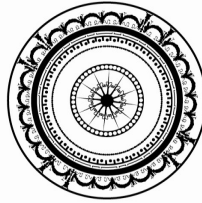


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
All Saints Sunday
November 5, 2017
10:30am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Concerto No.3 in G Minor, Mov. 1,2 (Grave, Allegro)*..... G.F. Handel

Alicia Chapman, Oboe
Jacob Hill, Piano

Call to Worship David Williamson

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded
by such a great cloud of witnesses,
let us throw off everything that hinders
and the sin that so easily entangles.

**People: And let us run with perseverance
the race marked out for us,
fixing our eyes on Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of faith.**

Leader: God calls us to be saints,
together with all those who in every place
call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: In the company of the saints
let us proclaim the greatness of our God!**

*Hymn 567: *For All the Saints*..... SINE NOMINE

*Passing of the Peace David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem: *The Lord Is My Shepherd* J. Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil. For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me. Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Litany of Remembrance Amy McClure

Leader: I looked and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white,
with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

**People: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb.**

Leader: We offer prayers for this assembly, gathered to celebrate worship
in communion with the church in heaven and throughout the world,
that nourished by the word of truth and the bread of life,
we may bear witness in our own generation to God's timeless dream
for the world.

**People: We give you thanks for those who have gone before us,
whose lives have shown us your love,
and whose witness brought us and kept us
in your Beloved Community.
We trust in your never-failing love, O Lord,
and we join the great cloud of witnesses in your presence.**

Leader: We thank you, O God, for the saints of all ages;

People: For those who in times of darkness kept the lamp of faith burning;

Leader: For the great souls who saw visions of larger truth and dared to declare it;

**People: For the multitude of quiet and gracious souls whose presence has
enriched your work of love among us;**

Leader: And for those known and loved by us, who have passed from this earthly
fellowship into the fuller light of life with You. We remember:

(As each name is read please respond with the words, "Thanks be to God".)

Mary Odom Burgess
Orman Hutcherson
Lucie White
Helen Sullivan
Katherine Joyce
Amy Dollar Gardner
Charles Tabor
Billie Kern
Tom Burgess
Leontine "Leely" Lowe
Jackie Gibson
Hazel Mitchell
Thelma Mendenhall
Alma Kale
William T. (Bill) Smith
Evelyn Bridges
Lila Parris
Elizabeth Eaton
Janice Sherrill
Rosa Lee Slate
Martha DuVal

*Hymn 630: *Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness* EVANGELINE

Pastoral Prayer Emily Hull McGee

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespass 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.**

New Testament Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Roper Halverson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 23:1-12 John Thornton

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Response: *Make Me a Servant* MAKE ME A SERVANT

Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al-ways be: make me a ser-vant, make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant to - day.

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Sermon: "Essentialism: Identifying Role"..... Emily Hull McGee
The Celebration of Communion

*Hymn of Response 565: *God of Past, Who by Your Spirit* HYFRYDOL

This hymn provides opportunity for you to respond silently to God or to publicly express a commitment. Our church invites you to commit your life to Christ as his disciple and to join our congregation as a member. As we sing, you are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary and share your commitment with the minister.

*Offertory Prayer Wally Cox
Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Concerto No.3 in G Minor, Mov.3 (Sarabande)* G.F. Handel
Alicia Chapman, Oboe
Jacob Hill, Piano

Opportunities for Ministry Emily Hull McGee
Called Church Conference

*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise God, O praise God!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee

Postlude: *Concerto No.3 in G Minor, Mov.4 (Allegro)* G.F. Handel
Alicia Chapman, Oboe
Jacob Hill, Piano

*Those who are able will please stand.

GUEST MUSICIAN

We welcome Alicia Chapman as our guest musician today. Dr. Chapman is Assistant Professor of Oboe and Director of Collegium Musicum, Hayes School of Music, Appalachian State University.

MISSIONS FUND

At the conclusion of the worship service today you will have an opportunity to contribute to the Missions Fund. This fund is primarily used to meet immediate physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people locally and throughout the world. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to First Baptist Church, designated to the Missions Fund.

