

# WELCOME

# CHURCH CALENDAR

We are honored you have chosen to join us in worship. There is a time in our service when we will welcome guests; we will not, however, ask you to stand, raise your hand or do anything that makes you feel awkward. We would like to know you were here, however. Please fill out the information request below and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister. We promise to use it only to contact you about our church.

This is my (our)...

- First visit to First Baptist Church
- Second (+) visit

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status

- Married
- Single
- Widow(er)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Children at Home (Name/ Age/Grade)

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- I am new to Rome.
- I am interested in knowing more about First Baptist Church.
- I would like to talk with a minister.
- I would like to know how to become a Christian.
- I am a guest of:

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## Sunday, September 8

- 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)  
Youth Choir - Choir Suite  
Youth Parent Panel - Youth Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Together, We Serve - Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups

## Monday, September 9

- 9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer - Prayer Room
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
- 11:00 a.m. Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group - Community Room
- 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Small Group - Community Room
- Deacons' Meeting**
- 5:30 p.m. Executive Meeting - Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. General Meeting - Dining Room

## Tuesday, September 10

- 12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - Dining Room
- 5:00 p.m. Together, We Connect - Conference Room

## Wednesday, September 11

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday Preschool Chapel - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. First Choice Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs  
Youth Hangout - Youth Room  
Women's Small Group - 3rd Floor Education Building
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Choice Seminar - Fellowship Hall  
Youth Wednesday's Connection - Youth Room
- 6:30 p.m. Children on Mission
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

## Thursday, September 12

- 5:30 p.m. Together, We Serve - Conference Room  
Together, We Worship - Dining Room

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of Claborn and Ann Bradfield on the occasion of their 61st wedding anniversary by their Children and Grandchildren.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Gaynelle Grizzard on the occasion of her birthday by Jim and Linda Owens.*

### THE GALLERY

"From Family to Far, Far Away" by Bob Harris opens today in the Gallery on the third floor of the Education Building. This exhibit includes a wide variety of Bob's artwork.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday Women's Bible Study will resume September 9 at 10:00 a.m.

### HYMN FESTIVAL

The downtown churches will sponsor a hymn festival hosted by St. Peter's Episcopal Church September 15 at 3 p.m.

### ADULT CHOICE SEMINAR

"What's in a Name?" How many of us understand who we are as a church, as Baptists and as followers of Jesus? Matt DuVall and Rob Nash join together to lead this important conversation on Wednesday nights at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

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## Rebuild | Raise Up | Repair | Restore A Worship Series

First Baptist Church Rome, Georgia

September 8, 2019

11:00 a.m.

*To help maintain a spirit of worship, please silence phones. We welcome a larger congregation through Comcast Channel 44 and the livestream over the church website.*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude ..... Joan Hill  
"What God Ordains is Always Good" ...Michael Burkhardt

Invocation ..... John Uldrick

\*Hymn of Praise No. 33. .... CWM RHONDDA  
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

The Covenant of Church Members. .... Matt DuVall, leader  
Led by the Spirit of God to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and having entered into the fellowship of the Spirit through His Church,

**We, the members of the Church, prayerfully make this covenant with one another and with our Heavenly Father.**

We respect all faith traditions, but we shall cherish our heritage as Baptist Christians.

**We shall hold dear the principles of soul competency, the priesthood of all believers, the autonomy of the local Church, and the Bible as our trusted and authoritative guide in matters of faith and practice.**

As a group of gathered believers, we understand ourselves to be a part of a family of faith.

**Therefore, we shall love, forgive, admonish, encourage, serve, and pray for one another - always in the spirit of being sisters and brothers in Christ.**

Jesus Christ shall be our model for living.

**We recognize that none of us shall ever attain His perfection; yet, we shall always strive to grow in likeness of Him. His heart shall be our guide for the way we minister, organize ourselves, conduct our business, and treat others.**

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ on earth; therefore, we are the hands of Christ.

**Knowing this about ourselves, we shall be satisfied with nothing less than being leaders in Christian service. We can only accomplish this goal by serving more.**

Our Master is our example. We know that we serve Christ Himself when we minister to the least, the last, the lost, and the overlooked.

**We believe that, on our own, we are not strong enough, wise enough, nor good enough to accomplish our mission as a Church. Therefore, we trust in God's strength, God's wisdom, and God's righteousness to empower us. Only through prayer do we accomplish our mission as a Church.**

The Ordinance of Believer's Baptism

Lauralei Gafnea and Sam Faulkner, candidates

(The congregation will please respond with "Amen" following each baptism.)

