

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FAMILY WORSHIP

Today is the last Sunday of the month. These days are designated as “Family Worship” days and all children sit with their families. Nursery care is available for children four and younger. Children’s Worship will return next Sunday.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

There are several ways to financially support the ministries of First Baptist Church. You may place your offering in the offering plates during worship, mail in your contribution or give online through the church website or by using this QR code.



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*

Beverly Harris, *Pianist*

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Help meet the needs of the homeless and hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering. Please put this offering in an envelope and mark it “WORLD HUNGER” and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our youth with a basket at the exits following worship.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY GETTING AHEAD GRADUATION

Thursday, September 28 at 6 p.m. - Dining Room

We are excited to announce that the cohorts that have been meeting and working hard every Thursday since April 13 will graduate on September 28. We invite everyone who has made this possible through your support to join us as we celebrate the work of each individual. This is a huge step for each person as they begin building their future story.

CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, October 15 at 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Morrison Campground

Our annual church picnic returns to Morrison Campground. Come anytime after 3:00 p.m. “Georgia Grass,” the oldest bluegrass band in Georgia will begin playing at 4:00 p.m.; potluck supper served at 5:15 p.m. and a bluegrass vespers service will end our time together. Lots of fun for all ages is planned. Put it on your calendar and plan to bring friends!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite
5:45 p.m. Student Small Groups & Dinner - Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

FBC Serves Community Kitchen
3:00 p.m. Senior Adult Committee - Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner Served until 6:00 p.m. - 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 28

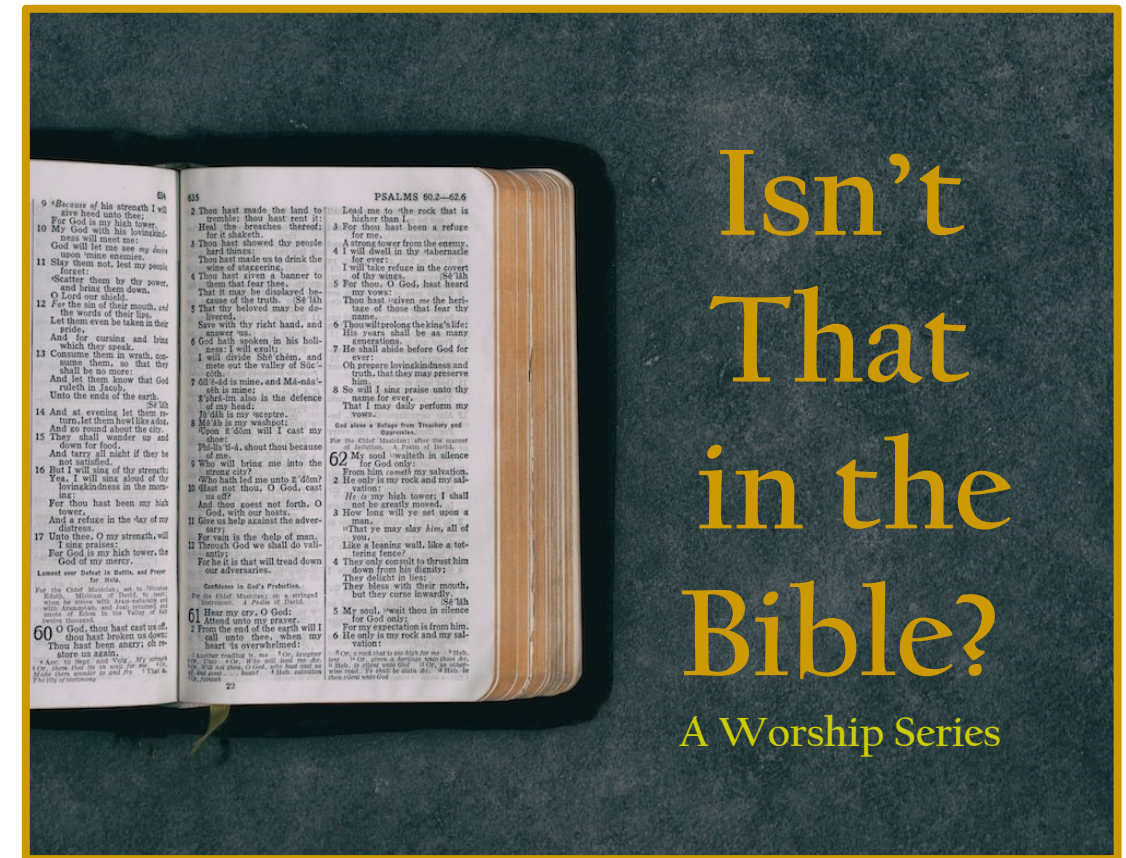
6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class Graduation - Dining Room

