

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children ages four through fourth 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 Mathis  
Minister of Faith Development

Gwen Stephens  
Minister to Extended Family

Nick Georgian  
Minister to Students and Missions

Joan Hill, Organist

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Resuming Monday, September 11

Join us at 10 a.m. in the Dining Room as we gather and discover God's living word. This group is open to any woman. It's a lively group that aims to take the Bible seriously, while cutting ourselves a bit of slack. Tamara Smathers leads this group.

### CBF GUESTS WEDNESDAY NIGHT | FRANCIS & MISSY WARD ANGALLA

Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

It's always good to have one of our Doris White Grant recipients in town!! Missy is one of CBF's missions Field Personnel. She and Francis lead Amani Sasa, the leading provider of holistic care for refugee families in Kampala, Uganda. Missy and Francis will visit with our children's missions groups after dinner.

### STUDENT SMALL GROUP SUPPER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Sundays at 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Volunteers are needed to provide meals for our students and group leaders by either preparing a meal, or making a financial contribution toward purchasing one. Please contact Nick Georgian, ngeorgian@fbcrome.org. Use the QR Code to sign up.



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 8:30 a.m. Deacon Ordination - Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite
- Youth Committee - Conference Room
- Getting Ready for Baptism Class - Room 210
- 5:45 p.m. Student Small Groups & Dinner - Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
- 11:30 a.m. Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group - Dining Room
- 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 4:45 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
- 5:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner Served - Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs (preschool through 5th grade)
- Collide (6th through 7th grades) - The Rock
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Seminars
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Missions & Collide (5th through 7th grades)
- 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite
- 7:00 p.m. Student Discipleship - Student Room

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

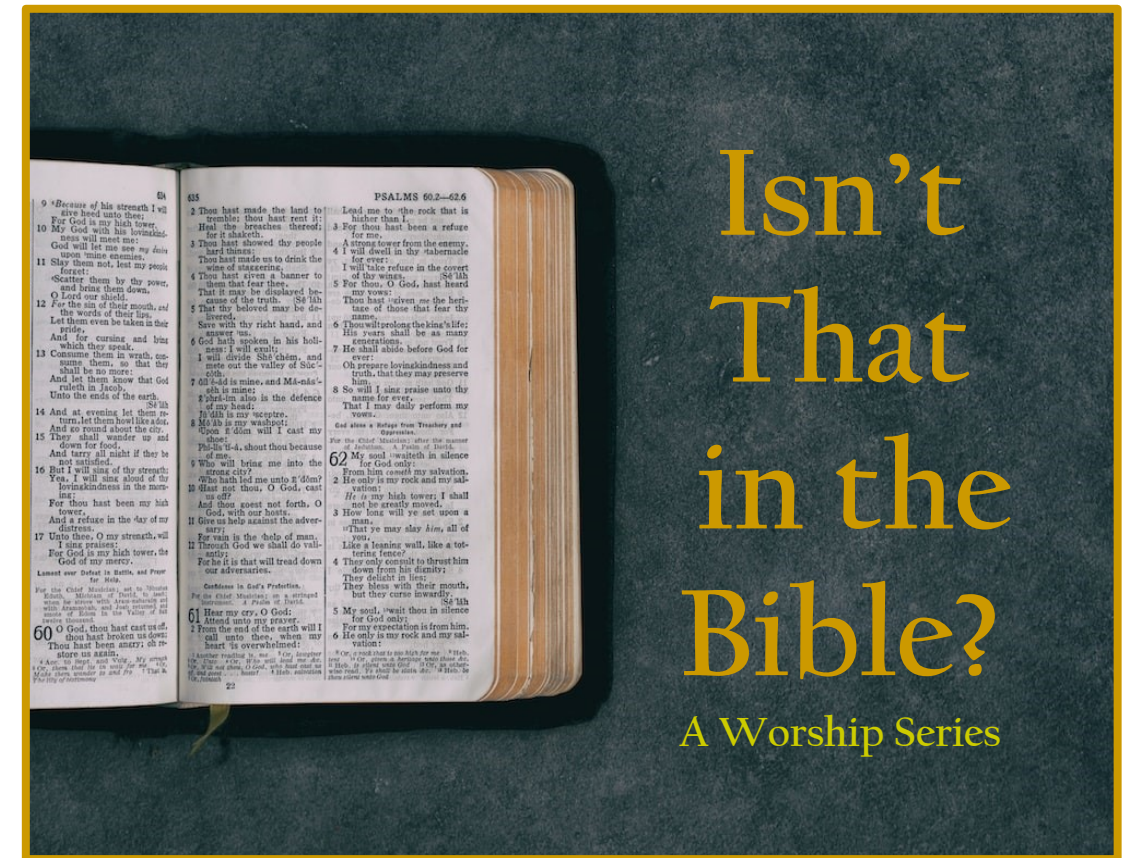
- 12:00 p.m. Health Committee - Conference Room
- 5:15 p.m. Departure for "Beautiful" - Aurora Theatre
- 6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Fellowship Hall & Community Room

