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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
Augusta, Georgia
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the Interpreter

First Thoughts

Dear Church,

I want to keep my letter this week short and sweet. This Sunday we celebrate the two hundredth birthday of the First Baptist Church of Augusta. But more than that, we will celebrate the ongoing faithfulness of God who has been made known to us through Jesus Christ. I pray that Sunday will be a wonderful day filled with all good things from God!

All the information about the service and other festivities is listed below so you can read up on all you need to know.

I hope to see you on Sunday.

Grace and Peace,
Will

Schedule of Events for Sunday, August 20

- 10:30 a.m. Combined 200th Anniversary Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Old Fashion Homecoming Lunch
(For your convenience, 2 buffet locations - same meal - with 3 serving lines at each location: Fellowship Hall and Mission Activity Center)
Present your Meal Ticket at the Check-in Tables in the front of each buffet line.
2:00 p.m. Copies of our new history book, *A Journey of Faith and Community: The Story of First Baptist Church of Augusta, 1817-2017*, will be available for those who reserved copies and also for purchase in the Fellowship Hall. Meet the author, Bruce Gourley.
- Gift tables will be located in the Fellowship Hall where you will present your yellow Gift Ticket to receive your celebration gift.
- Follow the bagpiper from the Mission Activity Center to the front lawn where a congregational aerial photo will be taken and the 200-count balloon launch finale will take place.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 20, 2017

200TH ANNIVERSARY

HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

"Joined Together"

Ephesians 2:19-22

Will Dyer

10:30 AM

Combined Worship/Sanctuary

12:00 PM

Homecoming Lunch & Activities

WEDNESDAY DINNER 5 PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Supper 5 PM

Cost: \$7 for adults;

\$3.50 for children 12 and under.

Carry outs are \$7.50 each.

Call 733-2236 for reservations.

Menu August 23

Toasted Pecan Cole Slaw

Biscuits with Butter & Jelly

Southern Fried Chicken

Baked Macaroni & Cheese

Green Beans

Peach Cobbler

Vanilla Ice Cream

Children's Menu

Legs & Wings and Mac & Cheese

PB & J's

Fresh Fruit

Church Wide News & Opportunities

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017

5:30 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

1. Motion from Preschool/Children Search Committee
2. Motion from Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee (final reading)

The Preschool/Children Search Committee is excited and pleased to share a unanimous recommendation for a Minister to serve with us, our families, and our children. FBC Augusta is fortunate to have wonderful leadership during interim times. This, your guidance, prayers, and personal discernment have made it possible for us to complete our task. We are very grateful for the support you have given us during this journey.

The committee has invited the candidate, her husband, and her children to join us August 26-27th. **There will be a church-wide gathering on Saturday, August 26th, from 5:30-7:30 pm to meet this family.** We encourage families and children to use this opportunity to fellowship with the candidate, her family, and with each other.

The future of our church is important. We are excited to make this recommendation, and look forward to growing together with God and with each other. We hope you, too, will share in our excitement.

Alison B. Powell, Chair

Preschool/Children Search Committee

The Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee have proposed revisions to the Bylaws and Standing Rules that have been presented to and approved by the Deacon Body and were presented to the Church at the church in conference on June 25, 2017. Pursuant to feedback received from members after the church in conference, minor revisions were made to the section of the by-laws concerning the overview of church property. The revisions state that in the Trustee's oversight of church property, the Trustees shall address any exceptions to standing church policies or procedures proposed by groups or organizations utilizing the property or resources of the Church. A provision was also added whereby the Pastor will present for approval at the annual church conference, a regular schedule of worship services, meetings, activities and special events for the coming year. Copies of the Bylaws and Standing Rules, in red-line format showing all the proposed changes, are available in the church office and also on the Church website. Please contact Brooks Hudson, chair of the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee, with any questions or concerns – bhudson@hullbarrett.com.

Food Drive Sunday, August 27! Food items needed are peanut butter, jelly, dried peas, cereal, canned fruit and bar soap. Our local food bank has been out of a lot of items we normally use. With your help we are all fighting hunger.



200th Anniversary Edition of the Church Directory

Photos will be taken September 5-9 and 19-23. Go to the link below to make your appointment online

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y3zjt8yy/>

On Sundays, sign up tables will be located in the Grill of the MAC building and in the Welcome Center of the Administration building. On Wednesdays, sign up tables will be located in the Fellowship Hall and in the Welcome Center.

