

a publication of  
First Baptist Church of Augusta  
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# the Interpreter

December 12 - 25, 2018



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

DECEMBER 16 & 23 2018

(December 16)

"What Just Happened?"

Luke 2:8-20 Will Dyer

(December 23)

"Let It Be"

Luke 1:26-38 Will Dyer

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
Mission Activities Center

9:40-10:40 a.m.

Bible Study for All Ages

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship/Sanctuary

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

Join us in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Supper 5 p.m.

Cost: \$7 for adults; \$3.50 for children  
12 and under. Carry outs - \$7.50 each.

Call 733-2236 for reservations.

December 19, 2018

Garden Salad

Yeast Rolls

Bottom Round of Beef & Vegetables

Idaho Potatoes Mashed

Broccoli Florets with Cheese

Chocolate on Chocolate Cake

Ice Cream

Children's Menu

Corn Dogs & Fries

PB & J Sandwiches

(no meal)

December 26, 2018

January 2, 2019

Menu unavailable

Children's Menu

Chicken Legs & Mac & Cheese

PB & J Sandwiches

Dear Church,

There are certain books that stick with you long after you read them for the first time. Over the past two years, I have come to treasure James K.A. Smith's *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit*. I return to its pages again and again as I think about what it means to be formed in the image of Christ. If you are looking for a book that can change the way you see yourself and the world, then I recommend this book to you. Some of you are still looking for the perfect Christmas gift, and I promise that this book will become a cherished gift to those in your life. I want to include one quote from Smith's book in my letter to you, and I would love it if you would take some time and think about how you would answer the question, "What is the ultimate love in your life?"

*"To be human is to have a heart. You can't not love. So, the question isn't **whether** you will love something as ultimate; the question is **what** you will love as ultimate. And you are what you love."*

I hope you will be in worship on Sunday morning as we continue our series through Advent. This week we will look at Luke 2:8-20. It is going to be a great day at the First Baptist Church of Augusta.

Grace and Peace, Will

**Family Christmas Eve Service** - A special service designed for families with children. 3:00 p.m., December 24 in the Storey Chapel

**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Communion  
Service**

5:00 p.m., December 24  
in the Sanctuary



**Combined Worship Sunday, December 30,**  
11:00 a.m. in Sanctuary

## Church Wide News & Opportunities

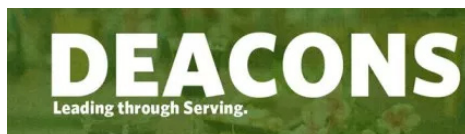
**CHURCH CONFERENCE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16  
6:30 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

### *A Gift for You!*

On January 13th, we have a wonderful gift planned for you! In order to receive this free gift, we must have your email on file. So contact the church office and provide or update your email in anticipation of this day. *Merry Christmas!*



All FBC adult meal prices will go up \$1.00 effective January 1, 2019. This is to offset the rising cost of food and equipment.



The Deacon Ordination Service will be held Sunday, January 6, 6:00 p.m. in the Storey Chapel.

### *Newly Elected Deacons*

Ronnie Adams *	Beth Morrison
Jim Beazley	Roger Nunn
Julie Berry *	Joshua Powell *
Peggy Chow *	Bill Thompson
Paul Elkin	Roger Tom

*\*to be ordained*

Easter Seals has a few First Baptist Church 200th Anniversary ornaments remaining. If you did not get one last year and would like to purchase one for \$20.00, please contact the Easter Seals office at 706-667-9695.



**The Church Office will be closed Monday & Tuesday,  
December 24 and 25, and Tuesday, January 1.**

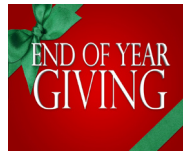
## January

### Staff Birthdays

Jim Walls - January 26  
Rebecca Hughes - January 27

### Staff Anniversaries

Leah Galey - 5 years  
Kelly Rose - 2 years



A reminder that financial gifts to be tax deductible in 2018, must be received by December 31, 2018. 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, 2018.

The church offices will close Friday, December 28 at 4:30 pm for those wishing to bring in their gift in person. Of course, your gift in the offering on Sunday, December 30, will be considered a 2018 charitable gift for tax purposes. End of year statements will be mailed no later than January 31, 2019. It is advisable to not complete your taxes until receiving your statement and reviewing for errors or discrepancies. Please be sure to check with your accountant or other qualified tax-advisor for specific advice for your tax planning purposes. Thank you for your generous giving and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.



