

**Please. . .**  
*Take the time to share a bit of  
information with us.  
We want to get to know you better!*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Church Office** (for Members)

The above information has changed.

**Are you a. . .**

\_\_\_ First-time guest

\_\_\_ Returning guest

\_\_\_ Out of town guest of \_\_\_\_\_

**Marital Status:**

\_\_\_ Single      \_\_\_ Divorced

\_\_\_ Married    \_\_\_ Widowed

**Children:**

\_\_\_ Preschool \_\_\_ 1st Grade \_\_\_ 2nd Grade

\_\_\_ 3rd Grade \_\_\_ 4th Grade \_\_\_ 5th Grade

**Students:**

\_\_\_ Middle School

\_\_\_ High School

\_\_\_ College

**Adults:**

\_\_\_ 18-22 \_\_\_ 23-29 \_\_\_ 30-35 \_\_\_ 36-40

\_\_\_ 40s \_\_\_ 50s \_\_\_ 60s \_\_\_ 70+

**Worship service attended:**

\_\_\_ REACH-8:30 \_\_\_ Traditional-11:00

**I would like more information about:**

\_\_\_ How to have a personal relationship  
with Jesus Christ.

\_\_\_ How to become a Member at FBC.

The following ministries:

\_\_\_ Children

\_\_\_ Student

\_\_\_ Sunday School

\_\_\_ Music

\_\_\_ Senior Adult

\_\_\_ Benevolence

\_\_\_ Bridge Ministry

**What do you need to grow spiritually?**

\_\_\_ A ministry/place to serve

\_\_\_ Connecting with others/building  
relationships

\_\_\_ Habits for Bible reading, prayer, etc.

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### ***This Week at First Baptist***

**Sunday, December 24 –Fourth Sunday in Advent**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, MAC

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 p.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Vietnamese Worship, MAC

2:00 p.m. Chinese Sunday School, D-203

3:00 p.m. Family Christmas Service, Storey Chapel

5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary

**Monday, December 25—Office Closed**

**Tuesday, December 26—Office Closed**

**Wednesday, December 27—No Evening Events**

### **SERMON NOTES**

“Love”

I John 4:7-12

Will Dyer

#### **PASTORAL MINISTRY**

Will Dyer, *Senior Pastor*

Jim Walls, *Associate Pastor*

R. J. Robinson, *Pastor Emeritus*

Chip Reeves, *Interim Minister of Pastoral Care*

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Kurt Wachtel, *Minister of Music*

Dan Gaudinier, *Minister of Contemporary Worship*

Claudia Moller, *Children’s Choirs Coordinator*

#### **FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY**

Patti Fowler, *Minister of Weekday Education*

Melissa Willis, *Minister to Preschool & Children*

Lori McPherson, *Nursery Coordinator*

Paul Moller, *Director of Senior Adult Ministry*

#### **OPERATIONS MINISTRY**

Kelly Rose, *Church Administrator*

**First Baptist Church**

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**Augusta, GA 30909**

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*Welcome to Worship*

December 24, 2017



**First Baptist Church**

**Augusta, Georgia**

**1817 - 2017**

## **REACH**

### **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Today we light the fourth candle of Advent. Its color is purple, the liturgical color of Advent. It represents Love and symbolizes God’s love to us in His gift of salvation.

#### ***The Lighting of the Advent Candle***

- Charles and Betty Wray -

#### ***Songs of Worship and Praise***

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”    “Joy to the World”  
“Heaven Is Here”    “Beauty for Ashes”    “Glorious Day”

#### ***The Message***

“Love”

I John 4:7-12

Will Dyer

#### **During the REACH service**

Engage, delight and immerse yourself in worship led by our worship band, and a practical, multi-media message. Some people raise or clap their hands during the music as an expression of praise and thanksgiving to God. Others choose to stand quietly, embracing the wonder of God’s awesome presence. We invite you to worship the living God in a manner authentic to you.

#### **Before or after the service**

#### **Want to know more about FBC?**

We are a large family. Whether you are here for the first time or have been worshipping with us for a while, you may have questions about who we are or how to connect with groups in our church. Just exit the rear of the worship center, make your way to the welcome table and people will be available to answer whatever questions you might have.

# The Church in Worship

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary  
December 24, 2017

*The 200th Anniversary Year of  
First Baptist Church - Augusta, Georgia*

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### OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

Call to Silence Three Bells  
Prelude "Once in Royal David's City" arr. Philip Moore  
- Lee Menefee, soloist -

### The Lighting of the Advent Candle

- Andy & Vicky Walton -

Call to Worship Melissa Willis  
Leader: There is a song that fills the air in these days.  
People: **A song of hope for those mired in despair.**  
Leader: A song of love for those who have been wounded.  
People: **A song of peace for those whose hearts are restless.**  
Leader: A song of celebration for those whose joy is full.  
**All: May the melody of God's grace fill our hearts and spill over into acts of selflessness, kindness and compassion.**

### PRAISING GOD

\*Hymn of Praise 103 "O Come All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES  
(stanzas 1, 3 & 4 only)  
\*Invocation/Welcome Kurt Wachtel  
\*Hymn 102 "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH  
Offertory Prayer Nan Shaefer  
Offertory "Silent Night" arr. Joel Raney  
- Les Reagan & Jean Wachtel, piano duet -  
\*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below; O Praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above the heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Pastoral Prayer Will Dyer

