



## Churchwide Picnic & Fall Festival

October 30 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Morrison Campground

- Entertainment by bluegrass band "Tried and True"
- Special Vespers Service
- Potluck Dinner
- Petting Zoo
- Pumpkin Painting
- Cookie Decorating
- Bring a Chair



## FROM OUR PASTOR

Like it or not, you can't escape it. At every turn right now, all things seem to be sprinkled with pumpkin spice: candles and coffee; cookies and candy; hand creams and lip balm; air fresheners, chewing gum, and Cheerios—just to name a few. I even saw this sign on Shorter Avenue last week in front of a roofing company: "We Have Pumpkin Spice Shingles!" Yep. Pumpkin spice season is in full swing, which means fall has officially arrived.

Fall is a favorite for lots of us, and not just because of pumpkin spice. Cooler temperatures, football games, changing leaves, crisp apples, and the approaching holidays bring joy to many. Our fall schedule at First Baptist provides us with so many avenues to learn, grow, worship, and serve. And fall has a nice pace to it—back to routines and schedules; not too busy; time to prepare for the hectic holidays. Not everyone loves fall, though. Some of us prefer the blooming flowers of spring, the long days and warmth of summer, or even the chill of winter. Do you have a favorite season of the year?

A few years ago, I came to the realization that I could not choose one of the four seasons as my favorite. So, whenever someone asks, "What's your favorite season of the year?" I like to say, "This one. The one we are in right now!" Ask me the same question six months down the road, and I hope to give you the same response. It's my way of seeking to live in the present moment instead of wishing time away to get to the next season. I haven't perfected this way of living, and I know I never will. None of us can. But all of us are given the gift of a new day, each day, regardless of the season of the year. And each day is a day to live by the familiar words of the psalmist: "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

May it be so for you and for me—today, tomorrow, and every day of the year.

Your pastor and friend,

*David*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### FALL FESTIVAL & CHURCH PICNIC

Children's activities will include pumpkin painting, cookie decorating and a petting zoo. The event will be October 30 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Morrison Campground.

### PARENTING WITH FAITH WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday nights in October from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Meredith Anne Miller will lead four parenting workshops about walking alongside your child in their faith. Meredith will lead these workshops via Zoom, but participants will meet together in-person for hard-copy resources and discussion.

## STUDENT NEWS

### FALL RETREAT AT CAMP GLISSON

NOVEMBER 11 - NOVEMBER 13

Join us for our Student Fall Retreat at Camp Glisson, hosted by the CBF of Georgia! This will be a great opportunity to grow in discipleship, build new relationships, and have a lot of fun! The total cost of the retreat per student is \$140. Stay tuned for more information and a full itinerary of the trip coming in a few weeks. In the meantime, you can RSVP by scanning the QR code. For more information about the trip please contact Nick Georgian.



### STUDENT SMALL GROUP

#### DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for ways to serve our wonderful students? Well, food is a great way to do that as we gather on Sunday evenings for small groups. If you are interested in providing a meal for our students please click on the following QR code to sign up. As always, thank you for your generosity and all the ways you support our FBC Student Ministry!



## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

### ANGELS AND CIDER AT SUNDOWN

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13,  
2:00-5:00 P.M.

Ruth Reynolds has invited us to her Barnhouse!

She will lead us in making an angel figurine. Bring a chair.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

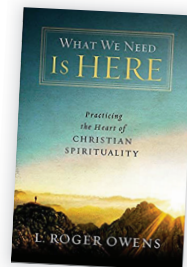
### 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL *Christmas at First Baptist* CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 4 P.M.

Featuring the Sanctuary Choir and  
Orchestra with the Youth Choir,  
Children's Choir and First Baptist Ringers

### WHAT WE NEED IS HERE

Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality  
Wednesday Evenings, October 5 – November 16  
Fellowship Hall | Led by Rev. David Brooks  
This opportunity for spiritual growth is based on *What We Need is Here*, by L. Roger Owens. Reading the book is not required for participation, but if you would like a copy of the book, they are available for \$10 in the church office.



### WORSHIP CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We continue to need some help with worship care in the upcoming months, please sign up using the link on the church Facebook page or get in touch with Kristen directly. As a reminder, worship care is for children 4 years and younger, and is a very important ministry and a gift to parents, who can know that their little one is safe and loved.



Video resources available anytime, anywhere, on any smart device. Create an account and get started searching the 4,000+ videos offered to enhance your personal Bible study.

FBC Rome, through the Adult Formations ministries has purchased a church subscription available to the FBC family. Watch your email for a direct link to our FBC Channel, or contact Tamara Smathers for help. We will provide you with an access code and walk you through the process.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**MUSIC ENSEMBLES** All of our music ensembles are resuming rehearsals. See info below and contact Keith Reaves if you are interested in joining us or have questions.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

**ALL CHILDREN'S CHOIRS** Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

**YOUTH CHOIR** Sundays, following worship

**FIRST BAPTIST RINGERS** Mondays at 5:15 p.m.

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## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:

(left) Carolyn Pennington, (right) Emily and Will Wood

## MISSIONS

### HURRICANE IAN DISASTER RELIEF

Hurricane Ian has brought tremendous flooding and destruction to the southwestern coast of Florida and the surrounding areas. Please be in prayer for the many families and communities affected by Hurricane Ian and for some who have lost everything. Pray for first responders who are giving everything they have to rescue and save lives. Pray for communities as they move forward and as they heal. In addition, you can give directly to CBF Disaster Relief and join in their efforts in bringing long-term impact to hurting communities in need of hope, healing and restoration. Please pray and consider how you can give by scanning the QR code.



### HOC CHRISTMAS

Hands of Christ Christmas is a vital mission that supports our members as they engage in making long-term impact to individuals in need of hope and healing in our local community. This may include clothing, toys, transportation, education, housing, recovery, healthcare, counseling services, and many other things. We are forming a committee and in need of members. If you are interested in being a part of this committee or have any questions about HOC Christmas, please contact Amy Cox or Kate Barron.

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 9, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Garland Dickey and Dr. Ouida Dickey by their daughters, Angela Dickey and Jennifer Dickey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 9, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jo and William Huffman by their Family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Higgins on the occasion of her birthday by Marty, Len, Chad and Hanna Willingham, Johanna Willingham, Tripp and Jennifer, Will and Chandler Bagby.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 16 are given to the glory of God and provided by Kristen Pope and Ben Mathis from their wedding ceremony, in honor of all First Baptist Church members and the ways they have loved and supported them through this season of engagement.

seeking His heart | Being His hands

October 8 to October 21

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, October 8

Minister on Call

Nick Georgian 706.766.0032

### Sunday, October 9

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am  
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am  
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am  
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel  
No Student Small Groups Today

### Monday, October 10

Weekday Preschool Fall Break, Oct. 10 – Oct. 17  
Women's Bible Study, Dining Rm. 10:00 am  
Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group, Dining Rm. 11:30 am  
Finance Committee, Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm  
FBC Ringers, Choir Suite 5:15 pm  
Deacons' Meeting, F.H. 5:30 pm

### Wednesday, October 12

Senior Adult Committee, Conf. Rm. 3:00 pm  
Family Night Dinner 5:00 pm  
Churn's Bible Study 5:30 pm  
Children's Choirs 5:45 pm  
Student Room Opens 5:45 pm  
Prayer and Bible Study 6:00 pm  
Student Life 6:00 pm  
Kids J.A.M. 6:30 pm  
Student Discipleship, Student Rm. 6:30 pm  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

### Saturday, October 15

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

### Sunday, October 16

Adult Faith Formation Committee, Conf. Rm. 8:30 am  
Extended Family Ministry Team Meeting, Dining Rm. 8:30 am  
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am  
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am  
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am  
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel  
Youth Choir, Choir Suite 12:00 pm  
Student Small Groups & Dinner 5:45 pm

### Monday, October 17

Women's Bible Study, Dining Rm. 10:00 am  
Women of the Church Book Group, Dining Rm. 1:00 pm  
FBC Ringers, Choir Suite 5:15 pm

### Tuesday, October 18

Weekday Preschool Resumes

### Wednesday, October 19

Family Night Dinner 5:00 pm  
Churns Bible Study, Builders' Rm. 5:30 pm  
Children's Choirs 5:45 pm  
Student Room Opens 5:45 pm  
Prayer and Bible Study 6:00 pm  
Student Life 6:00 pm  
Kids J.A.M. 6:30 pm  
Student Discipleship 6:30 pm  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

## THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 9

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *Owning the Gospel*

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 2: 8-13

ANTHEM: "His Hand"...Marty Parks

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:  
<https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>

### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

#### OCTOBER 12

Caesar Salad

Baked Lasagna with Meat Sauce

Fried Zucchini

Tiramisu

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Spaghetti

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Nick Georgian 706.766.0032

# THE SPIRE

## SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST LIVE ON  
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND  
VIA [WWW.FBCROME.ORG](http://WWW.FBCROME.ORG)

## FBC'S NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS



*(From left to right)* Kelly Sanker, Jennifer Collins, Bobby Jones, Leigh Weldon

## NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 16

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *More than a Nod*

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

ANTHEM: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"  
...arr. Michael Cox

SPECIAL MUSIC: Daniel Lynch and Kelly Ozier

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### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

#### OCTOBER 19

Mexican Salad

Taco Bar

Refried Beans

Spanish Rice

Crème Caramel

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Tacos

MINISTER ON CALL:

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[www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org)

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