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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.



First Baptist Church
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the *Interpreter*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 26, 2017

"Helping Hands"

Exodus 17:8-13

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.

March 29

Garden Salad

Yeast Rolls with Butter

Beef Bottom Round

Aromatic Vegetables & Gravy

Fresh Broccoli & Cheese Sauce

Chocolate Chip Bread Pudding

Children's Menu

Chicken Tenders & Fries

PB & J Sandwiches

Fresh Fruit

An Exceptional Interim Pastor

Dr. David Hull has been an "exceptional" interim pastor. Webster's dictionary defines interim as a period between two events. To be sure, the departure of a long serving senior pastor and the calling of a new senior pastor are very significant happenings. However, David Hull is an "exception" to this definition, because he has made the interim period an event. His preaching has led us to a closer relationship to Jesus Christ. His leadership skills enabled us to develop a pastor profile that was invaluable to the search committee. And his wisdom has benefited the ministerial staff and numerous church committees.

Another definition of interim is not permanent. Once again, Dr. Hull is an exception. Because of his spiritual leadership, our church has been permanently improved. As stated earlier, he actually helped with the process of finding his replacement. As we are focused on our bicentennial year, it is important to state that David Hull will have been an important part of our progress the next time our history book is updated. Most importantly, our love and affection for David Hull will be permanent because of the love he has shown to us.

Since Dr. Hull's last Sunday falls at the beginning of Masters Week, we want to give everyone a chance this Sunday to express their gratitude to him. The hospitality committee will provide light refreshments at the conclusion of the Reach Service in the grill and at the conclusion of the traditional service in the Rotunda.

Dr. Hull, you have made us a better church through your "exceptional" leadership. The lessons you have taught us will benefit us for years to come. And so we say in parting, Christ go before you!

God's Blessings,

Bill Thompson, Moderator

Church Wide News & Opportunities

Important Announcement from the Safety and Security Team

Because we believe people are our greatest resource, and we desire a safe place for our church family to worship on Sunday mornings, the following procedures go into effect on **Sunday, May 7th**:

MAC Building

Rear doors and side door near maintenance shop locked all day. The courtyard doors and parking lot side doors will be unlocked at 6:30 A.M. The parking lot door will be locked at 8:45 A.M. Those arriving after 8:45 A.M. will be directed to the courtyard entrance. The MAC will be locked at the conclusion of the REACH Service.

Walton Building and Adult Buildings

The parking lot and courtyard doors will be unlocked at 7:00 A.M. The parking lot entrances will be locked at 10:00 A.M. Those arriving after 10 A.M. will be directed to the courtyard doors. The courtyard doors will be locked at 11:00 A.M.

Pre-School Building

The courtyard door and the sliding glass doors facing the covered walkway will be unlocked at 7:00 A.M. The doors facing the Walton Building and the playground will remain locked. All doors of the Pre-School building will be locked at 12:30 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

The Seven doors facing the parking lot along with double doors at foyer that lead into the Fellowship Hall should remain locked unless there is a luncheon or event. Unlocking and locking will be based upon the needs of the event.

Sanctuary

The Sanctuary doors, due to the type of door construction, must be unlocked anytime the building is occupied. These doors will be locked once the building is vacated.

Daniel Building

The front door and courtyard door will be unlocked from 7:00 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.

Children's Building

The courtyard door facing the Walton Building will be unlocked at 7:00 A.M. and locked at 11:15 A.M. The door facing the parking lot will remain locked all day.

Like all changes in procedures, we will review these and adjust as needed. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we attempt to make our campus safer.

Kelly Rose & Freddie Richardson

SWING INTO SPRING Plant Sale! Plants may be picked up Saturday, March 25, 10 AM-Noon and Sunday, March 26, 10 AM - 1 PM in the MAC.



New Bible Study begins Wednesday, March 29! "How to Study the Bible for Understanding & Teaching" by Dr. Gary Redding. Join us at 6 PM in the Storey Chapel.

Computers @ First

A community ministry of First Baptist Church of Augusta

No cost! To register email tpayne@fbcaugusta.org. All classes in W-101 C & D (Adult Computer Lab). APRIL classes are: **iPhone/iPad Tips, Tricks, Q&A**, Tuesday, April 11, 9:30-11:30 AM; **Mac Basics**, Tuesday, April 18, 9:30-11:30; **Manage Photos on iPhone/iPad**, Tuesday, April 25, 9:30-11:30 AM.