The 2018 Advent Prayer Guide is available on the church web site (fbcaugusta.org.) On the home page, click the Prayer tab at the top of the page and it will direct you to the Prayer Ministry page, then click on the red Advent Prayer Guide button.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**Christmas Gift Card Project!** The First Baptist Church Christmas Gift Card Project asks you to purchase as many \$25 gift cards from Walmart or Target as you are led and place each one in one of the holders on the trees. Bring your gift cards to the Benevolence office. These \$25 gift cards will be distributed to the Hurricane Florence victims in the Wilmington area through a partnership program. We will be collecting cards until December 31.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**March Mission Madness** Sign Up on the church website or by registration in the church office. Sign up is \$100 per person.

**Study Break at Airstrike!** It's Finals Week. Invite your friends and come take a break with us! **Wednesday, December 19, 5:45-7:30 p.m.**

\$10 per participant includes socks, pizza & drinks  
\$3 for participants who just want to eat and not jump

\*\*Sign up by turning in your form and your \$10 to Elizabeth Chao by Tuesday, December 18.

\*\* Provide your own transportation to and from Airstrike.

**Save the Date Already?** Yes, indeed.

Youth Camp is scheduled for June 9 - 14.

**YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP 2019 - July 14 - 19**

## Memorials & Honorarium

### DEBT RETIREMENT MEMORIALS

**Mr. Raymond Giles**  
Mrs. Gloria Patrick  
Beth & Jeff Morrison

**Mrs. Jeanne Brown**  
Mrs. Norma H. Napier

**Mrs. Martha Bell Daniel**  
Mr. & Mrs. Byron Brown

**Mr. Grady Smith**  
Mrs. Gloria Patrick  
Mr. Tom Dozier

**Mr. T. Richard Daniel**  
Mrs. Becky McKenzie  
Body of Deacons  
Ms. Joanne Carr  
Tom Dozier  
Dr. & Mrs. J. Ben Deal  
Anna Kim & Larry Fletcher  
Peggy & Gerald Chow  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Scaggs  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Johnston  
Mr. & Mrs. David Bell  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Sid Beckum  
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Jones  
Mrs. Gloria Patrick  
Haskell & Dale Toporek  
W. B. Kuhlke, Jr.  
Milton & Kathy Martin  
Stanley C. House  
Betty & Pat Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. David L. Burton  
Dr. & Mrs. Wade Blount  
Becky & Doug Woodruff  
Marion & Gayle Durst  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Bray  
Mrs. Fay J. Clements  
Mrs. Alethia Nowell  
Beth & Barry Storey  
Mr. & Mrs. Roger "Buck" Walters  
Mr. & Mrs. Asa Daniel Duggan, Jr.  
Mrs. Jean Kearns  
Mr. & Mrs. Byron Brown  
George & Carolyn Ogles  
Mrs. Norma H. Napier  
Floride & Neal Dickert  
Mrs. Bonnie Given  
Alice & Tommy Jones  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Blanchard, Jr.  
Mrs. Samuel H. Sibley  
Libby & Doug Engler  
Dr. & Mrs. James Carswell  
Mr. Charles R. Sheppard  
Mr. & Mrs. H. Montague Osteen, Jr.  
Mrs. Deobrah Dennis

**Mr. Ron Coleman**  
Ms. Joanne Carr  
Tom Dozier  
Peggy & Gerald Chow  
Anna Kim & Larry Fletcher  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Scaggs  
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Jones  
Mrs. Gloria Patrick  
Caring Co-Ed Class  
Mrs. Jean Kearns

**Mrs. Margie Brennan**  
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Jones  
Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Lovett

**Mrs. Betty Bunch**  
Mrs. Gloria Patrick  
Tom Dozier

**Mr. Frank Barbee**  
Betsy Howard

**Mrs. Patricia Thomas**  
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Bruggemann

**Mr. Bill Watkins**  
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Bruggemann

**Mr. John F. Bates**  
Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Lovett

### PRESCHOOL/MDO HONORARIUM

Paul & Sara Mann

**ESL MINISTRY MEMORIAL**  
**Mrs. Martha McKnight**  
Body of Deacons  
Mrs. Gloria Patrick  
Drs. Ray & Kathy Rufo  
Sarah Ends Brown  
Dr. & Mrs. T. Barrett Trotter  
Sam, Jude, Brooke & Kelly Wilson  
Dental College of GA  
Margaret Maiden  
Beth Introcaso  
Ms. Mary Lee Ellen Whelan  
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Pendergras

