

First Baptist News



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Reflections

Dr. Paul Baxley

More than a decade ago, I became Campus Minister at Wingate University outside Charlotte, North Carolina. During the interview process that led to that decision, one of the faculty members on the search committee asked: "Which are more important to you? Questions or answers?" His position, as a teacher, was that the best answers were often prompted by knowing the right question, and that those answers almost always gave rise to even more significant questions. Not surprisingly, he was a philosopher.

Over time, I have become increasingly convinced that asking the right questions is an important part of church life and leadership. In recent weeks, as we have come to Athens and started getting to know First Baptist Church, a question has taken shape within me that is already guiding much of what I am doing. I want to offer the same question to you, because I believe it has the capacity to be life-giving for our church.

In Ephesians 4, it is written that God gives gifts to people in church leadership "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." That text forces me to ask: "How can I use my gifts to build up the body of Christ at First Baptist Athens?" "How can I be about strengthening the life and ministry of this congregation so that we come to a higher level of unity and maturity in faith?"

Right now, I'm trying to place that question at the center of my thinking, praying, listening, and acting. But the question is not just for me. I believe it is for all church leaders. Later this month, we will ordain six new Deacons. On the same day, we will vote on those church members nominated by our Nominating Committee for various places of servant leadership in our congregation. My hope and prayer is that all of our church leadership will give time, energy, and fervent prayer to the question of how we can build up the body of Christ here.

And the question reaches even further. As Baptists, we believe that the congregation is the ultimate authority under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. So that means all of us have a responsibility to earnestly seek ways to use our gifts to build up the body of Christ, to strengthen the church, to promote unity, maturity, healing (where necessary), and missional clarity.

So as we move into the beginning of a new church year, I ask you to join me in praying through a question that has the power to give energy and direction to our life together: "How can we build up the body of Christ at First Baptist?"

In the Spotlight

*You are invited to the
Installation of Dr. Paul Baxley
as Pastor of
First Baptist Church
Athens, Georgia*

*Sunday, August 22, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary*

*Reception to follow
at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall*

This installation service provides a time of worship where we as a congregation formalize our covenantal partnership with Paul Baxley as our Pastor. This service is an opportunity for us to follow the biblical example of joining as the people of God in covenant with one another and with God. Bernard Anderson, in the *Oxford Companion to the Bible*, writes that a "covenant signifies a relationship based on commitment, which includes both promises and obligations, and which has the quality of reliability and durability."

Preaching the installation sermon will be Bill Wilson, President of The Center for Congregational Health. Other participants are representative of congregational relationships, including Glen Doak, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Athens, GA; Edward Bolen, Pastor, Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, Athens, GA; Frank Broome, Coordinator, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia; and Terry Hamrick, Coordinator of Missional Leadership, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Music includes hymns and our Sanctuary Choir accompanied by a brass ensemble. Nursery child care will be provided.

DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE

and

Recommendation for 2010-11 Church Leadership Presented

August 22, 2010

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Deacon Ordination Service will be Sunday, August 22, during the 11:00 a.m. service. At this time, six newly-elected Deacons will be ordained. This is a special time for these new Deacons and their families, and we, as their church, join them in this celebration service.

Those being ordained are:

Sallyanne Barrow
Joe Clark
David Graves

Joanna Hill
GiGi Lastinger
Jay Ragsdale

Please Note: Because Sunday, August 22 is Deacon Ordination Sunday, we will have only one worship service at 11:00 a.m. that morning.

MINISTRY AREAS

Children



Children's Ministry Calendar

August 15: Family Cookout for the Baxleys at the Dillon's Farm, 5:30-7:30 p.m. All children and families invited.

August 18: Wednesday Night Kick-Off, 5:00 p.m.



FAMILY PICNIC

Welcoming the Baxley Family August 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

All children (babies-6th grade) and their families are invited to Rachel and Eddie Dillon's farm for a great time filled with fun, food, and fellowship. We'll have hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixins! Bring a fishing pole if you like. This will be a great way to kick off the year and get to know the Baxleys!

Please make your reservation for your family with gigilaster@gigilaster@bellsouth.net. Directions to the farm can be emailed back to you.



