 2017

**Sunday, January 22**  
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  
Lunch, 1st Serving, Fellowship Hall  
12:00 p.m. Lunch, 2nd Serving, Fellowship Hall  
Adult Bible Study Committee, FN  
2:00 p.m. Chinese Sunday School, W-105  
4:00 p.m. Student Handbells, D-203  
5:00 p.m. Student Ensemble, Choir Room  
Presch/Children Search, Conf. Room

**Monday, January 23**  
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  
10:00 a.m. Lucy Wright Parker Group, Fellowship Hall  
5:00 p.m. BSF, Daniel, Adult & Walton & Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. Kirkringers, 2nd Floor/Daniel Building

**Tuesday, January 24**  
6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill  
9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO  
Benevolence, MAC  
9:30 a.m. iPhone Basics, W-101  
11:45 a.m. Faith@Work, Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study, Prayer Room

**Wednesday, January 25**  
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Arts & Crafts  
9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO  
9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study, Sr. Adult 2  
English As a Second Language, Adult Bldg  
5:00 p.m. Family Supper, Fellowship Hall  
Bridge Food Prep, MAC/Grill  
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, Storey Chapel  
Orchestra Rehearsal, Daniel Bldg. Rm. 201  
Ladies Bible Study, A-200  
Men's Bible Study, Adult Bldg.  
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, January 26**  
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  
Caring Coed Dinner, Fellowship Hall

**Friday, January 27**  
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill  
9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO

**Saturday, January 28**  
6:20 a.m. BSF Leadership, Daniel Building  
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
11:30 a.m. Bridge Ministry, 15th St. Bridge

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# the Interpreter

*'For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.'*

Psalm 100:5

May we prove our faithfulness by loving, serving, and giving.



First Baptist Church  
Augusta, Georgia  
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## First Thoughts

A man was watching a farmer chop some wood with an axe. He noticed that it was a very fine axe. The farmer said, "Indeed, it is. This axe was the axe my grandfather used to clear this land." The visitor remarked, "Surely this can't be the same axe. That's such a long time ago." The farmer replied, "Yes, it's the same axe. It's had three new heads and six new handles, but it's the same axe."

I thought about that old story as the Bicentennial Anniversary Celebration for First Baptist Church is about to begin. After two hundred years, the church has had several different buildings, many different members, a host of fine ministers – but it is still the same church! Throughout this long history God has been faithful in the life and ministry of First Baptist. That is why our Anniversary Committee has chosen our theme for the year to be EXPERIENCING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS. The theme verse is from Psalm 100:5: "For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations."

Throughout 2017 we will have opportunities to remember God's faithfulness in our past and to dream once again about how the faithfulness of God will lead us into the future. Of course, we can only live in the present, so day by day we are strengthened by this "steadfast love" of God which "endures forever." This Sunday we will light three candles in worship to remind us of these dimensions of past, future, and present which will shape our worship through this year.

During this year the story of God's faithfulness will be told in sermons, song, drama, video, and in the written word. Various guests will come throughout the year to remind us of this story. I hope that you will participate fully in worship and fellowship events as we celebrate together.

We begin this celebration in both worship services this Sunday. I will preach on the Bicentennial theme and theme verse. Glen Adkins, a former Minister of Music at First Baptist, will also lead us in both worship services. The Bicentennial Committee requested that he write a song for all of us to sing during this special season. He will introduce this new song to us in worship. His wife, Clista, will also be present for this special Sunday. I can't wait to sing the new song Glen has written for us. Will you join me as we sing it together?