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

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harold Storey on what would have been his 101st birthday by Rena Storey and Family.

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

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

11:00 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 447

Sanctuary Choir

“We Are Raised to Newness of Life”

We are raised to newness of life. We have buried our sin and its shame; now we live through the power of His name. We are raised to newness of life.

INVOCATION

Tamara Tillman Smathers

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 449

“Baptized in Water”

THE COVENANT OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Led by the Spirit of God to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and having entered into the fellowship of the Spirit through His Church,

we, the members of the Church, prayerfully make this covenant with one another and with our Heavenly Father.

We respect all faith traditions, but we shall cherish our heritage as Baptist Christians.

We shall hold dear the principles of soul competency, the priesthood of all believers, the autonomy of the local Church, and the Bible as our trusted and authoritative guide in matters of faith and practice.

As a group of gathered believers, we understand ourselves to be a part of a family of faith.

Therefore, we shall love, forgive, admonish, encourage, serve, and pray for one another—always in the spirit of being sisters and brothers in Christ.

Jesus Christ shall be our model for living.

We recognize that none of us shall ever attain his perfection; yet, we shall always strive to grow in likeness of Him. His heart shall be our guide for the way we minister, organize ourselves, conduct our business, and treat others.

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ on earth; therefore, we are the hands of Christ.

Knowing this about ourselves, we shall be satisfied with nothing less than being leaders in Christian service. We can only accomplish this goal by serving more.

Our Master is our example. We know that we serve Christ himself when we minister to the least, the last, the lost, and the overlooked.

We believe that, on our own, we are not strong enough, wise enough, nor good enough to accomplish our mission as a Church. Therefore, we trust in God's strength, God's wisdom, and God's righteousness to empower us. Only through prayer do we accomplish our mission as a Church.

ORDINANCE OF BELIEVER'S BAPTISM Britney Vu, James Vu, candidates
(Please respond with "Amen" following each baptism.)

A CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been buried with Christ in baptism, in order that we might be raised to new life with him through faith in the power of God.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"How Firm a Foundation"...arr. Richard Walters
Emma Sprayberry, Music Ministry Intern

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

Gwen Stephens, reader

¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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. 625

"Standing on the Promises"

(Today is designated as a "Family Worship" day and all children sit with their families. Nursery care is available for children four and younger. Children's Worship will return next Sunday.)

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord's Prayer)

Kristen Mathis

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

"God Is Our Refuge"...arr. Allen Pote
(The text to this anthem is based on Psalm 46.)

God is our refuge and strength; A present help in times of trouble.
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
Though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of His people, in all the earth.

He is the Word, we are His hands, He will lead us;
He is the air, we are His song.

We will celebrate His presence all the day long.

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

"God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle?"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 629

"Be Strong in the Lord"

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Clara Taylor, lay leader

God, we have been made in Your image.

So, in Your generosity, make us generous.

In Your faithfulness, make us faithful.

We lay these gifts before Your son Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ORGAN OFFERTORY

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"...arr. Michael Burkhardt

Meditation Text:

As our prayer deepens into a constant awareness of God's goodness, the spirit of gratitude grows within us. Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gifts to be received and shared. Gratitude releases us from the bonds of obligation and prepares us to offer ourselves freely and fully for the work of the kingdom. -Henri J. M. Nouwen



THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Keith A. Reaves

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF COMMISSIONING NO. 447

"We Are Raised to Newness of Life"

We are raised to newness of life. We have buried our sin and its shame;
now we live through the power of His name. We are raised to newness of life.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Allegro" from Symphony No. 2...Charles-Marie Widor

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:
