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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

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

*"This Is Us"*

*Worshiping - Love It*  
Will Dyer

8:30 AM

Contemporary Worship  
Mission Activities Center

9:40-10:40 AM

Bible Study All Ages

11 AM

Traditional Worship/Sanctuary

## 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 September 27

Garden Salad

Freshly Baked Yeast Rolls

Braised Beef Bottom Round

Mashed Idaho Potatoes

Fresh Broccoli with Cheese Sauce

Double Chocolate Cake & Ice Cream

### Children's Menu

Spaghetti & Meat Sauce

Garlic Bread

PB & J's Fresh Fruit

Hello FBC Family!

I'm excited and honored to write this weeks Interpreter article. To have the opportunity to talk about Contemporary Worship, as Will gears up to speak on our core value of worship as a defining characteristic of our community here at FBC, is such a privilege. Personally, worship is such a significant part of my relationship with God not because worship is musical and I'm a musician, but because it is so transformational. Don't get me wrong, music can be a powerful vehicle for worship, and I love connecting with God that way, but worship is much more. Bottom line - worship is about prioritizing God, celebrating His goodness, and re-calibrating our perspective.

When our worship is for Him, it forms us. When we put Him first and remember who God is, it changes the way we see the world and our circumstances. Celebrating God's goodness is giving Him Glory. In His conversation with Moses recorded in Exodus 33, God himself uses His goodness and His Glory interchangeably. We celebrate His goodness for our good to remind us Who is for us and what He has done before, in order to give us strength to endure in hardship, as well as foster hope in times of trial and difficulty. And it doesn't just effect us, the transformational beauty of worship spills out to all of those around us, whether they get it or not (Remember Paul and Silas in prison Acts 16:16-40). This is the heart of worship.

When we're missing out on what the heart of worship really is, then even the most seasoned disciples can let style or personal preference effect how we connect with God in a corporate setting. I've had some amazing and diverse worship experiences: I've sung Fauré's Requiem and Mendelssohn's Elijah with epic choirs and orchestras in ancient stone sanctuaries; I've sung "Stomp the devils head" in the native language of Mukhuwa while shaking coke cans filled with rocks and dancing up a dust cloud in the red sand of Mozambique; I've worshiped to messianic reggae on the Mount of Olives with Arab teens on the same ground that Jesus's sandals had stepped before; and I've sung rocked out praise music at a biker rally. Though the context and the style of these experiences varied wildly, at their center was a desire to put God first, and celebrate His goodness.

This brings me to why I love the challenge of facilitating contemporary worship. "Contemporary" is an ever moving target. What was new and novel in 1918 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus", is now a timeworn treasure. Heck, what was new five years ago can feel dated until it becomes a classic. Our goal as disciples, in the making of disciples as we are charged by Christ in the great commission, is to show that His ageless Love and enduring Truth have a place in our modern culture. That is the heart behind contemporary worship... to speak in technology and a popular style of God's great love, His inconceivable grace and His glorious wonder to a generation that needs to know Him just as much as any before it. It requires us to be alert and sensitive as well as teachable and flexible. The same way Jesus taught the kingdom by using parables about agriculture when talking to an agrarian culture, we have been given the great privilege of telling the "Old, Old Story" to a new generation in a way they can hear it.

Just in case you couldn't tell, I'm passionate about this. If you are passionate about Contemporary Worship, I invite you to get involved. We are looking to expand our use of technology and grow our creative and technical teams. Like I said, contemporary is a moving target so we will always be learning so don't worry if you don't think you have the skills. Bring a willing heart and a teachable spirit and let's grow together. If you are interested in serving in this vital ministry, contact me at [dgaudinier@fbcaugusta.org](mailto:dgaudinier@fbcaugusta.org).

For His Glory, Dan Gaudinier - Minister of Contemporary Worship

## Church Wide News & Opportunities



### 200th Anniversary Edition of the Church Directory

Additional dates for photographs will be November 17 and 18. Call the church office to make an appointment.