David Hull

## SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 22, 2017

*"Experiencing God's Faithfulness"*  
Psalm 100:5  
David Hull

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

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

**11 AM Traditional Worship**  
Sanctuary

## 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.

**January 25**  
Garden Salad  
Freshly Baked Yeast Rolls  
Lemon Marinated Chicken  
Toasted Rice Pilaf  
Steamed Fresh Broccoli  
Chocolate Chip Bread Pudding  
Black Cherry Cobbler  
Children's Menu  
Hot Dogs & Fries  
PB & J Sandwiches

## Church Wide News & Opportunities

**Welcome to Our Former Pastors!** The 200th Anniversary Committee is excited to announce some very special guests for our worship services on Sunday, February 5. Our history is blessed with pastors who have given of themselves to serve in ministry alongside us. So we look forward to having our former pastors with us. Dr. R. J. (Jack) Robinson, Dr. Tim Owings, and Dr. Greg DeLoach will be present and share during the worship service. And Dr. Charles Bugg will share with us through video. Join us on February 5 as we welcome our former pastors back home!

## Sunday Lunch January 22

Lunch served at 11 & Noon. Reservations may be made by calling the Church Office @ 733-2236 or visiting our web site @ fbcaugusta.org. Cost: \$7 adults; \$3.50 children 12 & under. Carry outs \$7.50. **All VISITORS to our worship services are invited to join us for lunch as our guest.**

### MENU

Shrimp & Okra Gumbo  
Fresh Broccoli Salad  
Garlic Texas Toast  
Smoked Chicken with 3 BBQ Sauces  
Barbecue Hash and Rice  
Steamed Fresh Green Beans  
Apple & Cinnamon Cobbler  
Vanilla Bean Ice Cream  
Chocolate on Chocolate Cake



SUNDAY  
LUNCH

## Food Drive



**Benevolence Food Drive Sunday, January 22!** Items needed this month are corn, dried beans or peas, rice, canned meaty pastas, pork & beans, cereal, toothpaste and bar soap.

## Television Broadcast Channels

Dependent upon your home broadcast service, you may not be able to receive the Bounce channels listed below. But don't worry! Our service is available, also, through a live stream feed link through our church web site. The following are broadcast providers and their Bounce channel that will carry our services:

Comcast channel 383  
WOW channel 169  
Atlantic Broadband channel 245

## Computers @ First

A community ministry of First Baptist Church of Augusta

**No cost!** Register with Tommy Payne @ 706-312-0909 or email tpayne@fbcaugusta.org. All classes held in Walton 101 C & D (Adult Computer Lab). JANUARY classes are: **iPad Basics**, Tuesday, January 24, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; **Introduction to Windows**, Wednesday, January 25, 2 - 4 p.m.; **There's An App for That**, Tuesday, January 31, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.



**Faith@Work** Tuesday, January 24 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.



Join us Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Chapel! Dr. Gary Redding will teach "A Study in the Sermon On the Mount."

## 200th Anniversary Update

- \* Anniversary Celebration Kick Off on Sunday, January 22 -** We will welcome Dr. Glen Adkins and his wife, Clista. Dr. Adkins has written a special anniversary song, which he will introduce. We will have a church wide lunch after the worship services to celebrate, and at the noon serving, everyone will have an opportunity to greet this beloved former Minister of Music. **Cost is \$7 for adults; \$3.50 children 12 and under. Call the Church Office to make reservations. 706-733-2236**
  - \* Homecoming Celebration on August 20 -** This will be our big celebration. We will invite former ministers and staff. If you have children who grew up in this church, please invite them to come. There will be a combined worship service at 11 AM and a wonderful old fashion 'Dinner on the Grounds.' There will be special activities for children and a 200-count balloon launch.
  - \* Women's Luncheon on Saturday, September 9 -** This luncheon will celebrate those women who led the way for other women to be a part of the leadership of FBC Augusta.
  - \* Our Grand Finale the evening of December 3 -** We will welcome David Phelps for a special concert in our Sanctuary. After church members have secured tickets, it will be open to the community.
- It is going to be an exciting year in the life of our church. How blessed are we to serve in a church that God has blessed for 200 years!  
In Christ, Janet Hudson, Anniversary Committee

## 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 January.

Spaces available for Passport Kids camp. Call the Preschool/Children's Office for information.

**Extended Session Volunteers needed.** Sign up now to serve in 2017-2018 starting March 26. The commitment is minimal, just 6 times a year during the worship serve and age group of your choice. Call the Preschool/Children's Office, 731-5366, to sign up.

