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'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.

the Interpreter



First Baptist Church
Augusta, Georgia
1817 - 2017

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 29, 2017

"Waiting for the Wind"

Genesis 11:31-12:5

David Hull

8:30 AM - REACH
Contemporary Worship

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

11 AM Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

5:30 PM Chili Cook Off
Fellowship Hall

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.

February 1

Southern Fried Chicken
Steamed Rice & White Gravy
Green Beans
Peach Cobbler & Ice Cream

Children's Menu

Chicken Legs
Baked Mac-n-Cheese
PB & J Sandwiches
Fruit

First Thoughts

For Christmas in 2015 my wife and I gave each other personal fitness trackers. These are tools that you wear on your wrist and the tracker will keep count of the number of steps that you take during the day, the miles that you walk, the number of calories you burn, your heart rate, the number of floors that you climb, and the quality of your sleep (among other things). Our goal was to use these trackers to get in better physical shape in 2016. Certain targets are helpful to form daily goals. For example, taking 10,000 steps a day is a goal for getting more exercise.

After one year of using this tracker, I figured something out. Having the tracker does not take the steps for you! You still have to get up out of the recliner, put down the remote, and go take a walk! But we have also seen how having the tracker is a constant reminder to improve our level of activity. Also, sharing this experience with someone else encourages both of us to do better. During the day we will now ask one another, "So how many steps do you have so far?" That often leads to taking another walk.

As I have learned about a fitness tracker for physical health, that has also made me wonder about tracking spiritual health. What are things that I can do that would be like the spiritual version of taking 10,000 steps? Maybe a spiritual fitness tracker would be a good idea for us to try this year. Here are my suggestions for things that we can do which open the door of opportunity for God to do amazing work in our lives. Think of these ideas and metrics as the spiritual equivalent of taking 10,000 steps per day:

- Worship with the Body of Christ – At least once per week.
- Bible reading – One chapter of the Bible a day.
- Prayer – spend time every day with God.
- Community – participate in a class or community on a regular basis to help others and to be helped by others.
- Service – Each week, serve someone in need because the love of Christ compels you.
- Share – Each week share with someone the good news of what Jesus means to you. Invite someone to come with you to a worship or a class or community event at First Baptist.
- Stewardship – Tithing (give one-tenth of your income) on a regular basis to the work of God's Kingdom through the church.

There are many other things that we can do as Christians, but these are the basics that will lead to our own personal spiritual health. And then, when we all do these things, our church is strengthened and grows healthier. Will you commit to tracking these things in your own life in 2017? But remember, this list will not take your steps for you! So, let's start walking.

David Hull

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!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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

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). FEBRUARY classes are: **Labels & Envelopes**, Wednesday, February 1, 2-4 PM; **Facebook Basics**, Tuesdays, February 7 & 14, 9:30-11:30 AM; **Excel Basics**, Wednesdays, February 15 & 22, 2-4 PM; **iPhone/iPad Tips, Tricks, Q&A**, Tuesday, February 21, 9:30-11:30 AM; **Manage Photos on iPhone/iPad**, Tuesday, February 28, 9:30-11:30 AM.

Bible Study Ministry

Interested in joining a Bible Study?

Go to 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.

Single Adult Ministry

let's do
lunch

on Friday, February 3.

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

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.



Souper Bowl of Caring! Our youth will join youth across the country **Sunday, February 5**, holding soup bowls at the church doors collecting money for those hungry and hurting. Every penny collected at FBC goes to Golden Harvest Food Bank.

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.

PASSPORT

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.



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Kurt Wachtel - 2 years

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THE REACH TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS (We need you. . .NOW!)

We have need for 5 volunteers in 2 critical areas: Three people in our Coffee Ministry Team and Two people in our Audio/Visual Team. The responsibility for each of the positions is generally one Sunday/month. But each position is vital to the REACH service! Please contact Kurt if you can give one Sunday a month to the continued blessing of your worship service. Contact Kurt: kwachtel@fbcaugusta.org - office, (706)731-5365



We are seeking volunteers to sign up to regularly bring breakfast items on Sundays before the **Reach Contemporary service**. If you enjoy having these treats or recognize how much they are appreciated by others, especially the youth, would you consider signing up to bring an item of your choosing **one Sunday per month?** We need **4 volunteers per week** to participate. Please contact **Kathy Anderson at 706-825-3020** or **Anita Black at 706-414-0487** or sign up on the list located on the breakfast credenza on Sunday mornings. (We recognize that we do not have a 5th Sunday every month, but if this is the only time you can commit, we will be appreciative.) If you are unable to commit to bringing breakfast items once/month, there is a **Money Box** that sits on the Breakfast Credenza that will allow you to make donations for these snacks. This assistance will allow us to defray costs when we do not have adequate individuals signed up to bring snacks or on special mornings when we would like to enhance the breakfast items available. Thank you in advance for considering helping with this ministry.

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Weekly Church Calendar January 29- February 4, 2017

Sunday, January 29

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
4:00 p.m. Glorifying Church Meeting, Conf. Room
5:00 p.m. Presch/Children Search, Conf. Room
5:30 p.m. Chili Cook Off, Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 30

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 & Sanctuary
Spiritual Leaders Support, Conf. Room
5:30 p.m. Kirkringers, 2nd Floor/Daniel Building

Tuesday, January 31

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill
9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO
9:30 a.m. There's an App for That, W-101

Wednesday, February 1

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
5:15 p.m. Children's Handbells/Chimes, Sr. Adult 2
5:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study Committee, FH
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, February 2

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, February 3

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

Saturday, February 4

6:20 a.m. BSF Leadership, Daniel Building

Attendance/Giving Report January 22, 2017

Sunday Worship Attendance.....806
Sunday School Attendance.....505
Weekly Requirements\$58,844
Budget-Building Receipts.....\$51,005
Budget-Building to Date.....\$161,464
Budget-Bldg. Requirements.....\$235,376

Daily Bible Reading

SUNDAY: Acts 20:1-16; Judges 13; Job 41
MONDAY: Acts 20:17-38; Judges 14-15; Job 42
TUESDAY: Acts 21:1-36; Judges 16; Psalm 42
WEDNESDAY: Ac 21:37-22:29; Jg 17-18; Ps 43
THURSDAY: Acts 22:30-23:22; Jg 19; Psalm 44
FRIDAY: Acts 23:23-24:9; Judges 20; Psalm 45
SATURDAY: Acts 24:10-27; Judges 21; Psalm 46

EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS JANUARY 29, 2017



8:30 AM: Carla & Bill Parker, Allison Witherington, Anita Black

Hostess: Allison Witherington

11 AM: Tara & Ed O'Neal, Anita Aguirre, Jo Hulsebus, Rebecca Sterner, Paul Bloodworth

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 January 28 and 29

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Barbara Clark January 23, 2017