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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

**FEBRUARY 5, 2017**

Four Former FBC Pastors  
speaking

**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.

**February 8**

Waldorf Salad

Freshly Baked Yeast Rolls

Roasted Turkey & Gravy

Cornbread Dressing

Mashed Idaho Potatoes

Buttered Peas

Apple & Cinnamon Cobbler

Children's Menu

Burgers & Fries

PB & J Sandwiches

## First Thoughts

The story of First Baptist Church in Augusta is a story that is seen in thousands of faces and heard in thousands of voices. Over the course of two hundred years, people have served, given, sacrificed, prayed, laughed, cried, worshiped, ministered, hoped, forgiven, blessed, comforted, and formed Christian community together as the people of God known as First Baptist Church. What a story! What a legacy that is left to us from those who have come before us!

One way to hear this story is through the voice of the pastors who have served this church. From the pioneering voice of William Theophilus Brantly, who served as the first pastor of the church, to the yet-unnamed voice of a new pastor, First Baptist Church has been blessed by the ministry of outstanding pastors. Their voices make up a part of the story of the church.

Four of these former pastors are still living, and this Sunday you have a chance to hear from each one in both worship services. Jack Robinson (Pastor from 1953-1974) and Chuck Bugg (Pastor from 1982-1989) will speak to us through video. Tim Owings (Pastor from 1990-2003) and Greg DeLoach (2005-2015) will be present in worship to speak to us. Through the voices of these four men the church can hear again the story of ministry through the life of First Baptist Church. It promises to be a most exciting day of worship. I hope that you will be present this Sunday at 8:30 or at 11:00.

I count each one of these men as friends. I have known Chuck Bugg the longest, going back to my days in elementary school when he was a seminary student coaching YMCA ball at my school. Tim Owings and I became friends during our days together in seminary. Over the past decade, Greg and I have grown in friendship through various connections in the network of Baptist pastoral ministry. And Jack Robinson is my newest friend, whom I met on my first day of preaching in August. I have been grateful for his faithful attendance in worship each week and his continued support of my ministry among you. My life has been enriched because I have known these four pastors as friends.

They have a story to tell. I hope that you will be in worship this Sunday to hear them as our Bicentennial celebration continues.

*David Hull*

## 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."

### 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

### 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: **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.



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.

### Preschool/Children's Search Committee News

The Preschool/Children's Search Committee would like to invite you to provide us feedback as we begin the search for a new Minister. On **Sunday, February 12** we will hold a feedback session for the Bloodworth/McPherson Communities in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour.

If you are unable to attend during this time, or are not a part of these communities, we invite you to join us Sunday, **February 12 at 5 PM** in the Fellowship Hall for a second session. Childcare will be provided in the evening, and pizza will be served for both children and adults.

To help us plan, please RSVP for the evening session by Wednesday, February 8, to Leah Galey (lgaley@fbcaugusta.org). Please let her know how many children, as well as adults, will be attending.

We are excited to start this process, and appreciate your prayers and support.  
Alison Powell, Chairperson

### Join us for Sunday Lunch February 19 in the Fellowship Hall

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.**

Sweet Chili Roast Loin of Pork

Stone Ground Yellow Grits

Fresh Green Beans with Virgin Olive Oil

Key Lime Pie and Pear & Almond Cobbler & Ice Cream

Children's Menu

Chicken Tenders & Fries

P B & J's

Food Drive



### Benevolence Food Drive Sunday, February 19!

Items needed this month are corn, dried beans or peas, rice, canned meaty pastas, pork & beans, cereal, toothpaste and bar soap.

### 200th Anniversary News

**Pre-Order your new FBC Church History Book!** Forms are available in the Church Office to order your book, which will be available for pick up August 20 at the 200th Anniversary Celebration..

**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.

**Missions Highlights!** FBC Missions will be highlighted each month in the Fellowship Hall.



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## Student Ministry

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



**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.

## Prayer Ministry

**How connected are you?** This is the question Dr. Hull asked our congregation a few Sundays ago when he preached on prayer (Ephesians 1:15-19). Do you feel connected to God, or do you feel you need to strengthen your connection? If we are honest, we all feel like we want our connection with God to grow stronger. Just as exercise strengthens us physically, prayer strengthens us spiritually. Therefore, the Prayer Ministry is excited to offer **First Sunday Prayer** starting February 5.