## Student Ministry

Youth Week Officer applications are being accepted until February 5. Youth Week is February 26-March 5



January 29 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall!

Dessert Auction & Basket  
Silent Auction

Tickets will be available starting Wednesday, January 18. Cost: \$8 (age 5 and under are free) - proceeds go directly to our Student Ministry to help offset the cost of Youth Camp and Mission trips.

To enter the Chili cook off, contact Stacy Moore at smooresinc@gmail.com or 706-306-1867. Prizes will be given for best tasting chili, spiciest, most unusual ingredient, and judges choice.

Contact Rebecca Dempsey for information on the Basket Silent Auction. rebeccadmpsy@yahoo.com or 706-306-6195. Basket ideas/themes can be "movie night", "spa day", "kids activities", "arts & crafts", "golf", "outdoors", "sports team", "gardening", "game night", etc.

## Prayer Ministry

Thank you all of you who were faithful in attending our Week of Prayer event last week. Each night, led by members of the Prayer Ministry Leadership Team, was devoted to praying over the many requests our church members submitted. Even though we have completed our Week of Prayer, the Prayer Guide is designed to be used throughout the year. You may pick up a copy from any of our FBC prayer rooms or from the Church Office. It is also available to download from our web site, fbcaugusta.org. As we continue to pray over the many requests that come to our Church each week, let us remember this scripture, James 5:13-16: "Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

## Single Adult Ministry

**February Singles & Friends Lunch!** Join us for lunch on Sunday, February 5, in the Fellowship Hall @ 12:15 p.m. RSVP to Anita at 706-399-0507 or nitaaguirre44@yahoo.com by noon on Friday, February 3.

## Weekday Education

**Weekday Education Ministry Registration for 2017-2018!** Forms for all programs are available in the Preschool Office area for FBC members and families currently enrolled. Forms must be returned, complete with the registration fee, **January 23-26, 8:30-9:30 AM and 12:30-1:30 PM.** Classes are available for infants - kindergarten. Registrations fees are NON REFUNDABLE unless you move out of the CSRA and notify us by July 1. Registration for all programs open to the General Public January 27, 9-10 AM in the Preschool Building.

**PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN:** Class times are 9 AM - 1 PM. Classes for K3 T/Th, K3 MWF, K3 M-F, K4 T/Th, K4 MWF, K4 M-F, K5. Children in these classes must be potty trained and able to manage clothing and personal hygiene needs. They must have their 3rd, 4th or 5th birthday by September 1.

**Preschool/Kindergarten Open House** is Monday or Tuesday, January 23 or 24, 9:15-10:30 in A-100.

**MOTHER'S DAY OUT:** Class times are 9 AM-1 PM. Classes for Babies and Toddlers M/W/F (choose 1 or 2 day), 2's M/W/F (choose 1, 2 or 3 day), 2's M-F (up to 5 days.) T/Th Babies - 3's. You may choose 1 day for MDO; 2 day enrollment is the maximum for children under 2.

Cost for ALL programs will be:  
One day - \$50/month; \$50 registration fee (MDO)  
Two day - \$100/month; \$100 registration fee  
Three day - \$130/month; \$130 registration fee  
Four day (for 2's) - \$145 month/\$145 registration fee  
Five day (for 2,3,4 and 5's) - \$160/month; \$160 registration fee  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT PATTI FOWLER @ 731-5366 or www.fbcaugusta.org/weekday-education.

## Bible Study Ministry

Interested in joining a Bible Study?  
Go to [www.fbcaugusta.org/bible-study](http://www.fbcaugusta.org/bible-study) for details.

**Men's Tuesday Bible Study**  
*Book of Isaiah* 6 AM in MAC Grill

**Wednesday Morning Ladies 6-week Bible Study, "Entrusted"**  
by Beth Moore, 9:30 AM 2nd floor/Daniel Building

**Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study, "All Things New"**  
by Kelly Minter, 6 PM in A-200.



**TRANSFER OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**  
Kelly Rose