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First Thoughts

Dear Church,

One of the things that I love about the new year is the way so many people resolve to make a fresh start. It does not matter what took place in 2017, it is now squarely in the rearview mirror. We can begin anew as we enter into 2018. Many people make a commitment to work on diet, exercise, or a standard daily routine. Others are determined to get their financial house in order. These days are some of the most exciting times of the year, as determination and grit are more apparent in the lives of those we love.

Did you make a resolution? If you did make a decision to better yourself in 2018, good for you! For those of you that haven't (and also for those that have), I want to give you a challenge as we kick off 2018. As a church, let's commit to growing as more deeply devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. I am convinced that there is no better way to live than by giving your heart, soul, mind, and strength to Jesus. His way leads to joy and fulfillment in our lives. Why not give being a better follower of Jesus your best effort in 2018?

I want to give you some guidance and practical tools to help as we embark on this journey. On Wednesday nights, beginning January 10th, Laurel Landon and I will be leading a discussion on how to be a better disciple by engaging in some of the spiritual disciplines. We are going to take a deep dive into practices like worship, study, rest, and a few other practical ways to broaden your faith in Christ. I hope that you will make plans to be present in the Chapel for this formative look at following Jesus.

As I think about deepening our faith, I am immediately drawn to a conversation around prayer. There have been countless times throughout my life as a pastor where people express frustration and confusion regarding their attempts to connect with God. If you count yourself among that group, I hope you will find January's sermon series to be a helpful guide. Over the four weeks of this month, I am going to speak on prayer using the Lord's Prayer as the starting point for our conversation. I am calling this series "Connected: A Four Week Series on the Central Prayer of Jesus."

At a deep level, I think connection is what we all hope for in 2018. Connection with God. Connection with each other. I hope to see you on Sunday.

Grace and Peace, Will

**Called Church Conference Sunday, January 14,
6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall**

The purpose of this Conference is to present and vote on a recommendation from the Minister to Students Search Committee.

Childcare for preschool age children.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP
JANUARY 7, 2018**

"Connected: Let's Talk"
Matthew 6:5-8
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.

**January 10, 2018
MENU**

Toasted Pecan Cole Slaw
Biscuits with Butter & Jelly
Southern Fried Chicken
Baked Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Corn Meal Fried Okra
Peach Cobbler & Ice Cream

Children's Menu

Chicken Legs & Pancakes
Baked Mac & Cheese
PB & J's

Church Wide News & Opportunities



**Sunday, January 7,
6:30 PM**
in the Storey Chapel
To be Ordained:
*Catherine Bloodworth
Alison Powell
Amy Catlett*

**IT'S NOT
TOO LATE!**

Were you or a family member unable to have your portrait taken for the 200th Anniversary edition of the church directory? If so, it is not too late to be included! 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 as a jpg or pdf high resolution format. Please do this no later than Friday, January 5th.

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.



January 10th through February 7th - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Taught by Will Dyer and Laurel Landon.

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. Cost is \$55 until December 31st; \$85 January 1-19. Register at rosesandrainsbows.org/events For more information contact Rebecca Elkin at rpelkin@knology.net.



Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Study

"Think Differently" by James MacDonald (11 weeks)
Begins Wednesday, January 17 9:30 - 11:30 AM in the Daniel Building, 2nd floor. Why do we lose our temper or hurt those we care for most? How do families find themselves broken? The reason is often the way we think. Beyond behaviors and attitudes, thinking determines outcome more than anything else. God offers our only hope for victory over disposition, dysfunction, double-mindedness, and every other mental stronghold. With Christ we can think differently. Workbooks are \$14. All ladies are welcome. To register and reserve your book, contact Rebecca Elkin at rpelkin@knology.net. For free childcare email Patti at pfowler@fbcaugusta.org.

PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN MINISTRIES

Our 2018 Missions season will begin on 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. Please 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.

PRAYER MINISTRY

First Sunday Prayer January 7
"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24



Please join us 5-6 pm in the Daniel Building, room 203, for our monthly time of prayer.

Week of Prayer - January 22 - 26, 2018, 6-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall/Chapel. Each night we will come together as the body of Christ to pray for our Church. We will have specific prayer requests to pray over each night during a time that will be totally dedicated to prayer. You will be encouraged to pray aloud or silently as you feel the Lord leading you.



SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY

January Singles & Friends Lunch on Sunday, January 7, in the Fellowship Hall @ 12:15 PM. RSVP to Anita at 706-399-0507 or nitaaguirre44@yahoo.com by 2 PM on Friday, January 5.

BENEVOLENCE MINISTRY

The first Benevolence Ministry Food Drive of 2018 is Sunday, January 21. Items needed most are dried peas, canned meaty pastas, canned fruit, and pork & beans. Toothpaste from our dental community would be a tremendous help.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Senior Adult Luncheon January 9! Join us for lunch 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker Cierra Crowe, missionary in Uganda, Africa working for Delight in the Lord Ministries (DLM). Call Church Office @ 733-2236 by Friday, January 5 to make a reservation. Cost is \$8 per person.

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Christmas at First Baptist" DVD Now Available

The entire Christmas at First Baptist concert DVD is now available at the front desk or by calling Tommy Payne at the Church Music Office. This is the entire program, not the version that had to be edited to fit within our broadcast time frame. The cost is \$19.00.

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In Memory of...

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Johnson
Gwen Cartee
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In Honor of...

Our Grandchildren
4 Year Old Choir Workers
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Mildred Rucker
Kindergarten Classes & Teachers
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Weekly Church Calendar January 7 - 13, 2018

Sunday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, MAC
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 p.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
Vietnamese Worship, MAC
12:00 p.m. Singes & Friends Lunch, FH, Room 1
2:00 p.m. Chinese Sunday School, D-203
5:00 p.m. First Sunday Prayer, D-203
6:30 p.m. Deacon Ordination Service, Storey Chapel

Monday, January 8

9:00 a.m. Weekday Education Program
5:00 p.m. BSF, Sanctuary/Daniel Building
5:30 p.m. Kirkringers, D-201

Tuesday, January 9

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MAC Grill
9:00 a.m. Weekday Education Program
9:15 a.m. Moms in Prayer, Children's Building
9:30 a.m. iPad Basics, Computer Lab
11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, MAC Arts & Crafts
9:00 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study Leadership, D-203
Weekday Education Program
9:30 a.m. English As a Second Language, Adult Bldg.
12:00 p.m. Ladies International Bible Study, A-105
2:00 p.m. Excel Basics, Computer Lab
5:00 p.m. Family Supper, Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Children's Handbells, D-203
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Storey Chapel
Orchestra Rehearsal, D-201
Children's Choirs
Men's Bible Study, A-205
Student Programs, MAC
6:45 p.m. Inside Out/Mission Friends
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, January 11

9:00 a.m. Weekday Education Program
9:30 a.m. iPhone/iPad Photos, Computer Lab
10:00 a.m. First Family Singers, Choir Room

Friday, January 12

6:15 a.m. BSF Leadership, Daniel Building
Men's Bible Study, MAC Grill
9:00 a.m. Weekday Education Program

Saturday, January 13

11:30 a.m. Bridge Ministry, 15th St. Bridge

Attendance/Giving Report December 24 & 31, 2017

Worship Attendance.....689
Sunday School.....457
Family Christmas Eve.....250
Candlelight Communion.....835
Weekly Requirements\$58,844
Budget-Building Receipts.....\$88,115
Budget-Building to Date.....\$2,688,824.38
Budget-Bldg Requirements.....\$3,059,888

Combined Worship Attendance.....480
Sunday School.....n/a
Weekly Requirements\$58,844
Budget-Building Receipts.....\$149,248
Budget-Building to Date.....\$2,838,072
Budget-Bldg Requirements.....\$3,118,737

Prayer Text Ministry

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

Daily Bible Reading

SUNDAY: Acts 4:1-22; Deut 19-20; Job 13
MONDAY: Acts 4:23-37; Deut 21-22; Job 14
TUESDAY: Acts 5:1-16; Deut 23-24; Job 15
WEDNESDAY: Acts 5:17-42; Deut 25-27; Job 16
THURSDAY: Acts 6; Deuteronomy 28; Job 17
FRIDAY: Acts 7:1-22; Deut 29-30; Job 18
SATURDAY: Acts 7:23-8:1; Deut 31-32; Job 19

Minister On Call
706-832-2944

Patti Fowler January 6 & 7

EXTENDED
SESSION
VOLUNTEERS
JANUARY 7, 2018



8:30 AM: Dan & Lee Ann McGill
Hostess: Becky Jurriaans
11 AM: Carl Willis, Jenni Giles