

CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 14

6:00 PM in the Sanctuary

LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, February 22


Noon in Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00; **Menu:** Bacon-Wrapped Chicken with Sour Cream and Mushroom Sauce, Yeast Roll, Baby Lima Beans, Squash Casserole, Double Fudge Cake

Please make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Friday, February 16, by calling the Church Office.

FBC MEMBER IN SERVICE SHIRTS

You can now order your First Baptist Church Member in Service shirts. Shirts are True Royal in color, and include our church logo and name on the front with Member in Service added to the back under the church logo and name.

Short sleeved T-shirts are \$10, long sleeved T-shirts are \$15, and sweatshirts are \$25. All shirts are available in Adult XS to 3XL. T-shirts are available in Youth S to XL. Please scan the  code or visit <https://bit.ly/FBCMemTshirt24> to place your order. You'll pay for your shirts when you pick them up. The link to order will be available through 2/18.

A SPECIAL EASTERTIME OPPORTUNITY

"THE TRIAL OF JESUS, A MOCKERY OF JUSTICE"

Written by Mr. Leon Rice, (Father of Earl Rice)

Presented to us and read by Mr. Jim Logan

Sunday, March 10th at 10:45 AM

In the Vandiver Chapel

The Sojourners Class invites you and welcomes your attendance to hear this memorable Easter rendering.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear FBC Family,

We are thankful beyond words for the love our church family has showered upon us. Your prayers, cards, visits, calls and food have carried us through this very difficult journey. Charlie touched so many and we continue to enjoy hearing stories of the love and kindness he shared with you. We are forever grateful and appreciate your continued love and support.

The Thornton Family.

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Monday, February 12

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Ash Wednesday, February 14 - Valentine's Day

5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

7:00 PM Youth "Homework & Hangout" (Gym)
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 15

12:00 PM Third Thursday - AU Jazz Ensemble

Sunday, February 18

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Sunday School

YOUTH MINISTRY

MISSION MADNESS

Salt and Light

March 15-17 — Athens, GA

Cost: \$100 per student

For more information contact

Naomi Black-Bass (224-1622) or email

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MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Offertory Prayer: Anne Whitney

Visitor Outreach: Becky Campbell

Children's Worship: TBD

Nursery: TBD

Security: Roger Cason and Dale Ellenburg



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As children of God, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we believe that we have been called to serve alongside Jesus in the beautiful work of bringing heaven to earth.

Welcome

February 11, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are grateful for your presence this morning and invite you to participate in the worship, study, service, and fellowship life of First Baptist Church. For 200 years, this church has gathered to worship in response to God's presence among us. This is the primary act of our congregation; it defines us and unites us. We joyfully welcome you this morning as we worship God together.

You may note the liturgical color green on our pulpit and communion table this morning. Because the color green is associated with life, the use of it in worship during so much of our year reminds us that God is present among us, breathing life into us as individuals and into our church. Thank you for sharing in this life with us this morning!

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer: Sonny Reed

Visitor Outreach: Susan Reed

Acolytes:

Gabrielle Roach and Harper Gilmer

Trinity Chimes: Sebastian Hunt

Children's Worship: Elana Roach

Nursery: Tracey Ramsey

Security:

T. J. Fusco and Thomas Roach

Rev. Naomi Black-Bass, Associate Pastor

Mr. Mike Darby, Housing Ministry Manager

Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director

Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist

Miss Kendra Hamilton, Musician in Residence

Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager

Dr. Josh Hunt, Pastor

Rev. Chris Liles, Associate Pastor

Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager

Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director

Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist

Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music

Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager

The Worship of God

“In order to discover the character of people we have only to observe what they love.” -St. Augustine

Gathering for Worship Kelly Smith, Pianist

Welcome Naomi Black-Bass

Prelude *TE DEUM* Dietrich Buxtehude
Ramona Hallman, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

Invocation Naomi Black-Bass

*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

Everlasting God - Brown
Holy, Holy, Holy - arr. Chapman

Offertory Prayer Sonny Reed

Offertory Music *Meditation* Gilbert Martin

Praising God For His Gifts To Us OLD 100th

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Hymn No. 621 *Lead On, O King Eternal* LANCASHIRE

Pastoral Prayer Chris Liles

Prayer concludes by saying in unison:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Joel Raney

I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,
Let me walk close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
As I am daily walking close to thee;
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Reach down and guide me gently,
Safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord.
Lord, let it be; a closer walk with thee.

(Children please exit for Children's Worship at this time.)

Scripture

Isaiah 43:16-21
(Pew Bible Page 719)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Josh Hunt

*Hymn No. 344

Jesus Loves Me

CHINA

Benediction

Josh Hunt

Postlude

Finale
Ramona Hallman, Organist

Gilbert Martin

Children's Worship

We invite elementary-aged children to attend Children's Worship during the service this morning. our Children's Worship leaders will exit with children at the front door to the right of the sanctuary when indicated in the bulletin. This will be a time for a child-focused discussion of Scripture and worship themes, and will be followed by Sunday School in the same space. Parents may pick up their children from the Rock Room (329) on the third floor of the education building at 11:30.

The Invitation

We invite you to commit your life to Jesus Christ as His disciple and to join our congregation as a member. We receive members in one of three ways: upon profession of faith in Christ followed by believer's baptism; by transfer of membership from another Christian church; or by statement of previous Christian experience. This process begins when you respond to the invitation at the conclusion of worship by coming forward to request membership. It continues with a conversation with one of our ministers, a new member orientation (offered periodically), and a vote by the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. We'd love the opportunity to talk with you about becoming a Christian or joining our church as a member.

Prelude

We invite you to use the prelude as an opportunity to prepare for worship and recognize the Holy Spirit among us. This is a time to consider what may take place in our worship of God.

Cheerful Giving Is a Part of Worship

While we will collect offering by passing our offering plates, we also have the ability to receive gifts electronically. Electronic giving is available at andersonfbc.org/give, through our church app, or by texting fbcanderson and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.