Volunteers are needed to help with photography appointments. If you can help any of these days, please call the Church Office.

## Hurricane Relief Efforts

### Know Someone Personally Who Needs Help?

As we continue to seek ways to respond and support those effected by Hurricane Harvey & Hurricane Irma, we hope to offer an opportunity to travel and be "hands on." In doing this, we are first seeking any personal connections we may have with family and friends who were impacted by these storms. If you have a family member or friend who has been effected by the storms and are seeking assistance, contact Jim Walls ([jwalls@fbcaugusta.org](mailto:jwalls@fbcaugusta.org)) or Allen Hardin ([alglen@bellsouth.net](mailto:alglen@bellsouth.net)) with contact information.

### Want to Go With Us?

Also, if you are interested in traveling to the impacted areas, please contact Jim or Allen and we will keep you posted as to the scheduling of any trips.

### So For Now...

Continue to pray for the people effected by the storms. Also, we suggest giving monetary donations. Local agencies can better evaluate needs and then have the funds to buy what is needed. You can go to our church website which provides links for ways to contribute through CBF or SBC organizations.



David Phelps

First Baptist Church presents David Phelps  
in a Classic Christmas Concert  
on Sunday, December 3 at 7 pm

Advanced ticket pricing: Artist Circle tickets are \$30 and  
General Admissions tickets are \$25  
Tickets are on sale now through [ltickets.com](http://ltickets.com)  
or in the church office.

**Flu shots** will be given Wednesday, October 4 & 11, 4-6 PM in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall. No cost for those over 65 covered by Medicare or a Medicare supplement plan. Those under 65 may have a co-pay with insurance; \$30 for those with no insurance.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### New Sunday morning Bible study opportunity!

The Journey Community, a coed class in their 60's, would like to invite all interested to join them as they begin to participate in the seminar rotation Bible study model beginning October 8th with a Big Breakfast (a time of fellowship and brief introduction to the study material). The first seminar leader up is Les Powell who will be teaching on *The Seven Deadly Sins*. We are especially interested in reaching those who have not been attending a Bible study on Sunday morning.

With this addition, we now have three coed communities spanning ages from early 30's-early 40's (The Village), mid 40's-late 50's (Living Water), and 60's (Journey). So we have a place for you! We are thankful to have great seminar leaders participating in the teaching rotation, as well. They include Les Powell, Peggie Koon, Joe Hardy, Dan McGill, and Jim Walls.

### Adult Sunday School Leadership Development

This Sunday, September 24th, all leaders in adult Sunday school are encouraged to join us at 5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will provide general information regarding the Sunday morning Bible study hour, and seek ways we can be supportive of our leaders as you seek to disciple our congregation. Please make every effort to attend and be sure your class/community is represented!

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### *Christmas in Asheville*

Join us December 7-9 for a 2-night stay at the SpringHill Suites in Asheville. Free Breakfast buffet included! Trip includes tickets to the Biltmore Estate and candlelight tour of the Biltmore house; tickets to the National Gingerbread House Competition at the Grove Park Inn; tickets to "Winter Lights" at the North Carolina Arboretum; dinner at the Deerpark Inn @ Biltmore; lunch at the Grove Park Inn; and transportation. Cost per person is as follows for double bed rooms: Quad - \$410; Triple - \$440; Double - \$480; and single - \$640. \$100 per person deposit due to book your reservation! Call the Senior Adult Ministry Office @ 731-5355.

## SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY

**October Singles & Friends Lunch!** Join us for lunch on Sunday, October 1, in the Fellowship Hall @ noon. RSVP to Anita at 706-399-0507 or [nitaaguirre44@yahoo.com](mailto:nitaaguirre44@yahoo.com) by noon on Friday, September 29.

## ACTIVITIES MINISTRY



**League Basketball Sign-up!** Forms will be available October 11. Contact George Berry for more information. [gberry@fbcaugusta.org](mailto:gberry@fbcaugusta.org). Coaches are also needed!