Holy Week Schedule

April 9 - Palm Sunday - Combined Worship 11AM - Gary Redding preaching

April 12 - No Wednesday programs

(Sanctuary Choir will rehearse April 12 @ 7 PM in the Sanctuary)

Maundy Thursday Service - April 13, 7 PM in the MAC

Tenebrae Service, Friday, April 14, 7 PM in the Sanctuary

(Church Office will close at Noon Friday, April 14)

Eggstravaganza, Saturday, April 15 - 10 AM - Noon

Easter, Sunday, April 16 - Will Dyer preaching

What Is Maundy Thursday? The Thursday night prior to Easter is the night we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples in the context of the Hebrew Passover. This evening also marks the beginning of the most solemn, and yet joyful, celebration of the entire Christian year. Maundy Thursday, also known as "Holy Thursday" in some traditions, is characterized by our own penitence, the Lord's Supper, and the love that Jesus showed to us through his sacrifice for us. Indeed, the word Maundy is derived from the Latin *mandatum novum*, meaning "a new commandment" which refers to John 13:34: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." We invite you to join with us **Thursday evening April 13th at 7:00 in the MAC** when we will earnestly contemplate our sin; remember Jesus' love and sacrifice to redeem us by participating in our Lord's Supper, and challenge ourselves to accept Jesus' commandment to love one another as he loves us.

What Is Tenebrae? Before every morning, there is an evening. Before each sunrise is a sunset. So it was that long week during Passover when Jesus walked through each day knowing He must be unjustly betrayed, beaten, accused, cursed and killed. . . so we would not have to continue to attempt to pay a debt impossible to repay.

The morning of that first day of the week is a glorious and wonderful thing to celebrate. But the days preceding, though not as pleasant, need to be remembered. . . so we can put Easter morning in the right perspective.

Before there was the bright glow of Easter, there was a darkening – a time when events and situations worked deviously, ultimately to a glorious end; a time when Jesus' disciples were perplexed and confused – when darkness seemed to win. But even through the betrayal, the evil plots and sub-plots, God the Father worked His will, accomplishing the miracle of risen life – the final sacrifice needed to pay my debt. . . our debt.

The service of **TENEBRAE** (Latin meaning, "the darkening" or "the shadows") has been observed in some form or another since the 12th century, and perhaps even before. Traditionally, it has been a quiet service of word, song and candlelight. But in recent years, creative composers and writers have revisited this drama bringing new ideas and images which communicate more clearly the Passion of Christ to a new generation of believers and non-believers.

I hope you will join us for **TENEBRAE Good Friday evening, April 14, at 7:00**. The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra, narrators and ministers will tell the story of Jesus' journey in a more novel way than most of us have ever experienced. As one pastor has said, "You can never fully appreciate the triumph of the resurrection, the victory of life over death, until you have experienced the dark, deathly silence of the tomb."

Join us as we walk with Jesus

Kurt

MISSIONS

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

The Bridge Ministry - Modeled after Jesus' feeding of the 5000 - feed the body before feeding the soul, FBC Augusta serves a meal to the Bridge Ministry congregation every other Saturday prior to services. The meals are prepared by the FBC kitchen staff, loaded on a specially modified box truck generously provided by the Gerald Jones Auto Group, transported to the 15th St. Bridge, and served by volunteers in "take out" trays. Approximately 200-300 meals are prepared and consist of a meat, starch, one/two vegetables, dessert, beverage, and bread. Many times, desserts are provided by the Lucy Wright Parker Mission Group. Leftover meals are available on a first come, first served basis, following the service, so nothing goes to waste. Volunteers are needed for opening cans and packing manna bags on Wednesday night, loading the truck every other Saturday morning, serving on site in the food truck or with handling out plates, distributing tickets, distributing 2000 calorie food bags after the service, driving the truck, unloading the truck, and returning it. For more information contact Hugh Hollar at hshollar@hotmail.com

BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY

Interested in joining a Bible Study?
Go to www.fbcaugusta.org/bible-study for details.

Memorials & Honorarium

DEBT RETIREMENT MEMORIALS

Mrs. Lib Powell

*Mrs. Mary Carol Beasley
Hicks Class*

Libby & Doug Engler

Martha Ann & Claude Johnson

Anna Kim & Larry Fletcher

Steve & Melanie Wallace

Mr. & Mrs. David Bell

Dr. & Mrs. C. Robert Baisden

Mrs. Dot Hodges

Karen & Sammy Turner

Mr. & Mrs. Charlie A. Lovett

Mrs. Jane Brown

Martha Ann & Claude Johnson

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Anderson

Mr. Wyman Mobley

JESUS SPECIAL FOLLOWERS MEMORIAL

Mrs. Lynn Mann

Esther Class

Tom Dozier

Anna Kim & Larry Fletcher

Dr. & Mrs. Darryl Tom

TELEVISION MINISTRY MEMORIALS

Mrs. Lib Powell

George & Carolyn Ogles

Mr. Glenn Walls

George & Carolyn Ogles

Mrs. Jane Brown

George & Carolyn Ogles

BUDGET MEMORIALS

Mrs. Lib Powell

Sarah & Harold Smith

Mrs. Jane Brown

Sarah & Harold Smith

Ms. Ronda Smith

Bud Wardlaw

BENEVOLENCE MEMORIALS

Mrs. Doris Jones

Mr. & Mrs. Charlie A. Lovett

Mrs. Jane Brown

Mr. & Mrs. Charlie A. Lovett

BRIDGE MINISTRY MEMORIAL

Mr. DeWitt White

Hedwig White & Family

200th Anniversary News

This Sunday, March 26, we will be honoring families who have been attending FBC for 5 and 6 generations. Families being honored, please be in the front of the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. for pictures and instructions.

