


# THE CALENDAR


Expressing the Mission and Ministry of First Baptist Church  
Chippewa Square Savannah, Georgia

## Quarterly Church Conference on Sunday, October 21


### AGENDA:


 Elect Deacons for the class of 2021


Nominees include:  
Rachel Finley Cosme  
Lynne Davis  
Libby McIntosh  
Gaye Rountree  
Bill Sutton


 Elect Trustees for the FBC Endowment Committee

Nominees include:  
Reed Creaser  
Libby McIntosh

 Elect Committee chairs and Task Force chairs

 Vote on proposed changes to the church bylaws

 Vote on a proposal to modify the manner in which Denominational Mission Giving is handled.

 Vote on the 2019 church budget

Hear reports from the standing Committees, Task Forces, and Pastor Search Committee

## Upcoming Events

### FAMILY PROMISE

*Sunday, October 21 - Sunday, October 28*

Contact Shannon Willhite, chair of the Missions Committee, to volunteer.

### AGO RECITAL – Organ (+) Plus

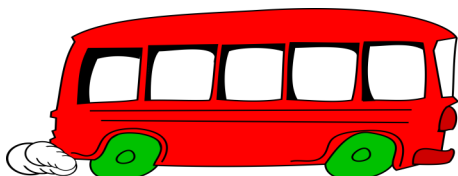
*Monday, October 22 at 7 p.m.*

The program will feature the organ with other instruments or vocalist. Kyle Ballantine and James Richardson will present an organ and piano duet by Cesar Franck.

### CLASSICS

*Tuesday, October 23 at 11 a.m.*

Old Savannah Tour - free of charge! Meet at the Visitor's Center at 11 a.m. Lunch will be at Kitchen 320 in the B Historic Hotel with a delicious prix fixe menu (reservations required).



### ORGAN RECITAL

*Sunday, October 28 at 6 p.m.*

Join the church to celebrate Kyle Ballantine's five year anniversary at First Baptist Church. A reception sponsored by the Personnel Committee will follow the recital in Lewis Hall.

### CONGREGATIONS IN SERVICE

*Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4*

Join together with various faith organizations in our community to help others through the gift of service. Meet on Saturday at First Presbyterian Church at 8 a.m. and on Sunday at the Baha'i Center at 12:30 p.m.



# FIRST THOUGHTS

Over the past few weeks the lectionary readings have consistently included readings that remind us of the importance of children.

Two weeks ago we listened to Mark 10 with Jesus's words, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

Two weeks before that, Rev. Carrie Nettles blessed us with an inspiring sermon about welcoming and protecting children based on a story in Mark 9 that reads, "Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'"

This past Sunday our children lead us in worship through "Sing Alleluia!," filling the sanctuary with the words "People all come sing and shout, God is in us dwelling. Spread the joyous news about, sing with voices swelling" and reminding us that God dwells within this church and her people.

Our FBC kids are such gifts to this community. They give us all examples of the childlike spirit Jesus reminds his followers to emulate. They bring light and life to our community and challenge us by calling us to look to the future by asking what kind of church we will be for them.

Next Wednesday, October 24, we all get a chance to not only encourage our kids but be childlike ourselves. On this night we will host our yearly Halloween festival. Our kids get to dress up, enjoy some games, and (most important to them) get some candy! On top of that, they get to do this with us, their church family – and we all get a chance to remind them that they matter.

Not only do the kids get to have fun, but this year the adults do too. Do not forget, there is a costume contest for the adults as well, and fun activities for all ages. I am looking forward to seeing all of your costumes!

This will be great fun for our kids and a chance for all of us to tap into the childlike spirit within.

– Rev. Josh Brewer

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## Our Church Family

You may contact the church office or pastors with any prayer requests or pastoral care needs.

### Hospitalizations

Nell Pharis

*Signature Healthcare Magnolia Center*

# News

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT PROGRAMMING IN OCTOBER

October 17 - *Budget Presentation and Review*  
Finance and Stewardship Committee

October 24 - *Halloween Festival*

Children and Youth Trick-or-Treating around Lewis Hall –  
remember to bring candy to share

Fall Activities for the entire church family

Children *and* adults are encouraged to come in costume!

October 31 - *No Wednesday Night Activities at the Church*  
Halloween

## DENOMINATIONAL MISSION GIVING

In 2017 the church approved a compromise solution to determine denominational mission giving, which was applied in 2018. There have been some administrative and practical concerns with that method as it has been followed this year.