A Call to Confession



A Time for Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness...Children's Choir

"With A Joyful Noise" ...arr. Ruth Elaine Schram  
Betty Holland, accompanist

Reading of Holy Scripture ..... Exodus 32:7-14

(The text may be found on page 86 in the Bibles in the pew racks.)

Beth Smith, Deacon, reader

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gloria Patri (Hymn 704)

A Time of Prayer for the Victims of Hurricane Dorian ..... Kristen Pope

O God of mercy, look with pity upon all those who have been left homeless, bereft, and in shock, in the wake of this mighty act of nature.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Source of all consolation, comfort with the sure sense of Your presence all who feel forsaken, whose hope is gone.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, You sent Jesus to bring sight to the blind, hearing and healing to all who asked. Open our ears to all cries of affliction, and through us provide healing and help.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the other things that are on our mind and need your attention today,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask these things through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Hymn of Response. .... ST. ANNE

"O God, We've Prayed"

(Children through second grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

O God, we've prayed in wind and rain and now we pray once more  
For those who felt the hurricane and heard the waters roar.

We pray for those who watched the storm destroy the life they knew,  
Who wait in shelters, tired and worn and wonder what to do.

We thank You, God, for acts of love not bound by race or creed,  
For hands that reach across the flood to all who are in need.

Where rains flood cities, homes and towns may we go out to be  
A witness that Your love abounds in each community.

Musical Offering. .... Sanctuary Choir

"God and God Alone" ...arr. Tom Fetteke

(This anthem is given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Ann Roebuck for her many years of dedication and service to God and the Sanctuary Choir by Dan and Judy Roebuck.)

God and God alone created all these things we call our own;  
From the mighty to the small the Glory in them all is God's and God's alone.

God and God alone reveals the truth of all we call unknown,  
and all the best and worst of man won't change the master plan.  
It's God's and God's alone.

*God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne.*

*Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise for God and God alone!*

God and God alone will be the joy of our eternal home.

He will be our one desire. Our hearts will never tire of God and God alone.

Sermon ..... Rev. DuVall

"Getting Impatient with God"

\*Hymn of Response No. 41. .... WELLESLEY

"There's A Wideness In God's Mercy"

Prayer of Stewardship ..... Tamara Tillman Smathers

Offertory. .... Beverly Harris, piano

"Only Trust Him" ...arr. Ron Boud

Meditation Text:

Nearly every day in the news we are reminded that, as a whole, humanity (*we!*) fall short of God's will for us. That is not shocking news anymore. While I do not desire to minimize the depth of our idolatrous tendencies, I do think the more shocking and profoundly hopeful news here is that God sticks with us; God continues to claim us as God's own despite it all. Instead of God's wrath burning hot against us and consuming us (Exodus 32:11), God's beloved Son reminds us there is joy when even one sinner repents (Luke 15:10). —Dr. Shauna Hannan, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

The Work of the Church ..... Rev. Smathers

Called Church Conference to Vote on the Church Budget

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

\*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

\*The Lord's Prayer ..... arr. Albert Hay Malotte

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

\*Postlude. .... Joan Hill

"All the Way My Savior Leads" ...arr. Charles Callahan

**Children's Worship**

Children in kindergarten through second grade are invited to Children's Worship on the second floor of the Education Building. Parents may pick up their children there following worship.

**Joining First Baptist**

We receive new members in several ways. Those who have never publicly acknowledged Christ as Lord join by public profession of faith. Baptism is scheduled for a later date. Members of other Baptist congregations may transfer their membership to our congregation. We handle the details of contacting your current church. Members of other Christian faith traditions are invited to join by "statement of faith." Because other traditions vary in belief and practice, those joining by statement of faith are invited to speak with a minister before joining so that they might answer questions.

**Recording**

All services are recorded and may be viewed on our website. If you would like a video or audio copy of today's service, please call the office.

**Safety**

Safe zones for severe weather are in preschool hallways for children and the Fellowship Hall for the congregation. If there is a need to evacuate the building, parents should pick up children at the bus parking lot on the far side of First Presbyterian Church.

**Prayer Concerns**

(Please place in offering plate or hand to an usher or minister.)

Matt DuVall, Pastor

Keith A. Reaves

Senior Associate/Minister of Worship

Tamara Tillman Smathers

Minister of Education/Administration

John H. Uldrick

Minister to Students and Missions

Kristen Pope, Minister of Faith Development

Gwen Stephens, Ministry Assistant

Beverly Harris, Pianist Joan Hill, Organist