College

College Ministry Kickoff August 12, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Hosted by: FBC Athens, Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, and Cooperative Student Fellowship of Athens

On Thursday, August 12, FBC Athens, along with Milledge Avenue Baptist Church and Cooperative Student Fellowship of Athens (CSF Athens) will host an event to kick-off the school year, welcome college students to Athens, and introduce students to our church families and CSF opportunities. Students will meet at First Baptist at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, a tour of the church, and an opportunity to meet staff. Students will then head over to MABC for dessert, a similar tour, and an opportunity to meet staff. If you know of any college or graduate students in the area who might be interested in this kick-off event, please invite them to come! Contact Hannah Coe for additional information.

Bottles, booties, diapers and toys...

*The Baxleys are expecting -
one girl, one boy -
2 (more) bundles of joy!*



*Join us for a churchwide babies shower!
Sunday, August 29, 2-4 p.m.*

*Drop in with an unwrapped gift,
FBC Fellowship Hall.*

Registered at Target, Babies R Us, Rattles & Rhymes

Student Ministries



Hannah Coe

"...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:13b-14 NRSV

It is already time to go back to school. I cannot believe the summer is coming to an end. April was only last week; May was only yesterday! Think about all that happened in April for our church family—a new senior minister! In May we saw Graduate and Youth Sunday and much more. Yes, it has been a full spring and summer for our congregation. On occasion this past week, I've found myself thinking, "I just don't know that I'm ready for fall. I've not processed the spring!"

But, the reality is, school arrives next week. August is knocking at the door. Yes, a beginning is *upon us*, ready or not.

I do not know what the day on which Paul wrote (dictated... pontificated) this portion of his letter to the Philippians was like. However, as I sit with the passage this last week of July, I can't help but hear something like:

"I am aware of the external intimidations going on around you. I also know the internal strife you are facing. Let's remember together that these external forces are not under our control and are not what we are living for. No, we are living that we may realize God's vision for the new heaven and new earth. We are living as new creations of Christ Jesus, not on faith in ourselves. Run forward with me, letting go of what's holding you back!"

I'm sure that Paul had plenty of overwhelming days—all those earthquakes, imprisonments, martyrs, and thorns. I'm sure there were plenty of days when it would have been nice to have some time to *process* and *prepare*. But, in the echoes of this passage, I am reminded that God calls us forward each day with the rising of the sun—"forgetting" what we need to "forget" and focusing on our identity as God's people.

As we continue to enter into a new season of ministry together, let us continue to ask questions like:

- ♦ *How is God calling our church family to deepen our role as God's image-bearers in the world?*
- ♦ *How can we continue working together as a church family to impact change in our church, community, nation, and world?*

After a great summer in student ministry, these questions continue ringing in my spirit. I believe the answers to these questions call us "ahead," not only as a youth group, college group, or any other age-specific ministry area, but as a church family that is an extension of the Body of Christ throughout all time and space.

Let us look "ahead" together in anticipation of a great year!

Parents and students, please check the churchwide calendar for August closely for important happenings this month.

Parents and students, please mark your calendar!

August 15

(for Upcoming 9-12th Grade Students/Parents)
12:00 noon
(Foreign Mission Trip Informational Meeting)

August 22

5:00 pm (Installation Service for Paul Baxley)

August 29

5:00 pm (Annual Youth Kickoff)



August 2010



WEEK 1—AUGUST 1-7

Sunday, August 1

9:00 am Worship Service - Fellowship Hall
 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School and Bible Study
 10:00 am Youth Return from Senior Q.U.E.S.T
 11:00 am-12:00 Noon Worship Service - Fellowship Hall
 2:30 pm Sunday School at Denney Towers
 6:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study Group - E112/113

Monday, August 2

2:00 pm Seekers 50+ Team Meeting - Stratford Club House

Tuesday, August 3

10:30 am Staff Meeting - Farrall Conference Room
 7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 22 - Youth Area

Wednesday, August 4

7:30 am Prayer Breakfast - Covenant Carpenter
 5:15 pm Budget Prep Meeting - E112/113
 5:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting -
 Farrall Conference Room
 6:00 pm Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room



WEEK 2—AUGUST 8-14

Sunday, August 8

8:30 am Ladies' Retreat Informational Meeting - Library
 9:00 am Worship Service - Fellowship Hall
 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School and Bible Study
 11:00 am-12:00 Noon Worship Service - Fellowship Hall
 12:00 Noon Ladies' Retreat Informational Meeting - Library
 2:30 pm Sunday School at Denney Towers
 6:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study Group - E112/113
 6:30 pm Youth Ultimate Frisbee - Bishop Park (Field 1)

Monday, August 9

2:00 pm Seekers 50+ Team Meeting -
 Farrall Conference Room

Tuesday, August 10

10:30 am Staff Meeting - Farrall Conference Room
 7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 22 - Youth Area

Wednesday, August 11

5:15 pm Finance Committee Meeting - E112/113
 6:00 pm Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, August 12

6:00 pm IHN Coordinators Meeting
 6:00-9:00 pm College Kick-Off - Fellowship Hall



WEEK 3—AUGUST 15-21

Sunday, August 15

Promotion Sunday and Communion Sunday
 9:00 am Worship Service - Fellowship Hall
 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School and Bible Study
 11:00 am-12:00 Noon Worship Service - Sanctuary
 12:00 Noon High School Mission Trip 2011 Meeting
 12:15 pm Missions Committee Meeting -
 Farrall Conference Room
 12:20 pm Youth & College Ministry Team Meeting
 2:30 pm Sunday School at Denney Towers
 5:30-7:30 pm Children/Family Picnic - Dillon Farm
 6:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study Group - E112/113



Monday, August 16

6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 17

10:30 am Staff Meeting - Farrall Conference Room
 7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 22 - Youth Area

Wednesday, August 18

5:00-6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Fall Kick-Off**
 Wednesday Evening Dinner -
 Fellowship Hall
 5:15 pm Property Management Meeting -
 Farrall Conference Room
 5:15 pm Budget Prep Meeting - E112/113
 5:45 pm Gather for Prayer and Announcements
 6:00 pm Kick-Off Activities for the Church Family,
 Children's Choirs and MISSIONkids
 Registration
 7:00-8:15 pm Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Saturday, August 21

5:00-7:00 pm The Healing Place Reception - Fellowship Hall

WEEK 4—AUGUST 22-28

Sunday, August 22

9:45-10:45 am **One Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.**
 Sunday School and Bible Study
 11:00 am-12:00 Noon Worship Service and Deacon Ordination -
 Sanctuary
 2:30 pm Sunday School at Denney Towers
 5:00 pm Installation Service for Paul Baxley -
 Sanctuary
 6:00 pm Reception for the Baxleys - Fellowship Hall



Tuesday, August 24

10:30 am Staff Meeting - Farrall Conference Room
 12:00 Noon September Newsletter Deadline
 7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 22 Meeting - Youth Area

Wednesday, August 25

5:00-6:00 pm Wednesday Evening Dinner - Fellowship Hall
 5:45 pm Gather for Prayer and Announcements
 5:45-7:00 pm Youth Activities Grades 6-12 - Youth Area
 6:00 pm Adult Schedule - Fellowship Hall
 6:00-7:15 pm Children's Choirs
 6:45-7:15 pm MISSIONkids!
 7:00-8:15 pm Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

WEEK 5—AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 4

Sunday, August 29

9:00 am Worship Service - Fellowship Hall
 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School and Bible Study
 11:00 am-12:00 Noon Worship Service - Sanctuary
 2:00-4:00 pm Shower for Jennifer and Paul Baxley -
 Fellowship Hall
 2:30 pm Sunday School at Denney Towers
 5:00-7:00 pm Youth Fall Kick-Off - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 31

10:30 am Staff Meeting - Farrall Conference Room
 7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 22 Meeting - Youth Area

Wednesday, September 1

7:30 am Prayer Breakfast - Covenant Carpenter
 5:00-6:00 pm Wednesday Evening Dinner - Fellowship Hall
 5:45 pm Gather for Prayer and Announcements
 5:45-7:00 pm Youth Activities Grades 6-12 - Youth Area
 6:00 pm Adult Schedule - Fellowship Hall
 6:00-7:15 pm Children's Choirs
 6:45-7:15 pm MISSIONkids!
 7:00-8:15 pm Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room



SERVING TOGETHER

Co-Deacons for the Weeks of:

August 1-7

Mike Lacy and Al Henderson

August 8-14

David Matheny and Johnathan McGinty

August 15-21

Evelyn McNair and Bobbie Monk

August 22-28

Libby Morris and Van Morris

August 29-September 4

Donald Nelson and Ray Noblet

Fellowship Committee for August

Richard Coleman
Ed Dempsey
Nancy Dempsey
Wilson Denney

Welcome/Hospitality Team for August

Annette Barfield, Wilson Denney, Bert Hill
Brad Lastinger, Ches Smith, Malcolm Skinner

Welcome Center Team for August

Julie Hanna, Wanda Grogan
Carol Huff, Jackie Thomason

WEDNESDAY SUPPERS

Wednesday Evening Start-Up!