### LISTENING TO GOD

Anthem "Jesus Child" John Rutter  
Sermon "Love" Will Dyer  
I John 4:7-12

### RESPONDING TO GOD

Hymn of Response 111 "Away in a Manger" CRADLE SONG  
Benediction Will Dyer  
Proclamation of Praise "Hallelujah" from **Messiah** G.F. Handel  
Postlude "Fantasia on IN DULCI JUBILO" J.S. Bach

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Wayne Lord, organist Les Reagan, pianist

\*Congregation please stand. Please silence your electronic devices.  
Seating for the hearing impaired is on the camera side of sanctuary.  
An interpreter is available.

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### To Our Guests

Welcome to God's house. We've been waiting for you. We believe that every person who enters through the doors of First Baptist Church was led by God. It is not just a coincidence that you are worshiping with us today, nor is it a coincidence that we have the joy of meeting you. God is working through our church in marvelous ways. We believe you are here today to worship God and to explore whether you would like to join this fellowship as we strive to live out God's mission and ministry through First Baptist Church. Please let us know of your visit by filling out the information on the detachable **Communication Card** on this order of worship and place it in the offering plate, or, hand it to one of the greeters, ushers or ministers. Following the service please feel free to introduce yourself to any one of the ministers or make contact with a Greeter in the Rotunda. We are blessed by your presence today.

**Committee Meeting for all Committees**  
Wednesday, January 3, 2018, 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please make every effort to attend this organizational meeting.



**Family Christmas Eve Service**  
A special service designed for families with children.  
3 p.m., December 24 in the Chapel  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Candlelight Communion Service**  
5 p.m., December 24 in the Sanctuary  
**Sunday morning, December 31**  
9:40 AM Sunday School  
(Sizemore's teaching in Storey Chapel)  
11 AM Combined Worship  
in the Fellowship Hall

**Let's get in shape in 2018!!** Join us on Wednesday nights in the Storey chapel for "Spiritual Bootcamp" as we strive for spiritual maturity through use of the spiritual disciplines. Join us January 10th through February 7th - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Taught by Will Dyer and Laurel Landon.

**Were you or a family member unable to have your portrait taken for the 200th Anniversary edition of the church directory?** If so, you may request by emailing Kelly Rose at krose@fbcaugusta.org or by calling the church office and ask that LifeTouch use your photo from the last directory. You may also submit a photo via email or thumb drive. This photo must not be copyrighted and must be a jpeg or pdf high resolution format. Please do this no later than Friday, January 5.

**The Church Office will be closed  
December 25 and 26, and January 1.**

A reminder that financial gifts to be tax deductible in 2017, must be received by December 31, 2017. Your gift can be given in the regular offering, in person at the church office, electronically or be mailed with a postmark on or before December 31. The offices will close Friday, December 29 at 4:30 pm for those wishing to bring in their gift. Of course, your gift in the offering on Sunday, December 31, will be considered a 2017 charitable gift for tax purposes. End of the year statements will mailed no later than January 31, 2018. Thank you for your generous giving and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

### PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN

Our 2018 Missions season begins January 10th at our normal times and classrooms. This month's mission action project will be to donate warm socks for the people in our community who are experiencing homelessness. Bring your donations any Wednesday or Sunday and place in the designated boxes in the Preschool or Children's buildings. This project is for all of our Preschool and Children's ministry participants.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Attention Women of all ages!** Burdens to Blessings Conference with Kim Crabill Friday, January 19, 6:30-9 pm; Saturday, January 20, 9:30 am - 4 pm in the First Baptist Fellowship Hall. Early bird pricing \$55 until December 31st; \$85 January 1-19. Register at rosesandrainsbows.org/events For more information contact Rebecca Elkin at rpelkin@knology.net.

### SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY

Singles and Friend Lunch, Sunday, January 7 in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 pm. RSVP by noon, January 5. 706-399-0507 or nitaaguire44@yahoo.com

### MUSIC MINISTRY

On Sunday, December 31, the Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra presentation of Christmas at First Baptist will be aired in place of our worship service. The program will be on the following channels:  
Comcast channel 383  
WOW channel 169  
Atlantic Broadband channel 245

### COMMUNICATION CARD

We want to hear from you. Please use both sides of this card to communicate with the Church Staff regarding:

- Prayer requests
- Changes in contact information - telephone number, email, address, etc.
- Ministry needs
- Interest in finding a Sunday School class or a ministry in which to serve.

Please tear off this card and place it in the offering plate during or after the service.

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### Wednesday Night Dinner

**NO MEAL DECEMBER 27**  
Menu January 3, 5 PM  
in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$7 adults; \$3.50 children 12 and under.  
Call the Church Office  
or tear this card off  
and place in the offering plate  
to make dinner reservations.

706-733-2236

### Menu

Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Salad Bar  
Yeast Rolls with Butter  
Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast  
Baked Potato  
Black Cherry Cobbler  
Vanilla Ice Cream

### Children's Menu

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce  
PB & J's