Parking for August 20



In anticipation of our crowd on Sunday, August 20th, you are encouraged to make plans to park in the perimeter and overflow lots if you are able to do so. We have contacted our neighboring businesses and they are aware that we may be "borrowing" their parking spaces for that day. Please be sensitive that we will have many mobility impaired friends and family as well as those with small children who need to be able to park in the spaces close to the building. Also, please do not park in spaces that are marked "no parking" in order to accommodate traffic patterns. On that morning, there will be parking lot attendants directing traffic as well as additional golf carts to transport folks to the Sanctuary.

PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN MINISTRY

All 3rd - 5th graders sign up now for Fall Retreat! This year we are heading back to the FCA/FCCLA camp in Covington, GA for a weekend full of fun! The retreat is September 22-24, cost is \$120. Call the Preschool/Children's Ministry office to reserve your spot.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

"Not Just Another Love Story" - Narrowway Theatre, Fort Mill, SC - Saturday, September 16 Laugh and cry with America's greatest generation and remember the days of WWII. Cost is \$75 per person and includes transportation, ticket to matinee show, and lunch. Call 731-5355 to make your reservation.

First Family Singers! Please join us for the First Family Singers as we resume rehearsals Thursday, September 14, 10 AM in the Choir Room. Also, Senior Adult lunches resume on Tuesday, September 12.

ACTIVITIES MINISTRY

Roscoe McGahee Memorial Golf Tournament September 9-10 at Etowah Valley Golf and Resort! Cost is \$185 per person. Contact George Berry for information. 706-836-9783 or email gberry@fbcaugusta.org

Pickleball introductory lesson September 13, MAC at 11 AM! If you are interested, contact George Berry for information. 706-836-9783 or email gberry@fbcaugusta.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

Listed below are the times and dates of the rehearsals of the fall term for each music group. Please contact Tommy Payne in the Church Music Office - tpayne@fbcaugusta.org or (706)312-0909 - and we'll have music waiting for you! Please, prayerfully consider joining this ministry/fellowship. We DO have a lot of fun—generally at my expense! Kurt



FBC Sanctuary Choir: Wednesday, August 9th - 7 p.m. (Daniel Building, Choir Room/Music Suite)

Adult Handbells (Kirkringers): Monday, August 14 - 5:30 p.m. (Daniel Building, 201) (Ability to read music required; previous ringing experience a big plus!)

FBC Orchestra: Wednesday, August 9 - 6 p.m. (Daniel Bldg. 201) (Adults & High School Players are welcome!)

Youth Vocal Ensemble: Sunday, September 10 - 4:30 p.m. (Daniel Building-Choir Room/Music Suite)

BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Bible Study

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Study & start date to be determined

Contact Steve McPherson swmcphrsn@aol.com

Wednesday Bible Studies

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Kingdom Agenda: Living Life God's Way by Dr. Tony Evans

Begins August 30 and goes for 6 sessions;

9:30 to 11:30 AM; Daniel Building, 2nd floor

Contact Rebecca Elkin rpelkin@knology.net

Wednesday Adult Bible Study

Gospel in Life led by Will Dyer

6 PM in the Storey Chapel

Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study

Good to Great in God's Eyes by Chip Ingram

Begins August 9 and goes for 10 sessions; 6 PM A-200

Contact Laurel Landon at 706-513-8291

Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study

33 The Series: A Man and His Design (Volume 1)

Begins August 16, 6 PM Adult Building, 2nd floor

Contact Adam Lee adamlee@landandrivers.com

Friday Bible Study

Men's Friday Morning Bible Study

Experiencing God by Henry Blackaby

Begins August 18, 7-8 AM in MAC Grill

Contact Bill Thompson bthompson@qnbtrust.com

200th ANNIVERSARY NEWS

200th Anniversary Celebration *Celebrating 200 years of God's Faithfulness*

This Sunday, August 20th, will be a wonderful day of praise and thanksgiving to a God who has been so faithful to FBC Augusta for 200 years. This year we are blessed with a wonderful new minister and his precious family, a beautiful campus where we can worship, have fellowships, and spaces to provide missions to those in our community who need our help. How blessed we are to be in a loving, caring fellowship where we can worship together, attend fun activities with other members, celebrate other's joys, and pray for one another's needs and hurts. We are a very blessed church family!

