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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.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 27, 2017

"An Intriguing Question"

Matthew 16:13-20

Will Dyer

8:30 AM

Contemporary Worship
Mission Activities Center

9:40-10:40 AM

Bible Study All Ages

11 AM

Traditional Worship/Sanctuary

5:30 PM

Called Church Conference

6:30 PM Children's Musical

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 30

Toasted Pecan Cole Slaw

Biscuits with Butter & Jelly

Southern Fried Chicken

Baked Macaroni & Cheese

Green Beans

Peach Cobbler & Ice Cream

Children's Menu

Chicken Legs & Wings

Baked Mac & Cheese

PB & J's Fresh Fruit

First Thoughts

Church,

Sunday was amazing! I knew it was going to be a busy day of worship when I walked into the Sanctuary at 9:00 and saw over one hundred people already seated! The energy in the room was electric from the beginning to the end. I hope that you walked away from our worship on Sunday feeling good about our church, and more importantly, the faithfulness of God to His people. My goal for Sunday was to worship God and I am confident that we worshipped well on our 200th anniversary.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the countless volunteers that worked so incredibly hard to pull off such a spectacular event. In particular, I want to publicly thank Janet Hudson, who is the Chair of the Two Hundredth Anniversary Committee. Without her commitment to this event, and our church, I cannot imagine that things would have been as glorious as they were on Sunday. On behalf of our entire church, Janet, I want to say "Thank you."

Now I want to share with you even more exciting news. Our Children's Search Committee has unanimously recommended Melissa Willis to be called as our new Minister to Preschool and Children. In the following pages you can learn more about Melissa and her beautiful family. I am so excited for you all to meet the Willis family this weekend. Melissa is widely considered to be one of the top children's ministers in national CBF life and I could not be happier with the committee's decision. Please make sure to thank each member of the committee when you see them this weekend. Their faithfulness and commitment has culminated with another excellent addition to the First Baptist Church.

It is an amazing time to be a part of FBC Augusta. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Grace and Peace, Will

**On Sunday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. our children will present
a musical about the history of our church, "We Are the Future"**

This musical, written by Margaret Wiggins, was performed for our 175th anniversary. It has been updated to include the last 25 years. Claudia Moller will be directing. Don't miss this exciting program. Our children have been working hard for this special event.

Introducing Melissa Willis

The Preschool/Children Search Committee is very excited to introduce Melissa Willis. After many months of reviewing resumes, conducting interviews, visiting with candidates and committee discussion, Melissa has our unanimous recommendation to be called as Minister to Preschool and Children for FBC Augusta.

Melissa has spent twenty years creatively ministering with congregations and communities in Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee. She most recently served at Central Baptist Church Bearden in Knoxville, Tennessee. She believes that the spiritual growth of the church is found in deep relationship with Christ and in fellowship with other believers. She is committed to partnering with parents and leaders to help guide and nurture children as they grow with Jesus Christ and each other in life-changing relationships. Melissa also feels strongly about pastoral care for children and families, and this is very evident in her caring and genuine manner.

Melissa and Carl have been married for almost fourteen years. They have two daughters, Mattie Paige (11) and Juliana (7). Their family also includes their dog, Sadie, and their rabbit, Thumper. Melissa enjoys spending time with her family and, also, just having fun together with friends.

The committee has enjoyed getting to know Melissa and her family. Through each step of the search process, the committee has been moved by her compassion, experience, knowledge and wisdom.

We hope you will be able to drop into the Fellowship Hall on Saturday evening, August 26, 5:30 - 7:30, to meet Melissa and her family. She will also join us for worship and Sunday School on Sunday, August 27. In addition, please plan to attend the called Church Conference in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 Sunday evening, August 27, concerning a vote to call to Melissa into ministry with us. The children will present a musical in the Sanctuary at 6:30 that evening following our meeting.

Thank you for all the love, prayers and support you have provided our committee during this time. We hope you, too, will share in our excitement about Melissa's future in ministry with us!

Alison B. Powell, Chair - Preschool/Children Search Committee



More about Melissa

- Bachelor of Science in Religion and Philosophy, Minor in Psychology, Shorter College, Rome, GA
- Master of Divinity with a concentration in Christian Education, McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, GA
- Doctor of Ministry Candidate (2016-present), McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, GA
- Ordained into the Gospel Ministry May 2000 by Johns Creek Baptist Church, Johns Creek, GA



What others are saying

I was immediately drawn to Melissa because of her passion for ministering to children and their families and developing their faith in Christ. Her authenticity and relatability to not only parents of young children, but across the generations, will be a blessing to our congregation and our community. Catherine Bloodworth, Committee member

I felt blessed to have the privilege of meeting Melissa during the search for Children's Minister. I found that she is well educated yet easy to talk to. She gravitates towards children and is very kind, warm, and compassionate to their needs. She has a wealth of knowledge in regards to the role and is very experienced in children's ministry. I do believe she would be an incredible asset to our church and is the right person for the job. Christopher Everett, Committee member

In our online interview as well as our interview in person, it was obvious to the committee that Melissa Willis was our best candidate. The combination of her education, her work experience, and her devotion to her ministry to families and children led us to select Melissa as the candidate we want to present to the church. Doug Clepper, Committee member

