WELCOME

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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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 15
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:45 a.m. Sunday Bible Studies
11:00 a.m. Worship
4:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee - Dining Room

Monday, August 16
1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Dining Room

Tuesday, August 17
5:30 p.m. Pastor Search Committee - Builders Room

Wednesday, August 18
4:45 p.m. First Choice Curbside meals *(Reservation Only)*
5:45 p.m. Youth Wednesday's Connection - Youth Room
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Church Conference - Chapel/ZOOM
FBC Kids Connect *(Choir/Bible Study)*
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, August 19
6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Community Room

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Marsha Dempsey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruland and Mr. and Mrs. Al Wilson on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries by Hal and Debbie Ruland and Dan and Judy Roebuck.

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS POSTPONED
The August 24 Senior Adult Luncheon and the August 25 information meeting for the trip to Colorado have been postponed.

FIRST CHOICE IS BACK!!
The Church will gather Wednesdays just as we had hoped, but also just a little bit differently. Chef Greg will prepare meals to be served curbside. Reservations are required by noon Tuesday with pickup times between 4:45-5:45 p.m. Tamara Smathers will teach and lead prayer time in the Chapel with a ZOOM option.

KIDS CONNECTION
Wednesday Night Activities for Children resume on August 18 from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. Look for more details on the Children's Ministry Facebook page.

YOUTH WEDNESDAY'S CONNECTION
From 5:45 until 6:30 p.m. we will hang out in the youth room and connect with one another. From 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. we will meet in the youth room and connect with scripture.

HAMILTON AT THE FOX
Four tickets are left for the hit musical "Hamilton" on September 9 at the Fox. Price is $150 per person for transportation and ticket. Please see Keith Reaves for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS
Help is needed in Sunday worship care for children 3 years and younger. Contact Kristen for the link to sign up for one Sunday.

PASTOR SEARCH LISTENING SESSION
Please plan to attend the Pastor Search Committee's first listening session and discussion on Sunday, September 12 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss where we are as a church, where we want to be, and what we are looking for in a new Pastor. Dr. David Hull from the Center For Healthy Churches will be facilitating our discussions.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME
Seeking His Heart Being His Hands

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- Masks are required for children ages 5 through 11 and for anyone working with children younger than 12 years old.

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A Service of Christian Worship
August 15, 2021

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA

August 15, 2021 **11:00 a.m.**

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

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude . . . . . Joan Hill/Beverly Harris
"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"...arr. Lani Smith
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

Welcome to Worship . . . . . Dr. Ron Murray

*Hymn of Praise No. 306. . . . . .MADRID
"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

Presentation of Bibles to New First Graders

Anna Austin	Hudson Hall	Jack Stone
Claire Barron	Hollis Hoyt	Anna Jane Sturdivant
Anderson Cox	Archer Marion	Winn Weldon

A Prayer of Dedication for Bible Study. . .Tamara Tillman Smathers, leader

Living God, today marks the start of a new year for Bible Study at First Baptist Church.

You are the beginning of our journeys, our guide, and our destination.

We remember our relatives and mentors, leaders and teachers who led us to faith by singing us songs and telling us Bible stories, by welcoming and accepting us, by praying for us without our knowing and by showing us how to follow Jesus.

You have been faithful to your people from generation to generation. Help us pass your faithfulness on to the next generation.

Today, we are dedicating ourselves and this year of Sunday school to you. May learning and worshiping together inspire us so that we share your good news with joy and confidence. Equip us to be diligent in faith-sharing at home, and nurture us to become passionate followers of Jesus Christ.

All: Bless us so that we can be a blessing. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*Reading of Holy Scripture . . . . . Ephesians 5:15-20
(Today's scripture may be found on page 1159 of the Bible in the pew racks.)
Rev. Smathers, reader
Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 704)

Hymn of Devotion No. 509 . . . . . TRUST AND OBEY
"Trust and Obey"
(Children ages four through third grade are invited to depart for Children's Worship.)

Musical Offering . . . . . .Sanctuary Choir
"Proclamation of Service"...Joseph Martin
As for those in this house, we will serve the Lord.
We will give our allegiance unto God.
With one voice we will offer up our song, give our praise with voices strong,
Live our lives for God alone.

As for those in this house we will serve the Lord.
This we pledge with our hearts in one accord.
Let the lives we bring give honor to the King.
As for those in this house, we will serve the Lord.

Founded on the Word of God, we have built this place.
Nurtured by the love of God, we proclaim His grace.
Challenged by the truth of God we break forth in praise. Alleluia!
We will serve the Lord for all our days!

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee;
take my heart: it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
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Sermon. . . . . Dr. Murray
"Be Very Careful How You Live"

*Hymn of Commitment No. 496 . . . . . .FOOTSTEPS
"Footsteps of Jesus"

*Prayer of Stewardship . . . . . .John Uldrick

Offertory. . . . . Beverly Harris
"O Jesus, I Have Promised"...arr. Michael Cox

Pastor Search Prayer Requests:
Each day this week remember these specific requests:
—Pray for Bobby Jones, Pastor Search Committee member
—Pray for our church's Christ-like love to be seen by the world.

The Work of the Church. . . . . Rev. Uldrick

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing. . . . . .Dr. Murray

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn of Commissioning
"Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated"
Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee;
take my heart: it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
It shall be Thy royal throne.

*Postlude. . . . . Joan Hill
"Let the Earth Rejoice"...Dale Wood

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we navigate these challenging times together.

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- Seating is on every other pew

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.

Children's Worship
Children ages four through third grade are invited to Children's Worship on the second floor of the Education Building. The children return to the sanctuary following worship.

Prayer Concerns
(Please place in offering plate or hand to a minister.)
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Dr. Ron Murray
Interim 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
Minister to Extended Family

Joan Hill, *Organist*

Beverly Harris, *Pianist*