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2017

First Baptist Church • Winston-Salem, NC

"Absent from the body...present with the Lord." ~ 1 Corinthians 5:8

November 1, 2016 — October 31, 2017

Church Members

Mary Odom Burgess	November 29, 2016	Thelma Mendenhall	May 14, 2017
Orman Hutcherson	December 29, 2016	Alma Kale	May 21, 2017
Lucie White	December 29, 2016	William T. (Bill) Smith	June 17, 2017
Helen Sullivan	January 20, 2017	Evelyn Bridges	July 1, 2017
Katherine Joyce	January 25, 2017	Lila Parris	July 20, 2017
Amy Dollar Gardner	February 5, 2017	Elizabeth Eaton	August 27, 2017
Charles Tabor	February 21, 2017	Janice Sherrill	September 4, 2017
Billie Kern	February 24, 2017	Rosa Lee Slate	September 30, 2017
Tom Burgess	March 10, 2017	Martha DuVal	October 17, 2017
Leontine "Leely" Lowe	March 30, 2017		
Jackie Gibson	April 30, 2017		
Hazel Mitchell	May 11, 2017		

Loved Ones

Marvin Crater, Husband of Janet Crater	Steve Wall, Brother-in-law of Elizabeth Wall
Mary Ann Lawing, Sister-in-law of Reba Falls	Everett Marion, Father of Joy Gambill
Mary Jo Lawing, Sister-in-law of Reba Falls	Worth Bentley, Father of Alan Bentley
Maxine Halverson, Mother-in-law of Roper Halverson	Guy Neal, Brother of Lucian Neal
Mike Russell, Brother-in-law of Sheree Jones	John Warren Steen, Grandfather of Matt Steen
John Lambert, Brother of Peggy Phipps	Grady Simmons, Sr., Father of Grady Simmons
Cecile Wilkins, Mother of Dinky Britt	Alan Scales, Nephew of Bill and Betty Scales
Betty McKinney, Sister of Margaret Garner	Cathy Durham, Niece of Bill and Betty Scales
Ruth Combs, Mother of Dave Combs	Audrey Robinson, Mother of Barry Robinson
Dan Clayton, Brother of Evelyn Bridges	Thomas McCollum, Brother of Donald McCollum
Hubert Lawing, Brother of Reba Falls	
Katy Sturkie, Children's Center staff	
Anne Foskett, Sister-in-law of Mary Foskett	
Kay Austell, Daughter-in-law of Lib Austell	

Memorials and Honorariums

November 2016 — October 2017

General Fund

In Memory Of:

Murphy Hampton by David Hampton
Katherine Joyce by Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Mir
Evelyn Bridges by John Koonce
Harry and Margaret Parker by Winston Salem Foundation

In Honor Of:

Emily Hull McGee by James Hirsch
David W. Hull by James Hirsch
Hugh and Lynn Parker by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newsome

TV Ministries Fund

In Memory Of:

Ben Thomason by Lib Austell

Miriam Dean by Lib Austell

Orman Hutcherson by Sue Wilson, Lib Austell,
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nathan,
Frances Dunn

Lucie White by Frances Dunn

Mary Burgess by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales

Billie Kern by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales, Jo Allman,
Sue Wilson, Enablers class, Frances Dunn,
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nathan, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Owen

Tom Burgess by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales

Charles Tabor by Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nathan,
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales, Sue Wilson, Frances Dunn,

Mary and Tom Burgess by Frances Dunn

Jackie Gibson by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales

Hazel Mitchell by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales

Thelma Mendenhall by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales

Alma Kale by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales

William "Bill" T. Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Young,
Anne Young, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales, Mrs. C. Vontsolos

Evelyn Bridges by Jo Allman, Patsy Bagnal

Lila Parris by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales, Enablers class

Elizabeth Eaton by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Strom, Jr.,
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Collins, Elizabeth Strom,
Claire Strom, Tom Allen, Frances Dunn, Paul Edmond, Jr.,
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Owen, Jean Grogan,
Mr. and Mrs. Garry Whitaker, Janet Williams, Sue Wilson,
Mr. and Mrs. Thad Strom, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hennis,

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crews, Charles Hughes family,
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pollock, Sheila Thomason, Clara Taylor,
Iris Latham, Patsy Bagnal, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mason,
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Spry, Mary Nell Harris,
Dr. and Mrs. Randy Peters, Anthony Idol,
WFUBMC Audit and Compliance Dept., Marty Cook,
Mr. and Mrs. David Tate, Judith Chandler,
Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Mir, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Crotty,
Sandra Hegstrom, Dr. and Mrs. Byron Hogsette,
Jan Whittle, Molly Sexton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales,
Mr. and Mrs. Yates Lackey

Janice Sherrill by Patsy Bagnal,

Dr. and Mrs. Byron Hogsette, Jan Whittle,
Mary Nell Harris, Lib Austell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales

Martha DuVal by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales

Grady Simmons, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nathan

In Honor Of:

Lloyd Stiffler by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barron

Lenwood Ammons by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scales,
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bagnal

Florence and Walter Wiley by Jean Beam

FBC Missions Fund

In Memory Of:

John Lambert by Koinonia class

Charles Tabor by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards

Billie Kern by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards

Janice Sherrill by Koinonia class

In Honor Of:

Nancy Baxley by Rev. and Mrs. Paul Baxley

Walt and Florence Wiley by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards

FBC Ministries Fund

In Memory Of:

Leely Lowe by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crew, Jr.,
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Story, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Hayashi

Evelyn Bridges by Frances Dunn

Elizabeth Eaton by Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Allen

Unrestricted Gifts Fund

In Memory Of:

Harry and Margaret Parker by the Parker Family trust

Emerson Holt Alverson Building Fund

In Memory Of:

Mabel Spach by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox
Miriam Dean by Mr. and Mrs. Woody Fox,
Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Hayashi
Betty Norwood by Penny Peterman,
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dyson
Jay Pulliam by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pulliam
Henry and Verna Harbuck by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pulliam
Orman Hutcherson by Elizabeth Eaton,
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo deBarbieri,
Elizabeth Myers, Tommy Holmes, Louise Poole,
Janet Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard, Dr. and Mrs.
Felix Carroll and family, Mary Nell Harris, Mark Keener,
Sara Ladd, Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy, Viola Crump,
Joseph Rhyne, III, Daryl Minges and Amanda Mauney,
Mr. and Mrs. Grover Burchette, Evelyn Bridges,
Peggy Chestnutt, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Broadway
Lucie White by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard
Harold Southern by Debbie Southern
Billie Kern by Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Mir, Janet Williams,
Peggy Chestnutt, Evelyn Bridges, Elizabeth Eaton,
Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Allan,
Paul Edmond, Dr. and Mrs. John Baxley, Louise Elesha,
Mr. and Mrs. Doug Broadway, Mary Nell Harris,
Martha Shelton, Gaye Price, Laura Ball
Katherine Joyce by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard,
Mr. and Mrs. Doug Broadway
Charles Tabor by Janet Williams, Peggy Chestnutt,
Evelyn Bridges
Helen Sullivan by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Broadway
Doris Ammons by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morrissey
Bill Adkerson by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard
Harold Southern by Mildred Southern
Hazel Mitchell by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard,
Emily Williamson

Kay Austell by Dewilla Murphy and Ann Jones
Thelma Mendenhall by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard,
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eaton, Glenola Jarvis,
Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Hayashi
Alma Kale by Kathy Clark, Janet Williams, Phyllis Slawter
Evelyn Bridges by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard,
Janet Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Broadway,
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Allan, Mark Goode, Sue Wilson,
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coan, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mason,
Frances Mundy, Marion Clayton and family, Jean Grogan,
Mary Stowe, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Hayashi,
Barbara Bedwell, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Savage,
Mildred Erlacher, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Clark, Mary Nell
Harris, Dr. and Mrs. Steve Kinsler, Judy Leaptrot,
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rusley-Parker, Lucille Potter,
Jackie Todd, Jennifer Roach
Janice Sherrill by Laura Ball, Peggy Phipps, Linda Scott,
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Mir,
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Keesler, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McElroy,
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nathan,
Martha Shelton, Forsyth Park Baptist Church,
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Middleton,
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Flynt
Martha DuVal by Janet Williams

In Honor Of:

Mildred Southern by Debbie Southern
Lenwood Ammons by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morrissey,
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lucas

Huntley Fund

In Memory Of:

Charles Tabor by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Broadway,
Mary Nell Harris, Amy McClure, Ellen Tabor,
Rev. and Mrs. Jim Helvey, Phronsie Jordan, Enablers'
class, Dr. and Mrs. Byron Hogsette, Judy Church,
Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edwards,
Martha Shelton, Doyce Amos, Dr. and Mrs. John Baxley,
Tom Allen, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Hayashi

**ESSENTIALISM:
A FIVE-WEEK PREACHING SERIES**

In his recent bestseller *Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less*, author Greg McKeown taps into the common struggle that has seized so many Americans – stretched too thin, overworked but underutilized, busy but not productive, with seemingly no control over one's time. The way out, he claims, is 'the way of the essentialist.' To McKeown, "essentialism is a disciplined, systematic approach for determining where our highest point of contribution lies, then making execution of those things almost effortless."

Rapid and revolutionary systemic change in our culture has shifted the role and function of the church. Where once the various local churches in a city were the local "hubs" of activity – members and guests alike flocking to the buildings to meet their needs for fellowship, education, worship, friendship, you name it! – now, church is but one stop of many. Instead of relying on the church to (proverbially) be all things to all people, now we know that folks significantly splinter their time and energy in a number of directions.

In this changing dynamic, what then are the 'essentials' for the modern American church? Where might our highest point of contribution be, and what might we need to do to live into that reality? And to go a level deeper, what does God in Christ ask of us? What guidance do we have in determining these 'essentials' and living firmly and freely into them? Over the next five weeks, we'll explore these ideas in worship and then dig into the specifics on Wednesday nights as part of our conversations around mission and vision!

October 29
"Essentialism: The Essence"
Matthew 22:34-46

November 5
"Essentialism: Identifying Role"
Matthew 23:1-12

November 12
"Essentialism: Growing Awareness"
Matthew 25:1-13

November 19
"Essentialism: Making a Choice"
Matthew 25:14-30

November 26
"Essentialism: Clarifying What Really Matters"
Matthew 25:31-46

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE TODAY

There will be a called church conference at the end of the worship service on November 5 to vote on the proposed 2018 Ministry Funding Plan and to elect deacons to serve from January 2018-December 2020. The Ministry Funding Plan was endorsed by the deacons on September 17 and discussed by the church at a duly called conference on October 15. You may pick up a detailed copy of the plan at the Welcome Center. The 14 nominees for deacon have been selected by the Nominating Committee based on nominations received from the congregation in August.

NOMINEES FOR DEACON 2018-2020

Dick Bagnal	Joy Gambill	Ray Owen
John Baxley	Annice Hogsette	Mitch Phipps
Linwood Davis	Kim Hovis	Gary Stiffler
Judy Eustice	Sheree Jones	Florence Wiley
Minerva Fox	David Matthews	

2018 MINISTRY FUNDING PLAN	Proposed
Denominational and Missions	109,275
Outreach and Media	37,100
Discipleship Costs (all ages)	34,773
Worship and the Arts	20,000
Personnel and Administration	572,054
Building and Grounds	257,260
Fellowship and Pastoral Care	<u>5,450</u>
Total Funding Plan	1,035,912
Less offsets	<u>-28,423</u>
Ministries to be Funded	1,007,489

SENIOR ADULT TRAVELERS' DINNER

Our annual Senior Adult Travelers' Dinner is planned for Thursday, November 9, at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This event is for all senior adults who have traveled with our group this year or plan to travel with us next year. The entree, salad and drinks will be provided. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please sign up in advance at the Senior Adult table.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Looking Forward - Living Forward
November 16 at 10:00 am**

The Senior Adult Team is pleased to offer the second Coffee and Conversation event! On Thursday, November 16, Dr. Sanford Danziger and Susan Baggett will lead a group conversation aimed at helping participants explore, realize, and look forward to a fulfilling "next act" of life. Through thought-provoking questions, pictures and games, we will be encouraged to access our own inner wisdom and recognize the wisdom of others. Participants will come away looking forward with a positive attitude toward aging and life while building a sense of community. We will gather in the Ammons-Lolley Commons from 10:00-11:30. This event is open to the community, so invite your friends!

**YOUNG ADULT DINNER, DISCUSSION
FOCUSES ON ENNEAGRAM**

Our young adults will continue conversation around the Enneagram on November 8 at Finnegan's Wake at 7:30 pm. Even if you missed the earlier "crash course" with Chris Copeland, you are welcome to join! We will be discussing more in depth the different types, how they relate to each other, and what we are beginning to notice about our own types. Though no prior reading is necessary, copies of The Essential Enneagram are available for \$5. Contact John Thornton (jthornton@firstonfifth.org) for more details.

**CHILDREN, YOUTH TRIP
TO TANGLEWOOD LIGHTS**

Sunday, November 26 at 5:00 pm

All children, youth (babies—12th grade) and families are invited to join us for the annual Tanglewood Festival of Lights! We will meet at 5 pm in the parking lot of the YMCA on Peace Haven Road. From there we will board rental vans, eat dinner, and drive through Tanglewood. Please sign up by 5 pm Friday, Nov. 17, by going to the KidCheck website at <https://go.kidcheck.com/signin.aspx>.

SUNDAY, November 5

- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 9:15 am "A Story Worth Telling" make up session (A-L Commons)
- 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Called Church Conference (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Youth to SECU House (Offsite)
- 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (Kelly Auditorium)

TUESDAY, November 7

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)
- 9:30 am Open Doors Art Class (Baraca Room)
- 7:00 pm Messiah Rehearsal (Kelly Auditorium)

WEDNESDAY, November 8

- 4:00 pm Intercessory Prayer Group (Room 121)
- 4:45 pm Timothy Ringers (Room 215)
- 4:45 pm Youth Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)
- 5:15 pm Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:45 pm Called Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 pm "A Story Worth Telling: Awakening the Present" Congregational Discussion (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 pm Nursery Ministry (Room 213)
- 6:45 pm Youth Fellowship & Devotions (Youth Loft)
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)
- 7:30 pm Young Adult Dinner & Discussion (Offsite)

THURSDAY, November 9

- 5:00 pm Senior Adult Travelers Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm Children's Ministry Team (Offsite)

SUNDAY, November 12

- 8:00 am Youth Team Meeting (Youth Loft)
- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am "Imagining the Future" Luncheon
- 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (Kelly Auditorium)

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week.....Wally Cox, Pat Thompson
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Joani Hughes, Anna Harris
 Nursery: Twos-PreK..... Marty Cook, Anne Rais

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST

Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is televised live at 10:30am on Cable Channel 1312 and is streamed live from our website at firstonfifth.org. Online giving is available at give.firstonfifth.org.

CELEBRATION

The Finance Committee would like to invite the congregation to celebrate with us the recently received legacy gift from the Fran Bovender estate to support general needs and the TV ministry. We are grateful to God for this faithful servant who remembered First Baptist Church in her estate planning.

**A STORY WORTH TELLING:
Congregational Conversations
on Past, Present, and Future**

Thriving congregations can clearly articulate who they are and what God is calling them to do. As we approach this new season of renewing our facilities and our engagement with the people of Winston-Salem, it is time to complete the mission and vision clarification work the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission introduced to the congregation last spring. You are invited to help put the finishing touches on our clarified mission and vision statements, so we can be fully prepared to answer God's call and communicate our calling to the world around us! Throughout the month of November, we will dream and discuss together to complete this good and necessary work. We need everyone to participate! Plan now to join with your fellow congregation members in this vital work.

November 8 — Awakening the Present: We are not the congregation we were three, five or even ten years ago. In this meeting, we will work on identifying our particular passions and calling as the First Baptist Church of 2017 and beyond. (*Wednesday, 6:15-7:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall*)

November 12 — Imagining the Future: Thriving congregations are built on the key values of the past, the realities of the present, and faith and hope for the future. In this meeting, we will work together crafting a common vision for our future mission and ministry as First on Fifth. (*Sunday, 11:45am-1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall*)

November 19 — Churchwide Thanksgiving Feast and Celebration of our Story: We will gather to celebrate our story and give thanks to God for the future that awaits us as a congregation. (*Sunday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall*)

Makeup session *If you are working with children and youth on Wednesday nights or unable to attend the November 1 and 8 sessions, a makeup session will be offered during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.) on Sunday, November 5, in the Ammons-Lolley Commons.*

**CALLED CHURCH
CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 8**

In light of growing financial losses in the FBC Children's Center, the church will convene a Called Church Conference on Wednesday, November 8, at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to hear a recommendation that the closing date be changed to December 22, 2017 instead of the original anticipated date of May 31, 2018. This recommendation comes jointly to the church with unanimous affirmation from the Deacons, Finance Committee, Policy Committee, Children's Center Committee, and the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission.

**TOBOGGAN, CHRISTMAS
SHOEBOX DEDICATION NOV. 12**

We will hold a special moment of dedication during our worship service on November 12 for the hats created by our Winter Hat Ministry folks as well as for the shoebox gifts packed for distribution by Operation Christmas Child. These items should be brought to the Church prior to November 12 so that they can be arranged for our special time of dedication. Please bring the hats to John Thornton's office in a plastic bag with knitter's name and number of hats. We are so grateful for all who share with others in such a tangible way and we look forward to this time of prayer for these gifts!

MESSIAH REHEARSALS

First Baptist Church will host rehearsals for the annual community performance of Handel's Messiah to be performed at Reynolds Auditorium on Sunday, December 3 at 3pm. Rehearsals are held on Sundays (2:30-4:30pm) and Tuesdays (7-9pm) in Kelly Auditorium throughout the month of November. The first rehearsal will be held November 5. For more information please contact David Williamson at dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org.

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCH

Join minister John Thornton and fellow First on Fifth college students for lunch immediately following worship on November 19. Meet in the back of the sanctuary and walk downtown to grab a bite to eat together!

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