

THIS WEEK @ FIRST...

Sunday, March 15

12:15pm Deacons' Meeting
1 – 3pm Stewards of Children Training Event

Monday, March 16

5:30pm Men's Book Study – The Jesus I Never Knew

Tuesday, March 17

10:00am Master's Missions Meeting

Wednesday, March 18

5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner – Hill's Pork Roast
6:00pm Prayer Gathering
6:30pm Adult Bible Studies

Thursday, March 19

9:30am Women's Bible Study – The Faithful

Sunday, March 22 – Special Called Business Meeting

after both services
8:30am Early Worship
9:30am Bible Study for All Ages
11:00am Morning Worship
12:00pm Lasagna Carry-Out Lunch Fundraiser

DEACONS OF THE WEEK:

Liz Piazza: 352-665-2275 Ben Mather: 352-256-8540

CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

Carry-Out Lasagna Lunch Fundraiser – Sunday, March 22 at noon. Donations for the Nicaragua Missions Team

Youth Family Party - Celebration Point, Friday, March 27, 6:30 – 9:00pm

Easter Family Fun Day – Saturday, April 4, 10:00 – Noon

Easter Basket Silent Auction – Sunday, April 5, Fundraiser for Nicaragua Mission Team.

Quarterly Committee Meeting Sunday – April 5 after Morning Worship

LifeTouch Pictorial Directory Photos – Tuesday, April 28 – Saturday, May 2 Sign up before or after Services on Sunday, on Wednesday evening, or call Elizabeth in the office.



Flower Arrangements

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of

Martha A. Outen and Charles B. Outen

By Mr. and Mrs. Benny L. Walker and family

Easter Baptism

On Easter morning, First Baptist Church of Gainesville will conduct an Easter Baptism Service. We are inviting anyone who believes in (holds tight to) Jesus as their Savior, but who has not yet celebrated believer's baptism to participate. If you have not accepted Jesus as Savior, this is wonderful moment to consider this spiritual commitment too. For centuries Christian churches have conducted baptism services on Easter Sunday. Baptism symbolizes the inner commitment we make to Jesus as Lord and Savior. Baptism on Easter allows us to participate in the death of Jesus on Good Friday - as we go under the water - and his resurrection on Sunday – as we come out. If you are interested in participating in this meaningful service or want to talk about another spiritual commitment, please email Pastor Eric (eric.spivey@fbcgainesville.net) or Pastor Lynn (lynn.williams@fbcgainesville.net) or call the church office [352.376.4681](tel:352.376.4681).

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Good News

MARCH 15, 2020

Rev. Donn Wisdom

Candidate for Worship and Music Pastor

The Worship and Music Search Committee presents Rev. Donn Wisdom as a candidate for First Baptist Church's Worship and Music Pastor. Next Sunday, March 22, Rev. Wisdom will lead both worship services and be recommended to our church in Called Church Business Meetings at the end.

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma as an only child, Donn experienced Baptist church life from the very beginning as he followed his parents, both Southwestern Seminary graduates, as they served in churches in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Donn made his profession of faith and was baptized at age 7. At the age of 15, Donn's father died. After the loss of this large influence in his life, he and his mom joined First Baptist Church, Tulsa when Donn joined the youth choir. Here, his interest in music was enhanced and expanded to solo singing, choral conducting and accompanying, while also singing in the youth music ensemble. Donn surrendered to the music ministry vocation at an Andre Crouch / 2nd Chapter of Acts concert First Baptist hosted for area youth.

After high school, Donn began his music education degree at Oral Roberts University. Throughout his four years at ORU Donn was a voice concentration student and the part-time music director at Easton Heights Baptist Church. At the invitation of a high school administrator he also became the male vocal soloist for the Miss Oklahoma Pageant.

After college, Donn moved to Fort Worth, TX, to attend Southwestern Seminary. One month later, Donn joined the staff of First Baptist Church, Mineral Wells, TX as the half-time music director. He eventually relocated to Mineral Wells where he met Jo Joyce Griffin, a student at the University of Texas.

Donn and Jo Joyce Wisdom married in June 1979. Soon, First Baptist Church, Paducah, KY called them to move away from their new home and families. Donn's music and worship leadership led the church to being featured on weekly televised worship, at the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and the state Pastor's Conference. While teaching elementary school, Jo Joyce gave a speedy birth to their daughter, Allyson.

After a short ministry in Houston, TX, Donn, Jo Joyce and Allyson move to Wieuca Road Baptist Church in heart of the Buckhead community of Atlanta, GA, one of the largest and most-respected churches in the south. Jo Joyce was eight months pregnant!

After an even speedier birth of their son, Jonathan, 5 weeks after arriving in Atlanta, the Wisdoms spent 22 years of ministry at Wieuca growing their family and their faith during many great and difficult times. Jo Joyce worked part-time while also participating in the Sanctuary Choir and teaching in Children's Sunday School (as she always has done in every church). Allyson and Jonathan grew up there, followed Christ in faith and baptism and have continued to be strong Believers throughout their lives.

During Donn's tenure at Wieuca, the music ministry remained strong, active and beneficial to the faith of many who participated, supported and encourage. While sanctuary concerts were hymn-based, traditional or classical in nature



Rev. Donn
Wisdom
and Jo Joyce



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MORNING WORSHIP

INVITATION TO WORSHIP	Dr. Eric Spivey	CHILDREN IN WORSHIP	Lynn Williams
PRELUDE	Barbara Young	OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Exodus 24:12-18
<i>Lamb of God/ Jesus Paid it All</i>		NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Eric Spivey
CALL TO WORSHIP	Eric Spivey	Matthew 17: 1-9	
Leader: As God called to Moses from the mountain,		BEAUTIFUL FEET STORY	Nicaragua Mission Team
People: we are called to be God's people.		SPECIAL MUSIC	Sanctuary Choir
Leader: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of another mountain,		<i>Before the Throne of God Above</i>	
People: we are called to follow wherever he leads.		*OFFERTORY HYMN #449	<i>Because He Lives</i>
Leader: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,		*OFFERTORY PRAYER	Jeff Brooker
People: we are called to worship in wonder and praise.		OFFERTORY MUSIC	Grace Brodbeck
Based on Exodus 24 and Matthew 17		<i>The Infinite Peace of God</i>	
*HYMN OF PRAISE #61	<i>Great Is the Lord</i>	MESSAGE	<i>Beloved</i> Eric Spivey
*INVOCATION	Chuck King	*HYMN OF RESPONSE #502	<i>Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i>
WELCOME TO WORSHIP	Rev. Lynn Williams	*BENEDICTION	Eric Spivey
		POSTLUDE	<i>Trust and Obey</i> Barbara Young



(Handel MESSIAH, Vivaldi GLORIA, Brahms REQUIEM, Hayden CREATION, Rutter GLORIA and REQUIEM), the church continued the very successful summer musical variety production, "Family Night on Peachtree." Donn helped plan, organize and lead 2 different contemporary expressions the church added. He also participated in leadership in many national denominational gatherings and music meetings, hosting several at Wieuca. Donn and Jo Joyce completed their full-time local church ministry at Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio, TX. Donn led the church to experience worship renewal as he rebuilt the music ministry. Under his leadership, the Sanctuary Choir tripled in size, the orchestra was re-organized with 20-25 players, children's choirs were re-instituted, youth choir continued, and new programs included: collegiate Music Scholars, Advent Concert Series, and a new contemporary worship expression, Crossings, was planned,

resourced and begun by Donn. At Trinity, Donn supervised 3 full-time, 3 part-time, and 12 hourly tech employees plus many volunteers as a member of the senior ministerial staff. During these years, Donn taught adjunctly in voice and conducting at The Baptist University of the Americas.

"Donn Wisdom will offer his vast experience in all methods of leading worship at First Baptist Church. He has made his calling to serve both his Lord, Jesus Christ, and music his highest priority for over 48 years. Donn will give opportunities for church members to learn, grow and serve in corporate and individual worship experiences."