Our Wednesday supper and programming begins August 18, 2010.

You may sign up on-line (www.firstbaptistathens.org; click on "Wednesday Supper Reservations") or fill out the form below and return to the church office.

Wednesday Night Supper PERMANENT RESERVATIONS

Name _____

Hot Meal or Salad Bar Option: \$5.00
Children's Meal: \$3.00

Number of Reservations Needed:

Hot Meal: _____

Salad Bar: _____

Children's Meal: _____

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Our Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to **Frances Bennett** in the loss of her husband, **Byron Kennerly**, on July 13. A private family graveside service was held on July 15.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of **Ruth Thornton**, who passed away on July 18. A graveside service was held on July 21.

CONTRIBUTIONS & PARTICIPATION

Weekly Needs:	\$22,256.25
Received week of June 27	5,352.20
Received week of July 4	19,084.21
Received week of July 11	24,698.75
Received week of July 18	11,130.96
Received week of July 25	8,761.18

Year-to-Date June 30, 2010:	
Received:	\$440,374.23
Needed:	566,007.00
Expenses:	530,659.04
Balance:	(\$90,284.81)

UPDATE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Renovation on the Sanctuary continues and should be completed by mid-August. Funds for this project come from the four-year "Commitment in Our Time" Capital Improvement Campaign, which began in January 2008. To date, receipts from the campaign total \$370,310.11, which is 55.06% of the total pledge of \$672,520.00.

Prior to the sanctuary renovation project, capital campaign funds were used for improvements to the HVAC system.

Other improvement projects include restroom renovation, office communication systems, other HVAC improvements, an audio-visual system for the Fellowship Hall, carpet replacement, restoration of accrual accounts, and numerous minor improvements throughout our church facilities.

Additional funds will be needed to complete all of these improvements. If you have not participated in the capital campaign or if you are willing to increase your pledge, please consider further support so our facility is completely up-to-date.

Tal DuVall
Chair, Administrative Division

	9:00 a.m. Worship	11:00 a.m. Worship
June 27	51	208
July 4	43	132
July 11	57	207
July 18	52	163
July 25	35	134

**Prayer Breakfast at Covenant Carpenter
Wednesday, August 4, 7:30 a.m.
Everyone is invited.**

2010-2011 CHURCH COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

First Baptist Church, Athens GA

Prepared by Nominating Committee

Division Chairs to be Nominated by the Board of Deacons

CHURCH OFFICERS

Church Clerk Joe Clark
Assistant Church Clerk Sharon McArthur
Moderator Gary Blasingame
Treasurer Dallas Cannady
Assistant Treasurer Steve Tippins
Sunday School Director Helen Mills
Director of Library Services Susan Henderson
President of AIM (Adults in Mission) Bobbie Monk
Scout Representative Sam Massey
Church Historian Ernie Hynds
VBS Director 2011 Cindy Hooper
VBS Director-Elect (2012) To be determined

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair-Elect, Board of Deacons Lamar Houston
Administrative Division Liaison Tal DuVall
Mission Activity Division Liaison Don Nelson
Service Division Liaison Evelyn McNair
Ministry Division Liaison Mary Barton
Chair, Board of Deacons (ex-officio) Libby Morris
Ministerial Staff

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

Finance Committee: Sallyanne Barrow, Chair Lewis Shropshire, Chair-Elect

Sallyanne Barrow 2011	Steve Tippins 2012
David Daniel 2011	Randan Ashmore 2013
Mike Malcom 2011	John Blanchard 2013
Johnathan McGinty 2012	Jackie McElwee 2013
Lewis Shropshire 2012	

Missions Committee: Carol Cofer, Chair Don Nelson, Chair-Elect

Walt Bartlett 2011	Mary Colley 2013
Carol Cofer 2011	Eric Eberhardt 2013
Kathy Coleman 2011	Don Nelson 2013
Shelby Lacy 2011	
Kathy Barrow 2012	
Paula Bartlett 2012	
Travis Eggleston 2012	
Ann Giddens 2012	
Phil Caskey 2013	

Nominating Committee: Paula Hooper, Chair Helen Mills, Chair-Elect

Tom Barrow 2011	Paula Hooper 2012
David Matheny 2011	Helen Mills 2013
Emily Harris 2012	Robin O'Rear 2013