The 200th Anniversary Committee would like to thank Kurt Wachtel and all the wonderful families who graciously housed The Mercer Singers last Saturday. All the students related that they had a great experience with these families. We are so grateful for your help and generosity.

ACTIVITIES MINISTRY

Roscoe McGahee Memorial Golf Tournament April 22-23 at Etowah Valley Golf and Resort! Cost is \$215 per person. Contact George Berry for information. 706-836-9783 or email gberry@fbcaugusta.org

PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN MINISTRIES

Calling All VBS Heros!

At VBS Hero Central, we will help our children discover their strength in God through Bible stories, missions, crafts, games, science activities, music, and lots of fun! Sign up to help at Vacation Bible School, June 5-9 and join us in the excitement at VBS **Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!** To sign up, call or email the Preschool/Children office.

Easter Eggstravaganza April 15 - 10 AM - Noon! Volunteers are needed to help stuff eggs and to help with the story stations & other areas during Eggstravaganza. Contact Jennifer Huston at jhuston@fbcaugusta.org to volunteer.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Georgia Southern Center for Wildlife Education, Saturday, April 22! The Center for Wildlife Education is home to 2 bald eagles and 1 golden eagle, hawks, owls and falcons. Lunch will be at The Beaver House, which offers a unique boarding house restaurant experience. Cost is \$45 and includes transportation (by van), lunch at the Beaver House, and entrance to the Wildlife Center.

WELCOME



PROFESSION OF FAITH & BAPTISM
Palmer Bloodworth

First Baptist Church of Augusta

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Weekly Church Calendar March 26 - April 1, 2017

Sunday, March 26

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, MAC
9:40 a.m. Bible Study, all Buildings
10:00 a.m. Plant Sale Pick Up, MAC
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
Vietnamese Worship, MAC
12:00 p.m. Thankful Class Lunch, Fellowship Hall 1
2:00 p.m. Chinese Sunday School, W-105
5:00 p.m. Presch/Children Search, Conf. Room

Monday, March 27

9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO
Helping Hands Group, Arts & Crafts Room
9:30 a.m. Mom's in Prayer, C-First Acts
10:00 a.m. Lucy Wright Parker Group, FH Room 3
5:00 p.m. BSF, Daniel, Adult & Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Kirkringers, 2nd Floor/Daniel Building

Tuesday, March 28

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill
9:00 a.m. Benevolence, MAC
Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO
9:30 a.m. iPad Basics, Computer Lab
11:45 a.m. Faith@Work Lunch, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 29

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
Men on Mission, Fellowship Hall Room 1
5:15 p.m. Children's Handbells/Chimes, Sr. Adult 2
5:40 p.m. Preschool/Children's Choirs
5:45 p.m. Student Activities, Walton Building
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Storey Chapel
Orchestra Rehearsal, Daniel Bldg. Rm. 201
Combined Bible Study, A-200
6:30 p.m. Inside Out, Children's Missions
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Trustees Meeting, Conference Room
7:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal, MAC Gym

Thursday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten/MDO
10:00 a.m. First Family Singers, Choir Room

Friday, March 31

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

Saturday, April 1

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

Attendance/Giving Report March 19, 2017

Sunday Worship Attendance.....678
Sunday School Attendance.....498
Church Conference.....93
Weekly Requirements\$58,844
Budget-Building Receipts.....\$38,891
Budget-Building to Date.....\$635,524
Budget-Bldg. Requirements.....\$706,128

Daily Bible Reading

SUNDAY: Mark 10:1-31; 2 Sam 23; Hosea 3
MONDAY: Mk 10:32-52; 2 Sm 24; Hosea 4:1-10
TUESDAY: Mk 11:1-14; 1 Kings 1; Hos 4:11-5:3
WEDNESDAY: Mk 11:15-33; 1 Kings 2; Hos 5:4-15
THURSDAY: Mk 12:1-27; 1 Kings 3; Hos 6:1-7:2
FRIDAY: Mk 12:28-44; 1 Kings 4-5; Hosea 7:3-16
SATURDAY: Mark 13:1-13; 1 Kings 6; Hosea 8

Prayer Texts

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

Television Broadcast Channels

The following are broadcast providers and their Bounce channel that will carry our services:

Comcast channel 383
WOW channel 169
Atlantic Broadband channel 245

IN MEMORIAM.

Claudia McCracken March 18, 2017

EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS MARCH 26, 2017



8:30 AM: Brenner McNair, Dawn, Anna & Cassie Jones

Hostess: Brenner McNair

11 AM: Samantha DeLappe, Ann Hardy, Brandon & Catherine Ludlow, Len & Charlynn Collins

Minister On Call 706-832-2944

Jim Walls March 25 and 26