**What:** First Sunday Prayer

**Where:** Crusader's Classroom, 2nd floor/Daniel Building

**When:** First Sunday of each month, 5-6 PM

**Why:** Simply put, to pray for one another

## Memorials & Honorarium

### DEBT RETIREMENT MEMORIALS

**Mr. Edwin Pollock**

*Body of Deacons*

*Mrs. Gloria Patrick*

*Carrie & Dave Welter*

*Cason Bruker Class*

*Tom Dozer*

*Mrs. Mary Carol Beasley*

*Anna Kim, Larry & Will Fletcher*

*Dr. & Mrs. J. Ben Deal*

*Carole & David Davis*

**Mrs. Betty M. Taylor**

*Berry V. Wren*

*Dr. Judy Orosz*

*Mr. & Mrs. John Buckner, Jr.*

**Mr. Bobby Lee**

*Dr. Judy Orosz*

**Mr. Rocky Evans**

*Dr. Judy Orosz*

**Mrs. Barbara Clark**

*Anna Bannister Class*

**Mrs. Amabel Lansdell**

*Miss Susan Conger*

### HVAC DEBT RETIREMENT MEMORIAL

**Mr. James C. Smith**

*The Cal Smith Family*

*Mr. & Mrs. Alan Griffin*

### BRIDGE MEMORIAL

**Mr. Paul Shumaker**

*Joanne Carr*

## 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"**  
**Kelly Minter**, 6 PM in A-200.

### **Friday, Men's Bible Study, "Why I Believe" by Chip Ingram,**

Beginning February 17, 7 AM in MAC/Grill

Contact Bill Thompson for info 706-731-1425

or [bthompson@qnbtrust.com](mailto:bthompson@qnbtrust.com)

## Men's Ministry

Men, you are invited to the weekly **Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast**, 7-8 AM in the MAC Grill! Following the breakfast, there is a brief devotional, sharing of prayer concerns, and praying around the table.

Contact Bob Scaggs ([rscaggs@icloud.com](mailto:rscaggs@icloud.com)).



## Senior Adult Ministry

**Senior Adult Valentine Celebration, Tuesday, February 14!** Join us at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall. Call Church Office @ 733-2236 by Friday, February 10 to make a reservation.

## 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](mailto:nitaaguirre44@yahoo.com) by noon on Friday, February 3.

## Preschool/Children's Ministries

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.

**Inside Out February Mission Project.** We are hosting a Valentine Party at St. John Towers on February 11, 11 AM - 1 PM. We will play games and serve lunch to the residents. Please plan to attend as a family. Meet at St. John Towers, 724 Greene St. Sign up to bring food by calling the Preschool/Children's Office at 731-5366.

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## Weekly Church Calendar February 5-11, 2017

### Sunday, February 5

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  
12:00 p.m. Singles & Friends Lunch, Fellowship Hall  
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, February 6

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  
5:30 p.m. Kirkringers, 2nd Floor/Daniel Building

### Tuesday, February 7

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill  
9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO  
Benevolence, MAC  
7:00 p.m. DMDA, W-105

### Wednesday, February 8

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 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. 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 9

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 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill  
9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO  
5:00 p.m. BSF Leadership, Sr. Adult 2

### Saturday, February 11

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

## Attendance/Giving Report January 29, 2017

Sunday Worship Attendance.....726  
Sunday School Attendance.....615  
Chili Cook Off.....380  
Weekly Requirements .....\$58,844  
Budget-Building Receipts.....\$40,834  
Budget-Building to Date.....\$202,298  
Budget-Bldg. Requirements.....\$294,220

## Daily Bible Reading

SUNDAY: Acts 25; Ruth 1-2; Psalm 47  
MONDAY: Acts 26:1-18; Ruth 3-4; Psalm 48  
TUESDAY: Ac 26:19-32; 1 Sam 1:1-2:11; Ps 49  
WEDNESDAY: Ac 27:1-12; 1 Sam 2:12-36; Ps 50  
THURSDAY: Acts 27:13-44; 1 Samuel 3; Ps 51  
FRIDAY: Acts 28:1-15; 1 Samuel 4-5; Psalm 52  
SATURDAY: Acts 28:16-31; 1 Samuel 6-7; Ps 53

## 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** February 4 and 5

EXTENDED  
SESSION  
VOLUNTEERS  
FEBRUARY 5, 2017



**8:30 AM:** Emily & Andy Higgins, Brenner McNair,  
Rhoda Sword

**Hostess:** Brenner McNair

**11 AM:** Jane Cely, Heather Collins, Margaret  
Murchison, Karen Blackburn, Chip Fiske