In our church family, we have members who have grown up attending FBC and others who have a very long history with our church. This Sunday, in our Homecoming Worship Service, we will celebrate long-time members who have lived some of the history we celebrate. We have almost two hundred members who have been at FBC for 50+ years, 60+ years, 70+ years and 80+ years. That truly is a blessing!

Those of you who fit in these categories should have received a card telling you that you would be recognized at the Homecoming Service. A name tag has been made for each of you indicating your number years as a member of FBC. Please come to the tables in the Rotunda before the service, and pick up your name tag for the day. If you are unable to come, please have a family member pick up your name tag. They can stand in your honor when the appropriate number of years is called, holding up your name tag.

If you are healthy and don't mind walking a little further for this day of celebration, please park in one of the furthest lots from the church. The bank and businesses on Wheeler Road located on either side as you turn in toward the church, have offered their parking lots. Also, the doctor's offices and businesses on Walton Way Extension close to the church, have made their parking lots available. That way, we can leave spaces for our handicapped and the VIP's attending. Mark Boyd and his committee are working to make the parking as smooth as possible. It is a wonderful problem to have, trying to find a place for over 1100 people attending. For the Worship Service, once the Sanctuary is filled, others attending the service will be seated in our beautiful Storey Chapel, and the service will be telecasted there.

The 200 count Balloon Launch is scheduled for 2:00. Please stay and be a part of this event. We would like to see as many children as possible holding these balloons. There will be an aerial photo taken. Let's end our day of celebration and thanksgiving by filling the grounds in front of the Sanctuary!

~ Janet Hudson, Chair/200th Anniversary Committee

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Weekly Church Calendar August 20-26, 2017

Sunday, August 20

10:30 a.m. Combined Worship, Sanctuary
Vietnamese Worship, MAC
12:00 p.m. Old Fashion Homecoming Lunch
and Activities

Monday, August 21

9:00 a.m. Weekday Education Programs
9:30 a.m. Helping Hands Group, Arts & Crafts Rm.
5:30 p.m. Kirkringers, Daniel Building, Room 201

Tuesday, August 22

9:00 a.m. Benevolence, MAC
Weekday Education Programs
12:00 p.m. Faith@Work, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 23

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, MAC Arts & Crafts
9:00 a.m. Weekday Education Programs
2:00 p.m. Intro to Windows 10, Computer Lab
5:00 p.m. Family Supper, Fellowship Hall
Prayer Ministry Meeting, FH, Room 3
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Storey Chapel
Children's Choirs
Orchestra Rehearsal, Daniel Bldg, 2nd Fl.
Officer Nominating Committee, Conf. Rm.
6:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal, MAC Gym
6:40 p.m. Inside Out Missions, Children's Building
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, August 24

9:00 a.m. Weekday Education Programs

Friday, August 25

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill
9:00 a.m. Weekday Education Programs

Saturday, August 26

6:00 a.m. BSF Leadership, Daniel Bldg, 2nd Floor
11:30 a.m. Bridge Ministry, 15th St. Bridge
5:30 p.m. Presch/Children Candidate Drop-In, FH

Attendance/Giving Report August 13, 2017

Sunday Worship Attendance.....851
Sunday School Attendance.....668

Weekly Requirements\$58,844
Budget-Building Receipts.....\$73,139
Budget-Building to Date.....\$1,672,563
Budget-Bldg Requirements.....\$1,941,852

Daily Bible Reading

SUNDAY: 2 Peter 2; Jeremiah 43-44; Ps 140
MONDAY: 2 Peter 3; Jeremiah 45-46; Ps 141
TUESDAY: Galatians 1; Jeremiah 47-48; Ps 142
WEDNESDAY: Galatians 2; Jer 49-50; Ps 143
THURSDAY: Gal 3:1-20; Jer 51-52; Psalm 144
FRIDAY: Gal 3:21-4:20; Lam 1-2; Psalm 145
SATURDAY: Gal 4:21-31; Lam 3-4; Psalm 146

Minister On Call
706-832-2944

Jim Walls August 19 and 20

EXTENDED
SESSION
VOLUNTEERS
AUGUST 20, 2017



Prayer Texts

Coulter Hnatt (979) 446-1163
Kerry Pardue (864) 506-2357
Text "733" to the number provided to let the individual know you have prayed for them.

Hostess: **Jennifer Shearouse**

11 AM: Joyce Moseley, Jessica Paulaski, Ruth Crews, Ed & Tara O'Neal, Leah & Reagan Gale

Television Broadcast Channels

The following are broadcast channels carry our services: Comcast channel 383
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