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEMORIAL**  
**Christopher Ware Bowman**  
Mrs. Gloria Patrick

**Mr. William Dunaway**  
John & Denise Smith

**MEN ON MISSION MEMORIAL**  
**Mr. John F. Bates**  
Mrs. Angela Kuhlke  
Beth & Jeff Morrison  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Franklin Abbott III  
Mrs. Gloria Patrick

**BENEVOLENCE MEMORIAL**  
**Mrs. Martha McKnight**  
Mrs. Fay J. Clements

**Dr. Jake Malone**  
Iva Williamson

**BENEVOLENCE HONORARIUM**  
**Mrs. Patti Fowler**  
Mrs. Fay J. Clements

**STOREY CHAPEL MEMORIAL**  
**Mr. M. Bert Storey**  
Beth & Jeff Morrison

**TV MINISTRY HONORARIUM**  
**Mr. Charles Moody**  
Mrs. Janelle Taylor

**BUDGET MEMORIAL**  
**Mrs. Betty Bunch**  
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hardy

**Mr. Kenneth Houck**  
Estate

**MUSIC MINISTRY MEMORIAL**  
**Mr. Ron Coleman**  
Mrs. Mary R. Thigpen

## PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN

### What Is Worship Care?

Worship Care is one of FBC Augusta's important ministries for families with preschool age children ages 6 weeks to 4 years old. During worship services parents can bring their preschool age children to the Preschool Building where they will encounter loving adults who will rock, feed, change, teach, and play with each child on the child's developmental level. We want this worship time to be a loving and fun learning environment for our youngest children as they grow in God's love. This ministry is supported by volunteers from our congregation. Our volunteers have background checks completed and are supported by our Preschool and Children's ministry team, Melissa Willis, Leah Galey, and Lori McPherson. All resources and supplies are carefully crafted and gathered for our volunteers to use each week and the resources support what our children learn during their Sunday School hour.

Do you know how many volunteers it takes to fully staff each classroom each week? It takes 624 adults for the entire year. We have 2 classrooms with 2 leaders each at 8:30, and 4 classrooms with 2 leaders each at 11:00. That is 12 adults each week.  $12 \times 52 = 624$ . If every volunteer would be willing to work twice a month that equals 312. At this point in our recruiting for the new year, January-December 2019, we need 60 volunteers to provide this important ministry without having to combine classrooms. Please consider contacting and talking with Melissa about the opportunities you have to be a child's first encounter with a loving, caring, teaching, example of Christ. You can reach Melissa at [mwillis@fbcaugusta.org](mailto:mwillis@fbcaugusta.org) or 706-733-2236 ext. 209, or leave your information with Leah [lgaley@fbcaugusta.org](mailto:lgaley@fbcaugusta.org) or 706-733-2236 ext. 216 and Melissa will get in touch with you.

**December 19th** we will be caroling at Kentwood. Children load the bus with a signed permission slip at 5:45 under the covered walkway. Preschoolers may attend with a parent. We will return to the church by 7:30. Preschool parents may need to drive their own vehicles.

**December 24th, Christmas Eve Family Service in Storey Chapel at 3 pm.** All children are welcome to come and pick out a costume and become a part of our living nativity. If you will be participating in the impromptu pageant please arrive by 2:45 to pick and put on your costume. Angels, Shepherds, Sheep, Donkeys, The Star, and the Wise People will all be available. There are no lines to learn. We will read the Christmas Story from Luke and sing Christmas carols. If you were with us last year you know what a wonderful and sweet time being together worshipping and remembering.



PROFESSION OF FAITH & BAPTISM

Hunter Powe

# First Baptist Church of Augusta

## Pastoral Ministry

Will Dyer, *Senior Pastor*  
 Jim Walls, *Associate Pastor*  
 R. J. Robinson, *Pastor Emeritus*

## Music Ministry

Kurt Wachtel, *Minister of Music*  
 Dan Gaudinier, *Minister of Contemporary Worship*  
 Gerald Espinal, Jr., *Technical Director*  
 Rebecca Hughes, *Interim Children's Choirs Coordinator*

## Faith Development Ministry

David Hughes, *Minister to Students*  
 Melissa Willis, *Minister to Preschool & Children*  
 Jennifer Huston, *Interim Director of Weekday Education*  
 Lori McPherson, *Nursery Coordinator*  
 Paul Moller, *Director of Senior Adult Ministry*

