

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)

- 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 interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Church.
- I am a guest of:

Sunday, June 26

- 8:00 a.m. Youth Depart for Passport - Greensboro, NC
- 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, June 29

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Pizza Dinner - Ridge Ferry Park
- 5:30 p.m. Committee on Committees - Conference Room

Thursday, June 30

- 6:00 p.m. Getting Ahead Class - Community Room

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of Beverly Harris for her love of music in our lives by Bob, Children and Grandchildren.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al Briley on the occasion of his birthday, by Ansley and Dean Saville and Family.

HUNGER OFFERING

Help meet the needs of the homeless and hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering. Please put this offering in an envelope and mark it "WORLD HUNGER" and place it in the offering plate during the offertory. Our gifts support World Vision and The CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OPPORTUNITY

Habitat has two homes that are in progress. Jeff Brooks is leading the way and is in need of volunteers. Please let Jeff know if you would like to serve by emailing him at jeff@brooksbuildinggroup.com.

WAYS TO HELP IN UVALDE

1. Write a check to FBC and mark it as Uvalde, Texas Relief
2. Donate online through the FBC website.

Donations will assist families affected by the tragedy, nonprofits providing essential response services, medical institutions caring for victims and long-term efforts for Uvalde.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY - GETTING AHEAD VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

FBC hosts "Getting Ahead" classes are on Thursdays from 6 pm until 8 pm for individuals experiencing poverty to investigate their own lives and build confidence, resources and tools for a brighter future! **Here are ways to serve:**

Food for 20 participants (1 or 2 volunteers needed) - Provide & deliver food, drink and all the utensils to the 20 investigators.

Transportation (2 volunteers needed) - Provide transportation for participants to and from meetings. Automobiles should be able to seat four passengers.

Childcare (2 volunteers needed) - Help in the FBC nursery.

You can sign up to participate for a week (or more) by scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera or calling the church and asking for Nick or Karen.



UPCOMING GUEST PREACHERS

July 3: Nick Georgian **July 10:** Frank Murphy **July 17:** Dr. Jody Long, Georgia CBF



Today we welcome Dr. John Pierce, executive editor and publisher at Good Faith Media, as our guest preacher.

He has served as editor of *Nurturing Faith Journal* (formerly *Baptists Today*) since February 2000.

A former campus minister at Kennesaw State University and then Georgia Tech, he is a graduate of Berry College, Southeastern Seminary and Columbia Theological Seminary.

He lives in Gainesville, Georgia.



First Baptist Church Rome, Georgia

June 26, 2022

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
“Praise the Almighty, My Soul Adore Him” arr. Paul Manz

Welcome to Worship. Tamara Tillman Smathers

*Hymn of Praise No. 619 ASSURANCE
“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

Call to Confession

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

**Help us, Lord, to stand firm and do not let us be burdened
again by a yoke of bondage**

Lord, hear our prayers.

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

Through Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Reading of Holy Scripture. Galatians 5:13-25
(The text may be found on page 1154 in the Bibles in the pew racks.)
Bill Davies, lay reader

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

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 704)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen, amen.

Hymn of Service No. 658. WYE VALLEY (abridged)
“Let Your Heart Be Broken”

Morning Prayer *(with the Lord’s Prayer)* Kristen Pope
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.

Musical Offering. Sanctuary Choir
“Proclamation of Service” arr. Joseph Martin

Sermon. Dr. John Pierce
“Which Kind of Freedom Do We Choose?”

*Hymn of Response ST. ANNE
“In Christ, Our Liberty”
We bind ourselves in freedom’s chains; the cross has set us free.
God’s anvil forged each link with love, in Christ, our liberty.

Though creeds and laws imposed by power may mock equality.
Our trust in Christ and Christ alone will keep our spirits free.

His call to us is servanthood, not false humility.
Until we die to love of self, we are not truly free.

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*Prayer of Stewardship Gwen Stephens

Offertory Beverly Harris
“Near to the Heart of God” arr. Gerald Anderson

Meditation Text:

It doesn’t matter your age, race, gender, or perspective; it doesn’t matter whether you’ve
been in church 90 years or whether you professed your faith last week. The truth is,
God has gifted each one of us for ministry—even you. — Daniel E. Glaze

The Work of the Church Rev. Smathers

Recognition of Debbye Akins for 10 Years of Service

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

*Hymn of Commissioning No. 514. HOLY MANNA
Christians, let us go and serve Him, serve the One who gives us life.

Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Serve in love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see.

Christians, let us go and serve Him, now and through eternity.

Postlude Joan Hill
“Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” arr. Edwin T. Childs

Family Worship

Today is the last Sunday of the month. These days are designated as “Family Worship” days and all children sit with their families. Nursery care is available for children four and younger. Children’s Worship will return next Sunday.

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.

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.

Keith A. Reaves

Senior Associate/Minister of Worship

Tamara Tillman Smathers

Minister of Education/Administration

Kristen Pope

Minister of Faith Development

Gwen Stephens

Minister to Extended Family

Nick Georgian

Interim Minister to Students and Missions

Joan Hill, *Organist*

Beverly Harris, *Pianist*