

WELCOME!

We are honored you have joined us in worship. 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:

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

THE SPIRE - PLEASE TAKE ONE

Due to technical difficulties The Spire was not mailed this week. Copies are available throughout the church. An electronic version was emailed or can be viewed on the church website.

YOUTH PADDLE TRIP TODAY

The FBC students will have a guided paddle on the Rome's Etowah river this afternoon. For further information please contact Nick Georgian

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Tamara Smathers teaches this group that meets in the Dining Room on Mondays from 10-11 a.m. Feel free to invite a friend to come along. Bring your own coffee or grab a cup when you arrive.

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

This Wednesday at 6 p.m. David Brooks concludes a Bible study for adults entitled "What Matters Most." October 5-November 16 he leads a new study, "What We Need Is Here: Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality," based on a book by Roger Owens. Copies are available in the church office for \$10. Purchase of the book is not required to attend the class.

PARENTING IN FAITH WORKSHOPS

Four workshops for parents will be Wednesdays in October from 6-7 p.m. The workshops will be led by Meredith Anne Miller, a pastor and parent with more than 20 years experience helping families follow Jesus together.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 25

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
Youth Choir (immediately following worship)
2:00 p.m. Student River Trip

Monday, September 26

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

Wednesday, September 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen
5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Student Life and Discipleship
6:30 p.m. Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

For information on these and other activities see www.fbcrome.org or The Spire.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God through the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Quinette Harbin, by Buford Harbin and Family.

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The Heart of a Pastor

A Worship Series
from the Letters of 1 and 2 Timothy

Of course, there is great gain in godliness
combined with contentment. . .

—1 Timothy 6:6





A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 11:00 A.M.

We welcome a larger congregation through Comcast Channel 44, streaming through the church website and YouTube. As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE

“But Now I See”...Richard A. Williamson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 315

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”
MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

Holy God, You reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us so that we may live as faithful servants of You alone.

Release us from our sinful desires for wealth and power so that we may, in turn, look to help release others from the prisons of poverty, hunger, and want. Lord, hear our prayers.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sydney Godfrey, Music Ministry Intern
“O Rest in the Lord”...Felix Mendelssohn

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Chris Jackson, Deacon, reader
1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and

ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 704)

HYMN OF FAITH NO. 425

“How Firm a Foundation”
FOUNDATION

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord’s Prayer)

Nick Georgian

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

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”...arr. Eric Nelson

(The text of this anthem may be found in Hymn 640)

Beth Bratton, flute Tara Suswal, cello

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“Can We Ever Be Satisfied?”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 407

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
OLIVET

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Kristen Pope

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away.

Let us give generously to bless Your church, Your people, Your creation.

In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

ORGAN/CELLO OFFERTORY

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”...arr. Wilbur Held

Meditation Text:

All growth in the spiritual life is connected with the clearer insight into what Jesus is to us. The more I realize that Christ must be all to me and in me, that all in Christ is indeed for me, the more I learn to live the real life of faith, which, dying to self, lives wholly in Christ. The Christian life is no longer the vain struggle to live right, but the resting in Christ and finding strength in Him as our life, to fight the fight and gain the victory of faith. —Andrew Murray

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Pope

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN

HYFRYDOL

Go we now to be God’s people, Go we now our faith to live.

Help us learn from one another Faith to keep, a faith to give.

Go we now on life’s great journey, Go we now, but not alone.

With God’s people, by God’s Spirit, Faith leads onward, faith leads on.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’s Name”...arr. Anthony Giamanco

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.

SAFETY

Safe zones for severe weather are in preschool hallways for children and the Fellowship Hall for others. If there is a need to evacuate, parents should pick up children at the bus parking lot on the far side of First Presbyterian Church.

David Brooks
Pastor

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

Betty Holland, Supply Pianist