## Operations Ministry

Kelly Rose, *Church Administrator*

## Interpreter Contact

Luci Worthington [lworthington@fbcaugusta.org](mailto:lworthington@fbcaugusta.org)

## Giving Report December 2 & 9, 2018

Weekly Requirements .....\$58,455  
 Budget-Building Receipts.....\$32,694  
 Budget-Building to Date..... \$2,413,708  
 Budget-Bldg Requirements..... \$2,805,840  
 Weekly Requirements .....\$58,455  
 Budget-Building Receipts.....\$55,142  
 Budget-Building to Date..... \$2,2468,849.31  
 Budget-Bldg Requirements..... \$2,864,295

## WORSHIP CARE VOLUNTEERS DECEMBER 16 & 23



**(December 16) 8:30 AM:** Kristi & Tucker Messer, Betsy Thompson, Mickie Blackburn  
**Hostess: Lori McPherson**

**11 AM:** Bok Bemis, Ashley Boyd, Camy Powell

**(December 23) 8:30 AM:** Tara & Ed O'Neal, Rhoda Sword

**Hostess: Leah Gale**

**11 AM:** Bok Bemis, Paige & Rachel Tom, Carl Willis

## 2018 DAILY BIBLE READING

SUNDAY: Mat 13:1-23; Lev 17-18; Prov 28  
 MONDAY: Matt 13:24-58; Lev 19; Prov 29  
 TUESDAY: Matt 14:1-21; Lev 20-21; Prov 30  
 WEDNESDAY: Mat 14:22-36; Lv 22-23; Pv 31  
 THURSDAY: Mat 15:1-20; Lv 24-25; Ec 1:1-11  
 FRIDAY: Mat 15:21-39; Lv 26-27; Ec 1:12-2:26  
 SATURDAY: Matt 16; Num 1-2; Ecc 3:1-15  
 SUNDAY: Matt 17; Num 3-4; Ecc 3:16-4:16  
 MONDAY: Matt 18:1-17; Num 5-6; Ecc 5  
 TUESDAY: Matt 18:18-35; Num 7-8; Ecc 6  
 WEDNESDAY: Matt 19:1-15; Num 9-10; Ecc 7  
 THURSDAY: Mat 19:16-30; Nu 11-12; Ecc 8  
 FRIDAY: Mat 20:1-16; Nu 13-14; Ec 9:1-12  
 SATURDAY: Mat 20:17-34; Nu 15-16; Ec 9:13-10:20

## Prayer Text Ministry

Coulter Hnatt (979) 446-1163  
 Eva Johnson (706) 361-8386  
 Daryn Baker (706) 836-1891  
 Text "733" to the number provided to let the individual know you have prayed.

## Minister On Call 706-832-2944

**Melissa Willis** December 15 & 16  
**Kurt Wachtel** December 22 & 23

## Weekly Church Calendar December 16-29, 2018

### Sunday, December 16

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, MAC  
 9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
 Vietnamese Worship, MAC  
 Jesus Special Followers Party, Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 p.m. Church Conference, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, December 17

9:00 a.m. Kindergarten/Mother's Day Out  
 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands, Arts & Crafts Room/MAC

### Tuesday, December 18

9:00 a.m. Kindergarten/Mother's Day Out  
 Benevolence, MAC  
 11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Lunch, Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 p.m. DMDA, W-105

### Wednesday, December 19

6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, MAC  
 9:00 a.m. Kindergarten/Mother's Day Out  
 9:30 a.m. English As Second Language, Adult Bldg.  
 Women's Bible Study, D-203  
 11:50 a.m. Women's International Bible Study, A-105 B  
 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper, Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 p.m. Family Caroling  
 Adult Bible Study, Storey Chapel  
 Bible Study/Hearing Impaired, A-102  
 7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Team, The Loft

### Thursday, December 20

9:00 a.m. Kindergarten/Mother's Day Out

### Friday, December 21

9:00 a.m. Kindergarten/Mother's Day Out

### Saturday, December 22

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

### Sunday, December 23

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, MAC  
 9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
 4:00 p.m. Vietnamese Christmas Celebration, Chapel/FH

### Monday, December 24 - Church Office Closed

3:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service, Storey Chapel  
 5:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service, Sanctuary

### Tuesday, December 25 - Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, December 26

6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, MAC

## IN MEMORIAM.

Rucker Vaiden November 30, 2018  
 Patricia Hardy December 5, 2018  
 James Woo December 9  
 Lila Beazley December 10, 2018