For information on these and other activities see [www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org) or The Spire.

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Myrette Bennett Hough by Tom and Charlesea Bennett.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William L. Morris on the occasion of their wedding anniversary and in loving memory of our granddaughter, Elizabeth Morris by Betty Zane Morris.

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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

11:00 A.M.

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

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctuary Choir

"In Deepest Night" (Hymn 70)

In deepest night, in darkest days, when harps are hung, no songs we raise,  
when silence must suffice as praise, yet sounding in us quietly  
there is the song of God.

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Brooks

### HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 356

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"

### A COVENANT OF DEDICATION FOR FRANKLIN BROOKS PENCE AND HIS PARENTS, BRICE AND BETHANY PENCE

#### Life Verse:

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged.

—Deuteronomy 31:8

**LITANY OF DEDICATION**

Minister: Lord, you have blessed Brice and Bethany with the gift of a child. We welcome Brooks in the same spirit that you welcome us, your children. We give thanks for all of our children and the joy they bring to our families. Brice and Bethany, do you present Brooks for dedication, and in doing so declare your intent to raise him in an environment of Christian faith and love?

**Parents: We do.**

Minister: To Brice’s family gathered with us, will you freely give of yourselves to Brooks, nurturing him and walking alongside Brice and Bethany as they seek to teach him to walk in the way of Jesus?

**Family: We will.**

Minister: Will this congregation recognize Brooks as a gift from God? Will you pray for him as he grows in his journey as a follower of Christ? Will you pray for his parents, extended family and this church family as we all continue to surround Brooks with the same love and grace that surrounds him today?

**People: We will.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

Nick Georgian, reader

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Romans 8:28-30

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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 FAITH NO. 70**

“In Deepest Night”

*(Children ages four through fourth 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

“It Is Well with My Soul”...arr. Mark Hayes  
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 573.)

**SERMON**

Rev. Brooks

“Everything Happens for a Reason?”

**HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 200**

“In the Garden”

**PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP**

Lee Donahue, lay leader

Gracious and loving God, we offer these gifts for the ministries of First Baptist Church of Rome and for the work of mission and service here and across the world.

**Through all of our giving, help us long to share Jesus’ message of love and hope and promise of new life.**

In His name we give and pray,

**Amen.**

**PIANO OFFERTORY**

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”...arr. Lavawan Riley

Meditation Text:

Faith, in the sense in which I am here using the word, is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods.

— C.S. Lewis

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

Keith A. Reaves

**AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS**

**CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE TO VOTE ON NEW CHURCH BUDGET**

**PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**HYMN OF COMMISSIONING NO. 435** (Refrain)

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.

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

“Trompette Jubilate”...Craig A. Penfield

**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)

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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:

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Please pray for:

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