

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

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**Sunday, July 24**

- 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Monday, July 25**

- 11:30 a.m. Youth Mystery Lunch

**Tuesday, July 26**

- 10:00 a.m. Youth Six Flags Trip
- 5:30 p.m. Committee on Committees - Conference Room

**Wednesday, July 27**

- First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
- 5:30 p.m. Budget Committee Meeting - Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Messy Games 3rd through 6th Graders - FBC's Ball Court

**Thursday, July 28**

- First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen
- 6:00 p.m. Getting Ahead Class - Community Room

**Friday, July 29**

- First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Larry Atwell by Joanna Atwell and Family.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Earl Rolan by Mary Rolan and Family.*

**PRAYERS FOR THE BROOKS FAMILY**

Continue to remember David, Laurie, Caroline and Jacob as their time in North Carolina comes to a close and they make their way to Georgia. David's first day in the office is August 22 and he will preach for the first time August 28.

**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 or calling the church and asking for Nick or Karen.



**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

Habitat has two homes that are in progress this summer. Jeff Brooks is leading the way and is in need of volunteers to help. Please let Jeff know if you would like to help serve by reaching out to jeff@brooksbuidinggroup.com. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

**UPCOMING GUEST PREACHERS**

- July 31: Dr. Jody Long, Georgia CBF
- August 7: Dr. Bill Henderson
- August 14: Bluegrass Sunday
- August 21: Rev. Rickey Letson, CBF



We welcome Dr. Jon R. Roebuck as our guest preacher today. Dr. Roebuck grew up in First Baptist Church of Rome and is now the Executive Director of the Reverend Charlie Curb Center or Faith Leadership at Belmont University in Nashville. Dr. Roebuck has pastored five churches, has served as an adjunct in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry at Belmont and is the author of several books.

Dr. Roebuck and his wife, Linda, have been married since 1984. They have three grown and married children and now enjoy spending moments with their grandchildren.



# First Baptist Church

## Rome, Georgia

July 24, 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 . . . . .Beverly Harris/Joan Hill  
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us ”...arr. Ron and Linda Sprunger

Welcome to Worship. . . . . Nick Georgian

\*Hymn of Praise No. 587. . . . . NEW BRITAIN  
“Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”

Call to Confession. . . Sanctuary Choir  
“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior. Hear my humble cry: While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.  
Savior, Savior hear my humble cry: While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

### A Time for Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus is able to save those who approach God through Him and makes intercession for them. Hear the good news that in and through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Amen!**

\* Reading of Holy Scripture . . . . .Mark 10:46-52  
(Today’s reading may be found on page 1003 of the Bibles in the pew racks.)

Nina Lovel, Deacon, 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 Testimony No. 595 . . . . .HUDSON  
“At the Cross”

*(Children ages four through third grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)*

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

“A Vision of You”...arr. Cindy Berry

Father, You have called me to be holy in all I do,  
to be perfect as You are perfect, to keep my eyes fixed on You.  
So, let me love so that all the world may see  
that Jesus lives and loves through me.

*Let me love as Jesus loves, with compassion and with holiness.*

*Let me live as Jesus lives, always ready to forgive.*

*May I reflect Your glory; may my heart be faithful and true.*

*May others see Christ in me. May they see a vision of You.*

Through the darkness of night, let me shine as Your light.

Through the power of Your Spirit, let me love as Jesus loves.

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Sermon . . . . . Dr. Jon Roebuck

“Seeing Me Again”

\*Hymn of Response No. 71 . . . . . SLANE  
“Be Thou My Vision”

\*Prayer of Stewardship. . . . . Rev. Smathers, leader  
Like Jesus leaving Jericho, Your word has passed before us today.

**Others have told us to be quiet. Many have tried to lure us away,  
yet we desire You.**

Then You spoke to us and called us by name.

**You ask us what we want, what we need.**

There are so many things we hold in our heart: home, family, health,  
our nation –but you know our greatest need.

**Lord, let us see as You see. Bless our offerings to You! Amen.**

Offertory. . . . .Beverly Harris  
“I Will Keep My Eyes on You”...arr. Cindy Berry

Meditation Text:

The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.

–Helen Keller

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

\*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

\*The Doxology (Hymn 706)

Postlude . . . . .Joan Hill  
“A Joyful Day” ...arr. Dale Wood

### Children’s Worship

Children ages four through third grade are invited to Children’s Worship on the second floor. The children return to the sanctuary 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.

### 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*