

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 2023-24

The following individuals have been nominated by the Deacon Nominating Committee to serve as Deacons. Church members, please vote for fifteen (15) persons. If you would like to write in another name or names, please strike one nominee for each person you write in.

- 1. Jennifer Bagby (Returning, two-year term)
- 2. Tripp Bagby (Returning)
- 3. Cindy Childs (Returning)
- 4. Rick Childs (New, previously ordained)
- 5. Gayland Cooper (New, to be ordained)
- 6. Mary Donahue (New, to be ordained)
- 7. Ashley Garner (Returning)
- 8. Betty Holland (New, to be ordained)
- 9. Keith Phillips (New, to be ordained)
- 10. Jeremy Salter (New, to be ordained)
- 11. Ashley Smith (New, to be ordained)
- 12. David Strain (Returning)
- 13. Marty Willingham (New, previously ordained)
- 14. John Wilson (New, to be ordained)
- 15. Gary Yeager (New, previously ordained)

Write In: _____

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

- Marsha Colwell
- Nina Lovel
- John McClellan

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

FAMILY NIGHT RESUMES

Join us Wednesday, August 16, for a kickoff tailgate party with hamburgers, hotdogs and activities to get to know Team FBC. Wear your favorite team colors! Dinner is served from 5:00-6:00 p.m. with festivities beginning at 5:45 p.m. Top it all off by creating your own ice cream sundae. All activities this night are in the Fellowship Hall. Ministries for all age groups will resume August 23.

Dinner prices: * \$8 Adults and Teenagers * \$5 Children ages 3-12 * \$25 Family Max.

SANCTUARY CHOIR RESUMES

The choir will rehearse at its regular time (6:45 p.m.) starting August 16. This is a perfect time to join! See Keith with questions.

ALL CHILDREN'S CHOIRS RESUME

Wednesday, August 23, at 5:45 p.m.

BRIDGES LIFE COACH ORIENTATION

Saturday, August 26, from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m. - Dining Room

As a life coach you will partner with a Getting Ahead graduate as they continue their journey to build a brighter future story. Life Coaches play a vital role in supporting and caring for their graduate as they navigate daily life and challenges.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

- 8:30 a.m. Promotion Sunday Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- Launch of Collide (grades 5-7) Bible Study Class
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

- 5:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Kickoff Celebration - Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

- 6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class

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 and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of our wedding anniversary by Marsha Dempsey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Emory Nicholas Georgian on the occasion of his 1st birthday and Nick Georgian on the occasion of his birthday with love from Hal and Debbie Ruland and Aubrey and Halle Georgian.

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Rome, Georgia

WHEN GOD OPENS A DOOR

A Worship Series from Jonah

August 13, 2023

11:00 a.m.

*To help maintain a spirit of worship, please silence phones.
We welcome a larger congregation to worship through Comcast Channel 44 and
the church YouTube channel.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE

"I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills"...arr. Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctuary Choir

"Plenty Good Room"...arr. Keith A. Reaves
Plenty good room, plenty good room,
plenty good room in my Father's kingdom.
Plenty good room, plenty good room,
just choose your seat and sit down!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us be glad and rejoice in it.

This is a day of new beginnings – new classes, new teachers, new lessons.

We are grateful for new beginnings.

This is a day to commit to new learning opportunities, to open our minds and our hearts to what God wants us to learn.

We are grateful for new learning opportunities.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We are glad and rejoice in it!

HYMN OF PETITION NO. 676

"Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray"

BIBLE PRESENTATION TO NEW FIRST GRADERS

Marty Ethridge Mylee Hancock Duke Horton Emma Terry
James Freeman Lily Harris Ollin Martin

A CALL TO CONFESSION (Jonah 4:8-9)

Kristen Mathis

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (inspired by Matthew 19:26, Psalm 139, Romans 8:31-39)

For nothing is impossible with God.

There is no place I can go, no end of the earth I can run, where God cannot find me.

There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am forgiven. I am loved. I am reconciled to God. Thanks be to God!

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:1-4:3

Nick Georgian, reader

3 The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, **2** “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” **3** So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across.

4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” **5** And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

6 When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. **7** Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water.

8 *Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. 9 Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.*”

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

4 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. **2** He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. **3** And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

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 SERVICE NO. 662

“The Mission God Has Given”

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

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord’s Prayer)

David Brooks

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

“O Love”...arr. Elaine Hagenburg

Tara Suswal, cello

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thy ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O Love that will not let me go. . .

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“When We Lack Love”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 658

“Let Your Heart Be Broken”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Frank Clements, Chair of Deacons

OFFERTORY

Tara Suswal, cello/Beverly Harris, piano

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks ”...arr. Duane Funderburk

Meditation Text:

It is not possible to pray for someone regularly and treat them shabbily. When we pray, we place the people we pray for in God's hands. God then helps us begin to love one another as he intended us to love. -Walt Kallestad

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Keith A. Reaves

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE TO VOTE ON DEACONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 268

We are one in the bond of love.

We are one in the bond of love.

We have joined our spirits with the Spirit of God;

We are one in the bond of love.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Rondeau”... Jean-Joseph Mouret, arr. Elaine Gardner

WELCOME!

We are honored you are with us today! Please fill out this form if you are a guest or in need of prayer support and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a minister. We promise to use it only to contact you about our church.

First visit to First Baptist Church

Returning guest

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.

Please have a minister contact me.

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

Add me to the newsletter email list.

I am a guest of:

Please pray for:
