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Dear Church,

As of this month, Will Dyer's position changes from that of "Associate Pastor: Young Adults/Discipleship" to "Associate Pastor." This move will allow Will to take a strong leadership role with fundraising, pastoral work in general (including hospital care), and public relations in the community (particularly with special events which have begun taking much more of my time in recent years), and especially with the all-important work of outreach. This broadens his role among us while still utilizing his gifts in teaching and preaching as needed regularly.

Elizabeth Coates becomes "Associate Pastor: Discipleship and Spiritual Formation" which includes all Sunday school, small group and Wednesday evening studies, and general education in our spiritual life and growth. I have a number of goals in these areas which I am confident that her proven management skills, and her administrative, organizational, and visionary gifts will help us to achieve. This will also include her already-growing responsibilities in the areas of foster care and prison ministries as well as her established leadership of young adults. The timing is also right as she finishes her seminary degree and as we move toward her ordination in April.

Ashley Gee is our new Co-Director of the Family Life Center along with Ginny Stump who has been working beautifully in FLC ministries for quite some time. These two will handle the daily operations, special events, sports activities, and the many and various groups that use this facility regularly.

These changes create no additional personnel costs, and they fulfill one of my ongoing goals for all who work in our church's ministries: matching the needs of the congregation with the gifts of those placed in leadership positions. I am excited about these changes, these individuals and their many gifts, and the enhanced effectiveness of these ministries.

March is the month of Daylight Savings Time (March 13), Holy Week and Easter. *See below for all the Holy Week and Easter and baptismal information.*

Your friend and pastor,

Bill Coates

Upcoming Noon Lenten Services

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2nd

Noon at Grace Episcopal | Sermon: Lee Koontz
Music from Jack and Barbara Griffeth & FBC Choir

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9th

Noon at Saint Michaels | Sermon: Wendy Cordova
Music from Kai Horn & First Presbyterian Choir

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16th

Noon at First Presbyterian | Sermon: Liz Coates
Music from Johnny Darden & St. Paul Choir

*Holy Week Schedule on Reverse

WORSHIP

WATCH LIVE: fbcgainesville.org LISTEN LIVE: 99.3FM

Sunday, March 6th

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Stop and See

OT: Joshua 5:9-12 NT: John 12:1-8

MUSIC MEDITATION: *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

Men's Ensemble

OFFERTORY PRAISE: Amy Hulsey, Piano (8:30am)

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

Sonlight High School Ringers (10:50am)

CHORAL WORSHIP: *Jesus Loves Me*

Rejoice Choir (8:30am) Sanctuary Choir (10:50am)

Sunday, March 13th

Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Surpassing Greatness

OT: Isaiah 43:16-21

NT: Philippians 3:4-14

MUSIC MEDITATION: *Alabaster Box*

Brooke Morters, Solo

OFFERTORY PRAISE: *The Offering*

Jacob DeWitt, Marimba Solo

CHORAL WORSHIP: *At Calvary*

Agape Choir (8:30am) Sanctuary Choir (10:50am)

Sunday, March 20th

Palm Sunday

The Way Through

OT: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 3:9-16

NT: Luke 19:28-40, 22:14-23:56, Philippians 2:5-11

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Come, Sing Your Praise*

Young Musicians Choir (4th & 5th) (10:50am)

MUSIC MEDITATION: *Refiner's Fire*

Duet: Barbara Gilbert and Jerry Johnson

OFFERTORY PRAISE: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Della Ruth Johnson, Organ & Mark Green, Piano

CHORAL WORSHIP: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Hope Choir (8:30am) Sanctuary Choir (10:50am)

Sunday, March 27th

Easter Sunday

The Way Out

OT: Isaiah 65:17-25 NT: John 20:1-18

MUSIC CELEBRATION: *Empty Now*

Sanctuary Choir, Sonlight Choir,

& Exaltation! Orchestra

OFFERTORY PRAISE: *Crown Him King! Medley*

Exaltation! Orchestra

CHORAL WORSHIP: *Hallelujah!*

from the Mount of Olives (Beethoven)

Sanctuary Choir & Exaltation! Orchestra

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- 06 **Youth Talent Show and Fundraiser**
During the 1st @ 1st Luncheon after 10:50am worship. Join as our youth share their talents during lunch! There will also be a special "Wall of Supporters" for donations to support our student's summer mission trip and camp. Come ready to donate!
- 11 **Adults with Seniority: Lunch Bunch**
Depart at 9:00am for the IMAX at Fernbank. We'll see "National Parks Adventure" and have lunch at Mary Macs.
- 12 **Students: Saturday Serve**
All students from 6th-12th grade are invited to come serve at Good News Ministry!
An Encore Evening with John McDermott
7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Due to an overwhelmingly positive response to last year's John McDermott concert, we have invited him back for an encore performance! John, accompanied by very talented musicians will perform selections from his best-selling recordings. Listen to his music at www.fbcgainesville.org and purchase tickets at www.fbcgainesville.tix.com!
- 13 **Daylight Savings Time: Spring Forward!**
Don't forget to change your clocks!
Coffee Talk for Guests and New Members
9:45am in the Gathering Area outside of the Children's Wing! This gathering gives all FBC guests and new members a time to connect with each other and learn more about First Baptist. Contact Liz Coates at liz.coates.isandoro@gmail.com for more information!
- 14 **Estes-Dozier Missions Meeting**
10:15am in the Parlor. Our guest speaker will be Marie Allen, Director of Whispering Angels Youth Ranch. This ministry is dedicated to providing hope and healing to children through the spirit of rescued horses.
Refugee Resettlement Volunteer Interest Meeting
6:45pm in the Parlor. FBC is gearing up to host a refugee family in partnership with World Relief and other local congregations. If you would like to learn about ways you can serve a refugee family, this meeting is for you! World Relief is a non-profit dedicated to partnering with the local church to serve refugees. By hosting a refugee family, we will be able to help them become self-sufficient in their new culture. This volunteer-led ministry will assist with housing set-up, transportation, basic job interview skills, and English Language skills. Please RSVP for this meeting to Liz Coates (liz.coates.isandoro@gmail.com, 770-534-7354) or Rachel Freeny (rfreeny13@gmail.com, 770-535-0478).
- 19 **Children's Easter Egg Hunt**
10:00am on the Front Lawn. PLEASE NOTE: This is the weekend BEFORE Easter! There will be separate hunts for different age groups! PLEASE DONATE CANDY! You can leave your donations in the bins placed around the church. Rain plan: Banquet Hall.
- 20 **Palm Sunday**
8:30am in the Chapel, 10:50am in the Sanctuary.
- 28 **Church Office Closed**

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
GAINESVILLE, GA

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL

- 03 1st @ 1st Luncheon
- 06 No Wednesday Activities: Spring Break
- 3-9 Students: Spring Break Mission Trip
- 10 Deacons Meeting
- 17 Communion Sunday
Students: Parent Breakfast
- 20 Last week of Children's Missions
- 22 Adults with Seniority: Lunch Bunch
- 24 All Strings Sunday
Family Promise Host Week
- 27 Older Children's Choirs Spring Program
Young Musicians Musical: The Big Fish
- 29-30 FLC: Yard Sale Fundraiser
- 30 Students: Saturday Serve: Food Bank

FBC would like to express our deepest sympathy to the following:

Wayne Nelson, family, and friends in the death of his wife **Mary Nelson**

Jack Hastings and family in death of his wife **Enid Hastings**

Family and Friends in the death of **Peggy Hollis**

Ellen Holley & family in the death of her mother-in-law **Nell Holley**

SUNDAY GIFTS

January 24th, 2016

Wkly Req: \$58,869.00
Wkly Rec: \$37,597.50
Yr Req: \$235,476.00
Yr Rec: \$173,157.10
Deficit: \$62,318.90

February 7th, 2016

Wkly Req: \$58,869.00
Wkly Rec: \$111,840.30
Yr Req: \$353,214.00
Yr Rec: \$329,888.20
Deficit \$23,325.80

January 31st, 2016

Wkly Req: \$58,869.00
Wkly Rec: \$44,890.80
Yr Req: \$294,345.00
Yr Rec: \$218,047.90
Deficit: \$76,297.10

February 14th, 2016

Wkly Req: \$58,869.00
Wkly Rec: \$50,310.00
Yr Req: \$412,083.00
Yr Rec: \$380,198.20
Deficit \$31,884.80

MONDAY, MARCH 21st

Noon Service in the FBC Chapel
Sermon: Mary Hemmer Demmler

TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd

Noon in the FBC Chapel | Sermon: Bruce Morgan

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd

Noon Service at St. Paul | Sermon: Jamie Barona

THURSDAY, MARCH 24th | MAUNDY THURSDAY

Noon Service at FBC | Sermon: Javier Chavez
5:00pm Dinner in the Banquet Hall
6:30pm Maundy Thursday: Foot Washing and Communion in the Sanctuary. Sermon: Bill Coates

FRIDAY, MARCH 25th | GOOD FRIDAY

Noon at Grace Episcopal
Join us for the stations of the Cross.
Walking from Grace to FBC. Led by: Stuart Higginbotham and Cynthia Park.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27th | EASTER MORNING

7:00am in the Chapel
8:00am Churchwide Breakfast - Banquet Hall
9:00am Baptism Service in the Sanctuary
(Madeline Baldwin, Theresa Baldwin, Virginia Jane Grant, Jackson Kerrick, Mason Kerrick, Lille Grace Mallis, William Morris, Sean Payne, Aria Pedry, Austin Riley, and Claralane Williams)
10:50am Great Easter Worship in the Sanctuary

Holy Week

Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

Virginia Jane Grant
Caroline Frances Lee
Cherie Fox
Sean Payne
Madeline Baldwin
Theresa Baldwin
Austin Riley
Don Kinkaid