

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, July 31

9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)

9:45 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship

Thursday, August 4

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

Friday, August 5

11:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting - Conference Room

Saturday, August 6

9:00 a.m. Youth End of Summer Fun/Back to School Bash - Lake Day !!

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard and Shirley Muller and Cecil and Eloise Sims by Rick and Beth Muller.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Kerestes by Danny and Ginger Alexander.

SUPPLY PIANIST

We are grateful to Betty Holland, who has agreed to serve as our supply pianist until Beverly Harris returns from medical leave. Thank you, Betty!

PRAYERS FOR THE BROOKS FAMILY

Continue to remember David, Laurie, Caroline and Jacob Brooks as they move this week! David's first day in the office is August 22. Pray for the sale of their home in North Carolina and for a safe move to Rome.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY - GETTING AHEAD VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

FBC hosts "Getting Ahead" classes on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for individuals experiencing poverty to investigate their own lives and build confidence, resources and tools for a brighter future! Contact Keith Phillips, Nick Georgian, or Karen Garret or click on the QR code to learn of ways that you can serve.



UPCOMING GUEST PREACHERS

- August 7 - Dr. Bill Henderson
- August 14 - Bluegrass Sunday
- August 21 - Rev. Rickey Letson, CBF

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, August 14 is back to Bible Study (Promotion Day) with Chef Greg's Big Breakfast and Bluegrass Sunday in Worship

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SCAVENGER HUNT

Join us at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 13, for breakfast treats from Java Joy, a blessing for the school year, and a scavenger hunt around downtown Rome. Meet on the ball court.

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 time of the service. Our gifts support World Vision, and The CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.



We welcome Dr. Jody Long, CBF/GA Executive Coordinator, as our guest preacher today. Jody earned undergraduate degrees from Macon State College and Mercer University with concentrations in Christianity, English literature, and history. He earned his M.Div. from McAfee School of Theology of Mercer University in 2004 and a Ph.D. in higher education from Tift College of Education of Mercer University in 2013. Jody is married to Julie Whidden Long and they have two children, Merrill and John Thomas.



First Baptist Church Rome, Georgia

July 31, 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

PreludeJoan Hill
"O Love, How Deep"...arr. Paul Manz

Welcome to Worship.....Kristen Pope

*Hymn of Praise No. 2..... ITALIAN HYMN
"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Call to Confession

Sometimes we use the gifts that are ours selfishly for our own good.

Sometimes we ignore opportunity and bury our treasure where it does no good.

God, help us acknowledge our weakness.

Bring us into the light of Your mercy that opens up new possibilities. Lord, hear our prayers.

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness No. 472 (Refrain). . .LEMMEL

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.*

*Reading of Holy ScriptureLuke 12:13-21
(The scripture may be found on page 1031 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)

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. 665 SEMINARY
"Because I Have Been Given Much"

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

Morning Prayer *(with the Lord's Prayer)* Tamara Tillman Smathers
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
"Take the Name of Jesus with You"...arr. Jay Rouse

Sermon..... Dr. Jody Long
"The Good Life"

*Hymn of Response No. 672 GERMANY
"All Things Are Yours"

*Prayer of Stewardship.....Nick Georgian
Gracious God, we come to You as a blessed people—thankful for Your
provision and care.

**Guard our hearts against greed for we know that our lives are not
measured by what we own.**

May we not hoard the resources You have called us to share.

**May we seek, above all, to be rich in our relationship with You
and generous in our love for others. In Christ's name, Amen.**

Offertory.....Betty Holland, piano
"We Are an Offering"...arr. Mark Hayes

Meditation Text:

Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting,
—Brian Tracy

The Work of the Church.....Nick Georgian

Deacon Election

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

Commissioning Hymn No. 435 (Refrain). SULLIVAN
"Share His Love"

Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you.

Share His love by sharing of your faith.

and show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you

every moment, every day.

PostludeJoan Hill
"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"...arr. Charles Callahan

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.

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.

DEACON BALLOT 2022-23

The following individuals have been nominated by the Deacon Nominating Committee to serve as Deacons. Please vote for sixteen (16) persons. If you would like to write in another name or names, please strike one nominee for each person you write in.

- 1. Jennifer Collins (New, to be ordained)
- 2. Chris Cook (Returning)
- 3. Janice Davis (Returning)
- 4. Donnie Denson (Returning)
- 5. Troy Fitzpatrick (Returning)
- 6. Bunk Gee (Returning)
- 7. Roger Goss (Returning, two year term)
- 8. Chip Hood (Returning)
- 9. Robert Hortman (Returning)
- 10. Bobby Jones (New, to be ordained)
- 11. Laurie Jones (Returning, two year term)
- 12. Nancy Ratcliffe (Returning)
- 13. Kelly Sanker (New, to be ordained)
- 14. Jana Weidemann (Returning)
- 15. Leigh Weldon (New, to be ordained)
- 16. Steve White (Returning)

Write-Ins:

The following have been nominated to serve as a Life Deacon. Please check if approved:

- Tom Bennett
- Wade Monk
- Ernie Smith