

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

STUDENT PADDLE TRIP

Today from 2 - 7 p.m.

We will meet and launch at Dixon Landing at Grizzard Park for a paddle trip down the Etowah river. Following our river fun we will head to Las Palmas for dinner!! Parents are more than welcome to join us for the day. Hope to see you there!!

MEN'S MINISTRY STEAK DINNER

Thursday, September 21 - Fellowship Hall - 6-7:30 p.m. | Cost \$15

Join us as we relaunch our Men's Ministry and enjoy a time of fellowship and food. Our guest speaker will be Larry Gardner, the voice of the Rome Braves. Please RSVP using this QR Code or by going to the church website by Monday, September 18!



PRAYER VIGIL FOR MALLORY SAVILLE

Next Wednesday, September 20 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

On Wednesday, September 20, the FBC Rome Student Ministry will be hosting a prayer vigil for Mallory Saville. Mallory is in 8th grade and is a gift to know and love. She was diagnosed with ICF syndrome, a rare disorder characterized by immune deficiencies and will be receiving a bone marrow transplant at the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center in Atlanta. As she begins her treatments next week, everyone is welcome to stop by the Chapel for a self-guided time to pray and write an encouraging note to express your care and love to Mallory and her family.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Committee - Conference Room
Missions Committee - Dining Room
Extended Family Ministry Team - Parlor
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite
- 2:00 p.m. Student Paddle Trip - Etowah River

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
- 1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Dining Room
- 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 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

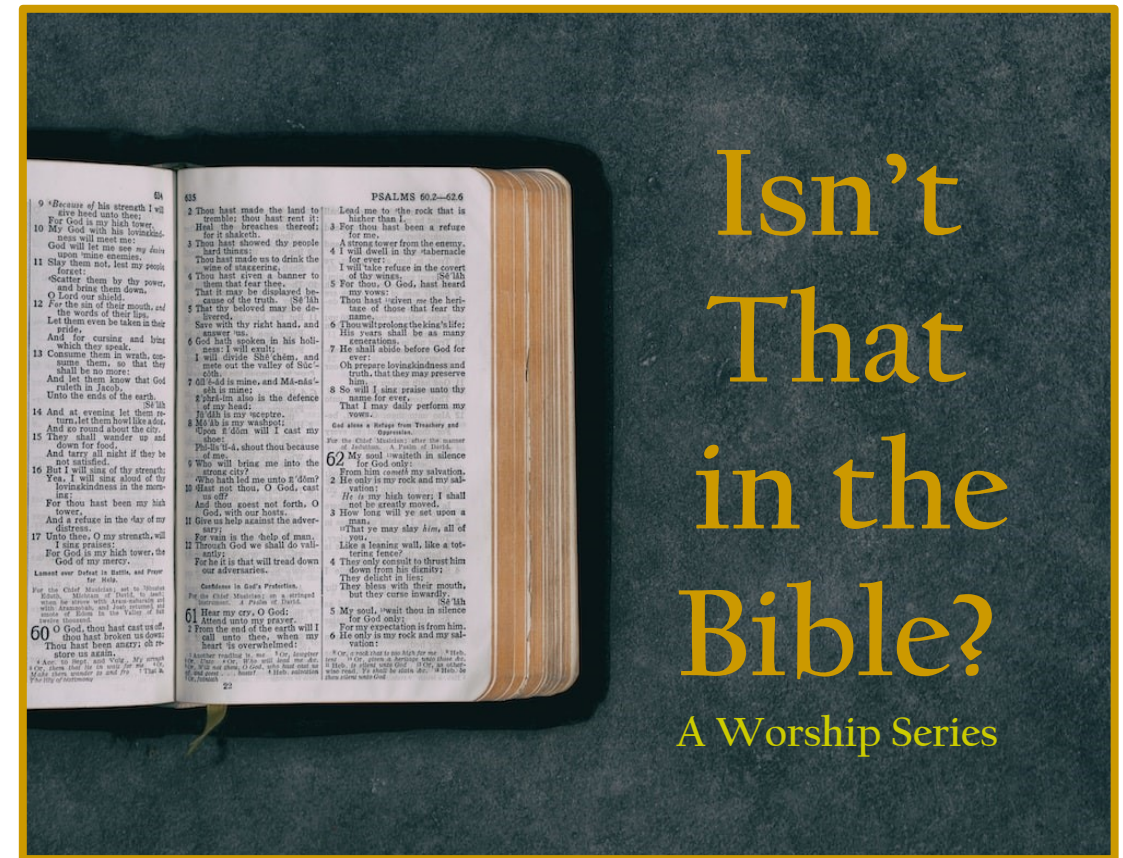
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Fellowship Hall & Community Room

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Mary Morris by Priscilla Barnett and Mary Ruth Sikes.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Claborn and Ann Bradfield on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by their Children and Grandchildren.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

SEPTEMBER 17, 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

“I Lift My Eyes to the Mountains on High”...arr. Randy Edwards

WELCOME (PSALM 121)

Kristen Mathis, leader

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps watch over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself watches over you;

The Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will preserve you from all evil; it is he who will keep you safe.

The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,

from this time on and forevermore.

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 345

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

A CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 407 (STANZA 1) “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 407 (STANZA 3)

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Aaron Lewis, lay reader

6 Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, 8 and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. 9 This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. 11 For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. 13 Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Children’s Choir

“Give Me Oil In My Lamp”...arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

HYMN OF SERVICE NO. 652

“Make Me a Servant”

(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

“Before You I Kneel”...arr. Mary McDonald

Before You I kneel, my Master and Maker, to offer the work of my hands.

For this is the day You’ve given Your servant; I will rejoice and be glad for the strength I have to live and breathe, for each skill Your grace has given me, For the needs and opportunities that will glorify Your great name.

Before You I kneel and ask for Your goodness to cover the work of my hands.

For patience and peace to shape all my labor, Your grace for thorns in my path.

Flow within me like a living stream, wear away the stones of pride and greed

‘Til Your ways are dwelling deep in me and a harvest of life is grown.

Before You we kneel, our Master and Maker; Establish the work of our hands.

And order our steps to seek first Your kingdom In every small and great task.

May we live the gospel of Your grace, serve Your purpose in our fleeting days,

Then our lives will bring eternal praise and all glory to Your great name.

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SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves?”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 43

“Grace Alone”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Tamara Tillman Smathers

ORGAN OFFERTORY

“The Master Hath Come”...arr. David Lowe

Meditation Text:

Grace is central to the Christian gospel. It is the undeserved work of God in our lives, the unmerited favor of God. Grace is not something we earn, buy, or work for. We cannot help ourselves into grace. We can only ask for and accept it. The essence of grace is that God helps those who cannot help themselves. -Adam Hamilton

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Smathers

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF COMMISSIONING

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving. Give me love in my heart, I pray.

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving. Keep me serving ‘til the break of day.

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King!

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”...arr. John W. Burson

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:

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