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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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 8, 2017

"The Future Made Possible ..."

Romans 8:18-25

Jim Walls

8:30 AM - REACH
Contemporary Worship

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

11 AM Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

6:00 PM Deacon Ordination
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 11

Garden Salad

Yeast Rolls

Braised Beef Bottom Round

Idaho Mashed Potatoes

Fresh Broccoli

Double Chocolate Cake

Children's Menu

Burgers & Fries

PB & J Sandwiches

First Thoughts

"The Future Made Possible..."

This past fall, my father was very ill and spent several days in a hospital in Greenville, SC. As I would enter and exit the hospital by way of the elevator, I could not help but notice the display case located on the first floor. The display depicted, in part, the history of the hospital. Having grown up in Greenville, I can tell you the hospital today looks nothing like it did when I was a child. Over the display was the title, "The Future Made Possible, Because of Our Past."

As the year 2017 begins, we enter a historic anniversary celebration in the life of our church. This year, we celebrate 200 years of existence as a congregation and family of faith. Having begun as a praying society in 1817, we are now the First Baptist Church of Augusta, Georgia. And what a wonderful history we have in ministry and mission throughout the CSRA and beyond!

As plans have been discussed and made in recent months regarding our 200th Anniversary celebration, the title of the display case I saw at the hospital in Greenville was timely. The phrase "because of our past" speaks volumes about the saints who have gone before us—and many who still walk among us. Through a vision for the gospel of Christ, people throughout two centuries have shared the good news of Christ using our church as the launching pad. Because of their faithfulness, we have a place to gather and worship God. Because of their faithfulness, we can come together for Bible study and fellowship. Because of their faithfulness, we have a community of faith in which to raise our children. Because of their faithfulness, we go forth and proclaim the gospel.

And the first part of the phrase has caused me to reflect, as well. "The future made possible" does not guarantee anything. It simply states that, because of our past, we are set upon the precipice of possibility. Those who have gone before have prepared us for the possibility that we *might continue the work of sharing the gospel*. In order to do this, we have a choice to make—and there is no better time than a year of celebration to make it. Will we sit and revel in our past successes, or will we press on? I suspect you know my hope and prayer. In 2017, may we celebrate our storied past and allow the testimony of that past to inspire us into a wonderful future declaring the good news of Christ.

As we begin, an early call to action is to pray. Just as we began as a praying society, the start of our 200th Anniversary will begin with a Week of Prayer. You are invited to join us every evening next week, Monday-Friday, at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall/Chapel for a guided time of prayer. If you cannot join us, be sure to pick up a prayer guide and use at home this week.

May God bless us in this year of celebration!

Jim Walls

Television Broadcast Channel Change

Due to a change in the local FOX network and their contractual obligations to the NFL, our live television broadcast has moved to a FOX54 Bounce channel. 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. We will provide that link through our church website. This is a great way to share our service with those outside of the Augusta area, as well. The following are broadcast providers and their Bounce channel that will carry our services:

Comcast channel 383, WOW channel 169,
and Atlantic Broadband channel 245

Please help us update our records in order for you to receive the latest information and news! Many of you have changed email addresses, home and cell phone numbers, etc. Call the Church Office (733-2236) to make any changes!

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: **Facebook Basics**, Tuesdays, January 3 and 10, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; **Working with Folders & Files**, Wednesday, January 11, 2 - 4 p.m.; **iPhone Basics**, Tuesday, January 17, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; **Basic Computer Maintenance**, Wednesday, January 18, 2 - 4 p.m.; **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.

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.**



SUNDAY

LUNCH

Food Drive



Benevolence Food Drive Sunday, January 22! Items needed this month are corn, dried beans or peas, rice, canned meaty pastas, and bar soap. Your donations will make a huge difference.

This is it! 2017 brings our 200th Anniversary Celebration! It will be a year of remembering, learning more about our church and celebrating God's faithfulness to FBC Augusta. There will be special activities all year, but there are four events that you will want to put on your 2017 calendar right away:

* **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.

* **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

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. 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.

Music Ministry

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals resume Wednesday, January 4, 7 PM in the Choir Room. Come join us!