Beth Kinsey, Search Committee

Donn will commute to Gainesville 2 days a week to lead us in worship.

Timing, friendship connections, availability and God's leadership have converged to provide this great opportunity before the Wisdoms and First Baptist Church, Gainesville, FL!

"There is no music and worship minister in the country more qualified than Donn Wisdom. God is giving us a special blessing for a special purpose."

Tim Wood,
Chair, Search Committee

The Wisdoms have enjoyed an early retirement since October of 2016, traveling, filling in for friends in Georgia churches and visiting friends and family. The Wisdom's daughter, Allyson, lives in Buford, GA with her husband Ryan and sons Lucas, 5 ½, Joshua 3, and Zachary, 1. Their son Jonathan lives in Anderson, SC with wife Emily, son Nathan, 4 and daughter Ellie, 1. In March 2019, the Wisdoms relocated to Ormond Beach, FL to fulfill a dream of "living at the beach" where Donn recently completed a 3-month supply as music director at a Presbyterian Church in Atlantic Beach, FL.



Worship @First@11

As our Worship and Music Search Committee began searching for a new Worship and Music Pastor, we quickly realized the need to establish our 11:00 Worship Identity. How could we ask someone to build engaging and dynamic worship if no one knew what this should look like?

In November the First Baptist family responded faithfully to a worship survey created by the committee. While the committee was advertising and recruiting candidates, it also took time to collate your responses into worship values. We then created descriptions of what worshippers will experience week to week based on these values.

As we call Rev. Donn Wisdom as our Worship and Music Pastor, we are calling him to lead us in the following expressions of worship.

Worship @ First @ 11:

Praises God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit with intentionality in unique weekly worship events through prayers, scripture, music and proclamation.

Each week's worship follows a unique worship design based on a specific piece of biblical scripture. Worshippers come with expectation and anticipation never knowing what might occur in worship.

Leads our worshipping community to honor the majesty and mystery of God by welcoming the Holy Spirit in our individual lives and church.

Each worshipper is invited to enter worship awed by the majesty of the Trinitarian God. Each worshipper invites the Holy Spirit to come along beside them as worship guide and companion.

Creates an atmosphere of expectation using multiple musical types from classical to jazz, hymns to contemporary songs allowing all generations to find their home in worship.

Worship at First is more than a style of worship, it simply is worship. Worshippers of all ages find familiar and challenging music bringing them back to the core of their faith and new expressions of worship.

Makes space for a variety of emotional experiences from energetic and uplifting to meditative and contemplative.

Some Sundays, worshippers leave encouraged and strengthen for the week ahead. Some Sundays, worshippers leave with their wounds healed. Other Sundays, worshippers leave challenged to live different lives. Each Sunday worshippers leave changed by the worship of God.

Purposefully includes and remains sensitive to all worshippers.

Worship at First is an intergenerational, multi-ethnic worshipping experience. All seekers and worshippers find their place in our worshipping community.

Inspires and challenges worshippers to live Jesus formed lives to be shared in the world as we proclaim our resurrected Lord.

Worshippers leave worship encouraged in their lives lived on mission for God's Kingdom. Worshippers leave worship challenged to proclaim Jesus through their words and deeds.

Includes all ages and genders in worship leadership each week.

Worship leaders look and sound like the mosaic of our worshipping community.

Contains choral, instrumental and dramatic worship expressions with soloists, ensembles and sanctuary choir.

Our sanctuary choir leads us weekly in worship through the excellence of the choral tradition. Multiple instrumental and choral ensembles representing all types of music lead us each week.

Seeks excellence in all aspects of worship.

Each week our worship leaders give their very best.

Remains open to all modes of worship.

We remain committed to evolving in worship as the Holy Spirit leads us week to week.

Sends worshippers into the world as agents of God's Kingdom.

Worship restores us for the Kingdom work of our daily missional lives. We send each other out each week as missionaries of Jesus.