Personnel Committee: Beth Sanders, Chair Donna Hopper, Chair-Elect

Bill Hale 2011	David Graves 2012
Beth Sanders 2011	Donna Hopper 2013
Buddy Barfield 2012	Jane Houston 2013

Property Management Committee: Tony Dillard, Chair David Matheny, Chair-Elect

Stuart Cofer 2011	Tony Dillard 2012
Janey Cooley 2011	Jim Ebert 2013
Susan Gravely 2011	David Matheny 2013
Dallas Cannady 2012	Ken Parker 2013
Nancy Denney 2012	

MISSION ACTIVITY TEAMS DIVISION

Community Outreach Team: Genie Chamberlin, Leader Susan Parker, Co-Leader

Genie Chamberlin 2011	Susan Parker 2012
Don Nelson 2011	Bill Hopper 2013
Cindy Hooper 2012	Andy Ulrich 2013

Adults in Mission: Bobbie Monk, President

Marjorie DeLozier, Secretary
Mary Barton, Treasurer
Diane Box, Hospitality Coordinator
Nancy Dempsey, Mission Coordinator
Jill Dawson, Mission Coordinator
Joyce Gravely, Publicity

Stephen Ministry Team: Mary Barton, Coordinator

Core Team: Kathy Barrow, Carol Reddish

FBC Interfaith Hospitality: David Coe, Coordinator

Greg Bickley, Evening/Overnight Hosts Sub-Coordinator
Joyce Gravely, Food Sub-Coordinator
Gayle Noblet, Laundry Sub-Coordinator
Al Henderson, Transportation Sub-Coordinator
Mark Sanders, Jr., Set-Up & Take-Down Sub-Coordinator

Parkview Playschool Board: Cindy Haygood, Chair

Carol Reddish, Secretary	Shelby Lacy
Charlie Bonner, Treasurer	Maxine Peaks
Liz Tyler, Director	Louise Thomas
Betty Jane Farrall, Emeritus	
Marjorie DeLozier	
Susan Greene	
Cindy Hooper	

SERVICE TEAMS DIVISION

Flower/Decorations Team: Al Henderson, Leader Bobbie Carter, Co-Leader

Beth Sanders 2011
Joanna Hill 2011
Kim Smith 2011
Christine West 2011
Debbie Hargrave 2012
Lyn Hill 2012

Christine Howell 2012
GiGi Lastinger 2012
Annette Barfield 2013
Bobbie Carter 2013
Joyce Gravely 2013
Al Henderson 2013

Food Service Team: Jackie McElwee, Leader Vickie Horton, Co-Leader

*(Individuals make a commitment to serve on this committee
on an annual basis and may serve consecutive years.)*

Judy Adams
Faye Butler
Jill Dawson
Jim Ebert
Judy Ebert
Cathy Graves

Vickie Horton
Christine Lo
Sharon McArthur
Jackie McElwee
Nancy Moon
Carol Huff

Recreation Team: Greg Bickley, Leader Pam Bickley, Co-Leader

Greg Bickley 2011
Evelyn McNair 2011
Reeves Carter 2012

Rusty Shelton 2012
Pam Bickley 2013
Jimmy Thomason 2013

Sanctuary Preparation Team: Marcia Caskey, Leader

Bob Harrison 2011
Janet Harrison 2011
Henry O'Pry 2011
Sandy O'Pry 2011
Annette Barfield 2012
Jan Brown 2012

Evelyn Harney 2012
Joe Harney 2012
Ann Gillespie 2013
Charles Gillespie 2013
Mark Sanders, Sr. 2013
Sandy Sanders 2013

"Seekers" Senior Adult Team: Lois Gibbs, Leader

Vickie Horton 2011
Margaret Johnston 2011
Dallas Cannady 2012
Bob Farrall 2012
Virginia Gerrett 2012
Lois Gibbs 2012

Claire Tardy 2012
Jackie Griffin 2013
Pam Griffin 2013
Jim Hall 2013
Tommie Hall 2013
Kay Meadors 2013

Visitation Team: Sherri Divers, Leader LaReece Reynolds, Co-Leader

Sherri Divers 2012
J. Don Edwards 2012

Nancy Dempsey 2012
LaReece Reynolds 2012

Welcome/Hospitality Team: Bert Hill and Claire Tardy, Co-Leaders

Sanctuary Sub-Team:

Ushers:

Randan Ashmore
Annette Barfield
Sharon Bower
Roland Brooks
Frank Cash
Wilson Denney

Carl Hedrick
Bert Hill
Brad Lastinger
John Reynolds
Malcolm Skinner
Larry Toole

Special Services Sub-Team:

Roland Brooks
Jan Brown
Wilson Denney
Sherri Divers
Jim Ebert
Joyce Gravely
Joe Harney

Evelyn Harney
Al Henderson
Bill Horton
Carl Monk
Bobbie Monk
Sandy Sanders
Malcolm Skinner

Welcome Center Sub-Team:

Paula Bartlett
Walt Bartlett
Pam Bickley
Gloria Branyon
Jan Brown
Phil Caskey
Pam Dillard
Sherri Divers
Judy Ebert
Virginia Gerrett
Joyce Gravely
Jim Hall 2013
Julie Hanna

Al Henderson
Carol Huff
Christine Lo
Evelyn McNair
Bobbie Monk
Carl Monk
Kim Rogers
Wayne Rogers
Beth Sanders
Erica Spackman
Claire Tardy
Jackie Thomason
Jana Thompson

MINISTRY TEAMS DIVISION

Children/Preschool Ministry Team: Molli Scarborough, Leader Debbie Hargrave, Co-Leader

Christine Howell 2011
Linda Lacy 2011
Kim Smith 2011
Charles Adams 2012
Deborah Millians 2012
Debbie Hargrave 2013
Molli Scarborough 2013

Discipleship Ministry Team: Paula Hooper, Leader

Genie Chamberlin 2011
Larry Divers 2011
Paula Hooper 2012
Johnathan McGinty 2012
Joanna Hill 2013
Ches Smith 2013

Music Ministry Team: Charlie Hooper, Leader Joyce Reynolds, Co-Leader

Charlie Hooper 2011
Ed Dempsey 2011
Tony Dillard 2012
Lois Gibbs 2012
Travis Eggleston 2013
Joyce Reynolds 2013

Youth/College Ministry Team: Jane Hubert, Leader

Jane Hubert 2012
Erica Spackman 2012
Kim Rogers 2012
Cathy Graves 2013
Susan Henderson 2013
Lori Ragsdale 2013

Adult Discipleship

Frank Granger

Wednesday, August 18
Fall Kick-Off
5:00-7:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Evening Dinner and Programming begins on Wednesday evening, August 18. Sign up today to join us for a new church year on Wednesday night with programming for our children, youth, and adults.

"Toward a More Excellent Way of Being Church"

A Study of 1 Corinthians 12-15

Led by Paul Baxley
Four-Week Study Begins August 25
6:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall

Beginning on Wednesday, August 25 through September 22, Paul Baxley will be leading a four-week Bible Study on 1 Corinthians 12-15 entitled, "Toward a More Excellent Way of Being Church." As the Apostle Paul ends Chapter 12 in which he describes the church as a body, specifically the body of Christ, he leads into the chapter on love with these words: *"And I will show you a still more excellent way."* In these four chapters (12-15), Paul presents a compelling vision of church to a Corinthian congregation that desperately needs to live in that vision. Join us for this study, and bring your Bibles.

First Baptist Church 3rd Annual Women's Retreat September 10-11, 2010

There will be two retreat info meetings on Sunday, August 8 (8:30 a.m. or noon) in the library to confirm details of the trip. If you are going on the retreat, please plan to attend one of these meetings.

Music Ministry

Randy Brittain

Sanctuary Renovation Concludes
August 13

Worship Held in Fellowship Hall
August 1 and August 8

Sanctuary renovations are continuing into the beginning of August to allow adequate time for deep cleaning and sound system and pipe organ preparation. Renovations are scheduled to conclude on Friday, August 13 with the completion of the updated sound system.

We are optimistically planning to be in our renovated worship space on Sunday, August 15. The Moeller pipe organ will not be operational on August 15, but will be tuned and ready for worship on Sunday, August 22.

We will continue our Sunday morning schedule of worship services in Fellowship Hall on August 1 and 8.

Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Choir will begin a new choir year on Wednesday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m.

August is the best time to join the choir as we begin learning new music for the fall and begin preparing music for the Advent and Christmas seasons. If you have an interest in joining the Sanctuary Choir, please call Randy or Suzy at the church office for more information.