## 200th ANNIVERSARY NEWS

### The Vietnamese Church

This Sunday we celebrate the Vietnamese Church. In 1998, the Missions Development Council brought a motion to the church in conference to financially support, along with other Baptist organizations, the formation of a Vietnamese Language Mission in Augusta. The motion was unanimously approved. This group was formed and began meeting at FBC. Thus the Vietnamese Church evolved. What a privilege to sponsor a group and see them evolve into a viable, working church. We are thankful for this church and their ministry.



In honor of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of First Baptist Church The Official Christmas In Augusta Collector's Ornament is now available to purchase for \$20. Ornaments are available for purchase in the Administrative offices of First Baptist Church during office hours.

### Anniversary Luncheon - 200 Years of Faithful Women

The Women's Luncheon on Saturday, September 9th was a wonderful event with over 400 women in attendance. Thank you to Margaret Murchison for her outstanding leadership and to her wonderful committee, who worked extremely hard to make this an inspiring event. It was a beautiful luncheon and a very special day for all the women attending. Each woman left with a copy of Margaret Parker's beautiful book, *The Risen Christ* and a lovely 200th Anniversary bookmark inside.

Kim Crabill of Roses and Rainbows Ministries, Inc. was the speaker. She gave a very inspiring and thought provoking talk, challenging each woman to never give up daring to be all that God created them to be.

Congratulations to fourteen women who were honored as FBC Trailblazers, women who opened the doors of service for other women.

Anna Bannister	Joanne Carr	Isabell Jordan
Mrs. B. K. Barnes	Bertha Carswell	Pat Mangum
Irene Bennett	Martha Bell Daniel	Beth Morrison
Mickie Blackburn	Nettie Engels	Margaret Parker
Jackie Blanchard		Joan Puryear

Thank you goes to the men of the church who honored the women by serving lunch. They did a great job!

Also, thank you to Rebecca Murchison Hughes, who blessed everyone with her beautiful voice as she sang, *Find Us Faithful*; to Dave Welter who turned an exquisite wooden bowl for each Trailblazer; to Betty Sharrock for creating the video, *The Faithful Women of First Baptist Church*; and finally to our wonderful Ministerial Support Staff, the many volunteers, Stephen and his talented Kitchen Staff, and to the Children's Ministry who provided the Nursery.

As a church, we are rich in the gifts of women's time and talents. A tremendous thank you from the Anniversary Committee to all the women who faithfully serve God through FBC.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### SUNDAY NIGHT schedule for students!

Sunday evening student schedule look like this:

Youth Ensemble - 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room  
Dinner/Game Room/Outdoor Games - 5:30 p.m. MAC  
Youth Worship - 6:30 p.m. MAC

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT student schedule!

Wednesday night student schedule look like this:

Walton Building opens @ 6 PM  
"Theater Theology" - 6:45 p.m.  
We will watch and discuss movies based on people who lived their faith to change the world.

### FALL ADVANCE

October 27 - 29

Woodland Christian Camp in Temple, GA

Cost - \$125

Registration deadline is October 22 but space is limited, so register ASAP

Call the Student Ministry Office - 731-5355  
for more information about student activities.

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

ESL classes began Wednesday, September 13 in the Adult Education Building. Classes begin at 9:30 A.M. and end at 12 noon each Wednesday. Childcare is available. For more information call the church office at 706-73-2236; 706-364-5255 or 706-726-6862.