Melissa Willis is that rare minister who brings to the table a passion for ministry to children and families, a holistic vision for that ministry, and a deep and caring heart for people. I've known her since her college days and trusted my own children to her care when she was a student. Perhaps the greatest tribute to her is that, some twenty years later, they still remember her fondly and appreciate and love her deeply. I know that the children and families of FBC Augusta will come to love and appreciate her in the same way as she ministers among you. Rob Nash, Associate Dean, McAfee School of Theology

What a pleasure it has been to watch Melissa grow into her calling and blossom into one of the most respected Children's Ministers. She had the logistics and know-how in place when she started with me just out of seminary. Then she added experience and motherhood and confidence to become one bright, informed, motivated minister. Now that I've retired, I know I can contact Melissa to know answers and resources for current issues in guiding young spiritual lives and inspiring teachers.

Jill Jenkins, Retired Minister of Children, Johns Creek Baptist Church

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 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.

WELCOME New Members



Transfer of Church Membership
Andy & Vicky Walton

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.

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.

Join us for the Missions Fair! FBC is active in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in many ways. Come to the Fellowship Hall, Sunday, September 17, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to learn about the many ways we participate and partner in missions. It will feature, through hands on activities and information, our church's missions efforts as well as local agencies we connect with in serving our community and all of God's people. Come celebrate our history of serving. See you at the Fair!

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

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

Begins August 3- for 6 sessions; 9:30 to 11:30 AM

Daniel Building, 2nd floor - Contact rpelkin@knology.net

PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN MINISTRY

All 3rd - 5th graders sign up now for Fall Retreat! The retreat is September 22-24, cost is \$120. Call the Preschool/Children's Ministry office to reserve your spot.

200th ANNIVERSARY NEWS

Women's Celebration Luncheon Saturday, September 9 Noon -2:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Just a reminder to the 400 ladies who will attend this memorable event. Please use only the entrance doors by the Chapel or the ones near the Adult building to access the Foyer of the Fellowship Hall, where your Name Tags with table numbers will be available. (The parking lot doors to the Fellowship Hall will not be open). There will also be Book Tables for purchasing a copy of Kim Crabills book, as well as copies of our new FBC History Book. Let us all look forward to celebrating the Faithfulness of Women together on September 9th.

Pat Warren, a local artist and former FBC member, did a beautiful painting of the Alpha Omega stained glass window for our church in honor of the 200th anniversary. This window was first placed over the front doors of the Greene St. Church, and when the Storey Chapel was built, the window was placed in the ceiling. Beth Evans worked with Pat to make copies of the painting to be given as anniversary gifts. With much gratitude, we thank Pat for the painting and for giving us a beautiful and meaningful remembrance of our 200th anniversary.

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Weekly Church Calendar August 27 - September 2, 2017

Sunday, August 27

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, MAC
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
Vietnamese Worship, MAC
2:00 p.m. Chinese Sunday School, D-203
5:30 p.m. Called Church Conference, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Children's Musical, Sanctuary

Monday, August 28

9:00 a.m. Weekday Education Programs
9:30 a.m. Helping Hands Group, Arts & Crafts Rm.
10:30 a.m. Lucy Wright Parker Group, FH. Room 1
5:30 p.m. Kirkringers, Daniel Building, Room 201
6:00 p.m. Budget Meeting, D-203

Tuesday, August 29

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill
9:00 a.m. Benevolence, MAC
Weekday Education Programs
6:00 p.m. Serendipity Group, MAC/Grill

Wednesday, August 30

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, MAC Arts & Crafts
9:00 a.m. Weekday Education Programs
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Daniel Bldg, 2nd Fl.
5:00 p.m. Family Supper, Fellowship Hall
Men on Mission, Fellowship Hall, Room 1
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Storey Chapel
Children's Choirs
Orchestra Rehearsal, Daniel Bldg, 2nd Fl.
Men's Bible Study, A-
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 31

9:00 a.m. Weekday Education Programs

Friday, September 1

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill

Attendance/Giving Report August 20, 2017

200th Anniversary Worship.....1456
Weekly Requirements\$58,844
Budget-Building Receipts.....\$45,175
Budget-Building to Date.....\$1,717,738
Budget-Bldg Requirements.....\$2,000,696

Daily Bible Reading

SUNDAY: Gal 5:1-15; Lamentations 5; Ps 147
MONDAY: Galatians 5:16-26; Ezekiel 1; Ps 148
TUESDAY: Galatians 6; Ezekiel 2-3; Psalm 149
WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 1; Ez 4-5; Psalm 150
THURSDAY: Ephesians 2; Ez 6-7; Isaiah 40
FRIDAY: Ephesians 3; Ezekiel 8-9; Isaiah 41
SATURDAY: Eph 4:1-16; Ez 10-11; Isaiah 42

Minister On Call 706-832-2944

Dan Gaudinier August 26 and 27

EXTENDED
SESSION
VOLUNTEERS
AUGUST 27, 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.

8:30 AM: Linda Giles, Hepsi James, Allison Witherington, Kurt & Courtney Worthington
Hostess: Allison Witherington
11 AM: Rachel Partl, Paula & John Watson, Catherine & Paul Bloodworth

Television Broadcast Channels

The following are broadcast channels carry our services: Comcast channel 383
WOW channel 169
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