Subscribe to Our Weekly E-News

If you would like to receive our Weekly E-News, please send us your e-mail to sign up. Send your e-mail address to Donna Smith in the church office, donna@firstbaptistathens.org.

OUR CHURCH ON MISSION

The Ark 18th Annual Fellowship Golf Challenge "Swing Fore Hope"

Saturday, August 14
Registration 7:30 a.m., UGA Golf Course

We invite everyone to come out for a great day of golf in support of a great cause. The entry fee is \$100 per player and includes lunch and some terrific prizes. The Hole-in-One Prize is a 36-month lease on a 2010 BMW 328 four door, courtesy of Athens BMW.

CONGREGATIONAL CHALLENGE

The congregation with the most golfers the day of the event will be awarded the trophy to display at their church for a year, along with bragging rights.

Register online at www.athensark.com.

If you don't golf, you can still support this important fundraiser by being a sponsor or donating a prize. For more information, contact The Ark (706) 548-8155.

Reception for The Healing Place of Athens **Saturday, August 21, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** **FBC Fellowship Hall**

An informal reception in honor of The Healing Place of Athens will be held in the Fellowship Hall at FBC on Saturday, August 21, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided, along with a presentation by The Healing Place staff and clients. All FBC members are encouraged to attend and learn more about this local Christian organization that combats homelessness and alcohol and drug addiction in the Athens area. For more information, call Jon Ambrose at 706-338-9548.

THE DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS AUGUST 24 AT NOON.

Send all news items to Donna Smith
donna@firstbaptistathens.org



Worshipping Together

Sunday, August 1, 2010 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: *The Anguish of a Loving God*
Texts: Hosea 11:1-11, Luke 19:41-44

Sunday, August 8, 2010 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: *Toward Acceptable Worship*
Texts: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Matthew 5:21-26, Romans 12:1-2

Sunday, August 15, 2010 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of Communion
Sermon: *Letting Go and Moving On*
Texts: Isaiah 43:14-21, Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Sunday, August 22, 2010 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
ONE MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP TODAY AT 11:00 A.M.
11:00 a.m. Worship: Deacon Ordination
Sermon: *Building Up the Body of Christ*
Texts: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Ephesians 4:1-16

5:00 p.m. Worship: Service of Installation
Sermon by Dr. Bill Wilson
President, Center for Congregational Health

Sunday, August 29, 2010 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: *The Appalling Choice*
Texts: Jeremiah 2:4-13, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

MINISTERS

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OUR CHURCH ON MISSION

Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

Young Couples Class to serve on August 12.

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank

Youth to serve August 10-11
Deacons to serve August 24-25

The Food Bank needs snack foods for children (chips, granola bars, etc.) as well as canned salmon. Please bring your donations to the Missions Room.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Thank You from David Coe

Our last IHN host week was a success, and I want to thank all of those who served. After all was said and done, 40 people from our church offered hospitality to make our guests' stay as comfortable and home-like as possible. I look forward to coming host weeks, as we seek to minister to those in need here in our community. Thank you!

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We still need an individual who would like to be the IHN co-coordinator with the present church coordinator, David Coe. There will be an initial time period where this individual will be mentored in the position to create a more successful transition of leadership. After a mentorship of approximately 1 year, the individual will take over the church coordinator position. If interested, please contact David Coe at [dbcoe85@gmail.com](mailto:dbcoe85@gmail.com) or (678) 357-4992.

### The Healing Place of Athens

The Healing Place of Athens needs the following items to serve its clients: **bath soap, deodorant, laundry detergent, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo.** Please bring to the Missions Room and place in the container labeled "Healing Place."

### Athens Council on Aging

As I delivered more of the Bingo items, material for sewing, and plastic bags to the Council on Aging last week, I was met with lots of "thank you's" and "please tell the people at First Baptist that we greatly appreciate all the many items they have given us. It means so much to us and is extremely helpful since these supply some of our on-going programs." So, here it is... "a big THANKS to all who have been contributing these many months." And as long as you keep putting items in the Missions Room for the Council on Aging, I will keep delivering them!

Lois Gibbs

### International Friends Kitchen Closet

International Friends are on their way to attend UGA in August. We will, again this year, help stock the KITCHEN CLOSET at the Sarepta Baptist Association for them. Specifically needed are: **kitchen linens, dishes, glasses, cookware, Tupperware, flatware, serving pieces.** Please label your items "Kitchen Closet" and leave them in the Missions Room. Contact Marcia Caskey at 706-369-8474 if you have questions.