Kirkringers Rehearsals resume Monday, January 9, 5:30 PM.

Orchestra (6 PM) and Children's Ministry Music Rehearsals resume Wednesday, January 11.

Youth Handbells (4 PM) and Youth Ensemble (5 PM) Rehearsals resume Sunday, January 15.

Senior Adult Ministry



January Senior Adult Luncheon Tuesday, January 10! Join us at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Call Church Office @ 733-2236 by Friday, January 6 to make a reservation or for more information on this luncheon.

Student Ministry

Youth Week Officer applications will be accepted starting this Sunday, January 8. Youth Week is February 26-March 5



January 29 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall!

Dessert Auction & Basket
Silent Auction

Cost: \$8 - 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.

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.

Weekday Education

Weekday Education Ministry Registration for 2017-2018! Forms for all programs will be available in the Preschool Office area beginning **January 17** 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, 9-10AM in the Preschool Building.

PRE-SCHOOL/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.

Women's Ministry

Wednesday Morning 6-week Bible Study, "Entrusted" by Beth Moore, 9:30 AM beginning January 18, 2nd floor of the Daniel Building. We were never meant to take this journey of faith alone or in secret. God has entrusted us with the great and mighty gift of the gospel, something too precious and life-giving to keep to ourselves!

Contact Rebecca Elkin @ rpelkin@knology.net for more information. Contact Patti Fowler at pfowler@fbcaugusta.org for free child care. Workbooks will be available on January 18 for \$14.



If you would like to receive your copy of *The Interpreter* via email each week instead of "snail mail", please send your email address to

Luci Worthington at lworthington@fbcaugusta.org. Each week, several hundred folks receive their newsletter via email. This helps the Church with the cost of printing and postage. Thank you!

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Weekly Church Calendar

January 8-14, 2017

Sunday, January 8

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
1:00 p.m. Cont. Minister Search, Conference Room
2:00 p.m. Chinese Sunday School, W-105
6:30 p.m. Deacon Ordination, Sanctuary

Monday, January 9

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
Deacon Orientation, Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Kirkringers, 2nd Floor/Daniel Building
6:00 p.m. Churchwide Prayer Event, Fellowship Hall
Finance Committee, Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Choir Room

Tuesday, January 10

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill
9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO
Benevolence, MAC
9:30 a.m. Facebook Basics, W-101
11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Churchwide Prayer Event, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 11

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
2:00 p.m. Folders & Files, W-101
5:00 p.m. Family Supper, Fellowship Hall
Bridge Ministry 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. Churchwide Prayer Event, Fellowship Hall
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 12

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
Churchwide Prayer Event, Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 13

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill
9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO
5:00 p.m. BSF Leadership, 2nd Floor/Daniel Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Churchwide Prayer Event, Chapel

Saturday, January 14

6:20 a.m. BSF Leadership, Daniel Building
6:00 p.m. Churchwide Prayer Event, Fellowship Hall

Attendance/Giving Report January 1, 2017

Sunday Worship Attendance.....335
Sunday School Attendance.....n/a
Weekly Requirements\$58,844
Budget-Building Receipts.....\$22,137
Budget-Building to Date.....\$22,137
Budget-Bldg. Requirements.....\$58,844

2016 FINANCIAL END OF THE YEAR REPORT

BUDGET \$2,739,394
MISSIONS \$180,397

EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS JANUARY 8, 2017



8:30 AM: Courtney & Kurt Worthington, Neal & Susan Laxton

Hostess: Becky Jurriaans

11 AM: Margaret Daniel, Carolyn & Jim Ridley, Charlynn & Len Collins

Daily Bible Reading

SUNDAY: Acts 8:1-25; Deut 33-34; Job 20
MONDAY: Acts 8:26-40; James 1-2; Job 21
TUESDAY: Acts 9:1-25; James 3:1-5:1; Job 22
WEDNESDAY: Acts 9:26-43; Js 5:2-6:27; Job 23
THURSDAY: Acts 10:1-35; James 7-8; Job 24
FRIDAY: Acts 10:36-48; James 9-10; Job 25
SATURDAY: Acts 11:1-18; James 11-12; Job 26

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

Chip Reeves January 7 and 8