The Missions and Finance and Stewardship Committees have worked with Karen Jerald, Church Coordinator, to determine a method that will still offer the congregation a voice in the way denominational giving is addressed, but is more easily administered and fulfills the church's budget commitments.

This issue will be discussed and voted on during the October Quarterly Conference. If you would like to know more about the matter, you may attend the Wednesday Night Program on *Wednesday, October 17*, or contact the church office for more information.

## NOTICE OF BYLAW REVISIONS

Proposed revisions to the church bylaws will be voted on during the church conference on October 21, 2018. The proposed revisions may be reviewed on the church website and in this edition of *The Calendar*. Hard copies may be obtained from the church office. Please contact Emily Garrard with any questions.

2019 Stewardship Campaign

**“On Christ,  
the Solid Rock,  
I Stand”**

Pledge cards mailed  
October 29

Stewardship Sunday  
November 11

Pledge cards to be returned by  
November 18

The annual stewardship campaign is a time to highlight giving to the church – for missions, programs, staffing, physical needs, and all the activities of the church. As we reach this time of year, it is a good opportunity to commend the congregation on how well and faithfully you have supported our church through the past year, especially during this time of transition. The church has been able to meet its needs at every occasion, even through what used to be more lean summer months, without borrowing money from the bank. Please begin to consider how you can support FBC in the year to come, as we await the 2019 stewardship campaign.

## Schedule of Activities

**October 21-27**

### SUNDAY, October 21

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship  
12:00 Joyful Voices Choir  
Education Building Rm 300  
12:15 Lunch in Lewis Hall  
12:45 Quarterly Conference

### TUESDAY, October 23

11:00 Classics  
Tour of Savannah

### WEDNESDAY, October 24

5:00 Family Halloween Party  
6:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Wednesday, October 24 Menu

Meat loaf with mushroom gravy,  
Mashed potatoes,  
Green peas,  
Salad, rolls, dessert  
*Pescetarian – salmon patties*

### Hospitality Host

Emily Garrard

## Wednesday, November 7 Menu

Roasted pork loin  
with apples and walnuts,  
Ginger-honey carrots,  
Cornbread, salad, dessert  
*Pescetarian – Baked Cod*

### Hospitality Host

Fran Arnsdorff

## Schedule of Activities

**October 28-November 3**

### SUNDAY, October 28

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship  
12:00 Joyful Voices Choir  
Education Building Rm 300  
6:00 Organ Recital by  
Kyle Ballantine  
7:00 Reception  
Lewis Hall

### WEDNESDAY, October 31

No Wednesday Night Activities  
Happy Halloween

### SATURDAY, November 3

8:00 Congregations in Service  
First Presbyterian Church

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**Sunday, October 21**

**Preaching**  
Howard Pendley

**Greeters**  
Joan Pusser and Bootsie Swicord

**Children's Time**  
Rachel Finley Cosme

**Lay Reader**  
Bill Sutton

**Musical Leadership**  
Adult Choir  
Kyle Ballantine, organ

**Nursery Volunteer**  
Tricia Craig

**Sanctuary Flowers**  
Given to the glory of God  
and in memory of  
Elizabeth (Betty) Waldrop  
and Thomas (Jake) Waldrop  
by Charles M. Waldrop and Family

**Deacons Serving in October**

Doug Craig, captain  
Fran Arnsdorff  
Phil Campbell  
Sarah Davis  
Emily Garrard  
Will Hodges  
Ashley Williams

**Ushers Serving in October**

John Rabun, captain  
Reed Creaser  
Charles Davis  
Dale Willhite

**October Responsibilities**

Audio: Bill Wright  
Greeters: Pam Finland  
Ordinances: Scot and  
Tifani Pool  
Sanctuary: Lem Brawner

**Sunday, October 28**

**Preaching**  
Charlie Benton

**Greeter**  
Pam Finland

**Children's Time**  
Rick Sebastian

**Lay Reader**  
Emma Rountree

**Musical Leadership**  
Adult Choir  
Kyle Ballantine, organ

**Nursery Volunteer**  
Nicki Brewer

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Given to the glory of God  
and in honor of  
Rachel Finley Cosme's 30th birthday  
by Christopher and Finley Cosme