

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, August 14**

- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study Breakfast & Promotion Sunday - Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Monday, August 15**

- 1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Dining Room

**Tuesday, August 16**

- 12:15 p.m. WDPS Meet the Teacher - Preschool Hall

**Wednesday, August 17**

- WDPS First Day Back
- 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, August 18**

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

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey, 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.*

**PRAYERS FOR THE BROOKS FAMILY**

David's first day in the office is August 22. Continue to pray for the sale of their home in North Carolina.

**FAMILY NIGHTS RESUME**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24 at the "Welcome Home Café!" This special night for all ages will be a time for us to welcome the Brooks family with great food, fun and games. Regular Wednesday activities will resume on August 31.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT**

Saturday, August 27 at 11 a.m. the church will host a women's ministry event with Karen Stubbs, author and founder of the "Birds on a Wire" and podcast "Wire Talk." Tickets are \$10. Register at the link on the church website homepage or call the office.

**WORSHIP CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Please contact Kristen or go to the church Facebook page to volunteer for worship care. Worship care is for children four years and younger, and is an important ministry and gift to families, who can know that their little one is safe and loved.

**GETTING AHEAD OPPORTUNITIES: COACHING AND SERVING**

As a Life Coach you will partner with a "Getting Ahead" graduate as they continue to build their future life story. Life Coaches support the graduate as they navigate daily life and create personal plans for building resources. A Life Coach orientation will be scheduled for late August. If you are interested in this rewarding service opportunity, please contact Nick Georgian. "Getting Ahead" classes are at FBC on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you can help with food, child care or transportation contact Keith Phillips, Nick Georgian, or Karen Garret or click on the QR code.



We welcome the band "Tried and True" as our worship guests for our first Bluegrass Sunday. Band members are Randy Garrett, David Milford and Johnny Wright.



# First Baptist Church

## Rome, Georgia

August 14, 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.*

Prelude . . . . . Tried and True

Call to Worship (Psalm 92:1-2; 95:1-2) . . . . . Keith A. Reaves

O Lord, open our lips, and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

**It is good to praise the Lord and make music to Your name,  
to proclaim Your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.**

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the  
Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God with thanksgiving and extol the Lord  
with music and song!**

Special Music . . . . .Tried and True

First Grade Bible Presentation

George Bagley, Gretchen Dunagan, Wesley Freeman, Wills Hortman,  
David Lee, Emily Moon, Logan Rhinehart, Morgan Smith

Recognizing Students, Teachers, Administrators, Staff. . . . . Kristen Pope

Prayer for the New School Year . . . . .Nick Georgian

God, for our students who are beginning a new school year, we ask for  
Your guidance and for their safety in their daily walks through hallways,  
to the bus stops, and in the carpool lines.

**Bless these students as they sit in classrooms and learn, as they  
study for tests and projects, and as they fill their brains with new  
knowledge.**

For the teachers who will guide them, we pray their teaching will be  
effective and their classrooms be filled with an excitement to learn.

**Bless these teachers as they prepare lesson plans and grade papers  
and as they invest in the lives of dozens of children this school year.**

For the staff who will provide support to both teachers and students, we  
pray that they will find joy in their work, which is vital to the success of  
our schools but often goes unacknowledged.

**Bless the bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians, guidance  
counselors, nurses, therapists, administrators and the countless  
others who make quality education possible in our schools.**

For the families who will send their child off to school, whether to  
preschool or off to college, we pray that they can balance the demands of  
school and the needs of their families well. Help them to remember that  
education is important, but so is having fun.

**May our students, teachers, administrators and staffs know that they  
are a part of this family of faith, and that they are cared for, prayed  
for, and loved.**

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus, the greatest teacher who  
walked this earth.

**Amen.**

*(Children may depart for Children’s Worship.)*

Special Music . . . . .Tried and True

\*Prayer of Stewardship. . . . . Tamara Tillman Smathers

Offertory. . . . . Tried and True

Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

Closing Hymn. . . . . “I’ll Fly Away”

Some glad morning, when this life is o’er—I’ll fly away  
To a home on God’s celestial shore— I’ll fly away.

*I’ll fly away, O Glory, I’ll fly away—  
When I die, Hallelujah, by-and-by, I’ll fly away.*

Just a few more weary days and then, I’ll fly away  
To a land where joys shall never end, I’ll fly away.

Postlude . . . . .Tried and True

### Children’s Worship

Children ages four sixth 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.

### 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*