## Memorials & Honorarium

### DEBT RETIREMENT MEMORIALS

Mr Don McKenzie  
Libby & Doug Engler  
Mr. Jeffrey Landrum  
Dr. & Mrs. Donald Dunagan  
Mrs. Elizabeth McKenzie  
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Evans  
Charles & Jan Colvin

Mrs. Mitzie Coleman  
Dr. & Mrs. Donald Dunagan

### MUSIC MINISTRY MEMORIALS

Mr Don McKenzie  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Beazley

Mrs. Mitzie Coleman  
Mrs. MaryThigpen

Mr. S. W. Wardlaw  
Mrs. MaryThigpen

Mrs. Mildred Timmerman  
Mrs. MaryThigpen

### BENEVOLENCE MEMORIALS

Mr Don McKenzie  
Nova Class

Mrs. Jane Strong  
Iva Williamson

Mrs. Mitzie Coleman  
Mrs. Jane Lamb  
Mrs. Elizabeth McKenzie  
Charles & Jan Colvin

Miss Brenda Bell  
Mrs. Pat Rhodes

### FAITH@WORK HONORARIUM

Dr. Gary Redding  
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Thompson

Mrs. Mary Carol Beasley  
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Thompson

### BENEVOLENCE HONORARIUM

Patti Fowler  
Preschool Kindergarten Teachers  
Mrs. Jennifer Huston

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## Weekly Church Calendar September 24 - October 1, 2017

### Sunday, September 24

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, MAC  
9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
Vietnamese Worship, MAC  
12:15 p.m. Deacon Nominating Committee, Conf. Rm  
2:00 p.m. Chinese Sunday School, D-203  
4:30 p.m. Youth Ensemble, Choir Room  
5:30 p.m. Youth Dinner & Games, MAC  
Sunday School Leadership, FH  
6:30 p.m. Youth Worship, MAC

### Monday, September 25

9:00 a.m. Weekday Education Program  
Helping Hands, Arts & Crafts Room/MAC  
5:30 p.m. Kirkringers, D-201  
6:30 p.m. BSF, Sanctuary & Adult Building

### Tuesday, September 26

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC/Grill  
9:00 a.m. Weekday Education Programs  
Benevolence, MAC  
11:45 a.m. Faith@Work, Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Serendipity Group, MAC Grill

### Wednesday, September 27

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  
5:30 p.m. Children's Handbells, Daniel Bldg, 2nd Fl  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Storey Chapel  
Children's Choirs  
Orchestra Rehearsal, Daniel Bldg, 2nd Fl.  
Men's Bible Study, A-203  
Women's Bible Study, A-200  
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, September 28

9:00 a.m. Weekday Education Programs  
10:00 a.m. First Family Singers, Choir Room

### Friday, September 29

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

### Saturday, September 30

6:20 a.m. BSF Leadership, Daniel Building  
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

## Attendance/Giving Report September 17, 2017

Worship Attendance.....738  
Sunday School.....592  
Weekly Requirements .....\$58,844  
Budget-Building Receipts.....\$48,703  
Budget-Building to Date.....\$1,921,607  
Budget-Bldg Requirements.....\$2,236,072

## Daily Bible Reading

SUNDAY: Luke 4:1-30; Ezekiel 44-45; Isa 64  
MONDAY: Luke 4:31-44; Ezekiel 46-47; Isa 65  
TUESDAY: Luke 5:1-26; Ezekiel 48; Isaiah 66  
WEDNESDAY: Luke 5:27-39; Genesis 1-2; Ps 1  
THURSDAY: Luke 6:1-26; Genesis 3-5; Psalm 2  
FRIDAY: Luke 6:27-49; Genesis 6-7; Psalm 3  
SATURDAY: Luke 7:1-17; Genesis 8-10; Ps 4

## EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS SEPTEMBER 24



**8:30 AM:** Carla & Bill Parker, Brenner McNair  
**Hostess:** Brenner McNair  
**11 AM:** Samantha DeLappe, Ann Hardy, Leah & Reagan Galey, Charlynn & Len Collins

## 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.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Gary Dorn September 15, 2017  
Steve Buck September 18, 2017  
Margaret O'Neal September 19, 2017

## Television Broadcast Channels

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Comcast channel 383  
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## Minister On Call 706-832-2944

**Jacob Waldrip** September 23 and 24