



Deacon Ordination Service

Sunday, September 10 | 8:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

NEW DEACONS TO BE ORDAINED

Gayland Cooper
Mary Donahue
Betty Holland
Keith Phillips
Jeremy Salter
Ashley Smith
John Wilson

NEW DEACONS PREVIOUSLY ORDAINED

Rick Childs
Marty Willingham
Gary Yeager

RETURNING DEACONS

Tripp Bagby
Cindy Childs
Ashley Garner
David Strain

FILLING 2 YEAR VACANT TERM

Jennifer Bagby

NEW LIFE DEACONS

Marsha Colwell
Nina Lovel
John McClellan

FROM OUR PASTOR

IS N' T T H A T I N T H E B I B L E ?

How well do you know the Bible? If we are honest, we all know that there is always more to learn from the Bible than what we currently know. And if we take time to read the Bible carefully, we might be surprised to find some things that are **not** in the Bible. Some examples: “Spare the rod, spoil the child.” “Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.” “Cleanliness is next to Godliness.” Can you think of others?

We have to be careful. Why? Because words that sound biblical but are not biblical can powerfully shape our *mis*understanding of God. And when we say and believe things about God that are not true, we can sow distrust of God within ourselves and among other people.

Let's take some time over the next three Sundays in our worship series—*Isn't That in the Bible?*—to consider three very popular but unbiblical statements:

- Sep 10 – *Everything Happens for a Reason?*
- Sep 17 – *God Helps Those Who Help Themselves?*
- Sep 24 – *God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle?*

All of these sound biblical, but they are not. The good news is that there are teachings in the Bible that help us to understand God more authentically and honestly than what these popular statements assert. I look forward to exploring these teachings with you.

Your pastor and friend,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

LUNCH & LEARN

We will have a Lunch & Learn about baptism on Sunday, September 10 from 12 to 1:30 p.m., following worship in the Children's Church Room. Lunch is provided, but you must RSVP. This is for anyone 2nd-6th grade who has not yet made a profession of faith. We will ask questions, have hands-on activities, and learn the "what" & "why" of baptism.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir, led by Keith, will sing in worship September 17, so make sure your 2nd-5th grader will be there!

PLANNING AHEAD: Be sure to mark your calendars for our church-wide picnic & fall festival on October 15. Pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, & more!



COLLIDE MIDLERS (5TH-7TH GRADE)

T-SHIRTS ARE COMING

Your middlers have voted, and the winning T-shirt design has been chosen! Please get sizes to Kristen by September 15. Cost will be \$10 cash or check given to Kristen or brought to the church office.

STUDENT NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - Choir Practice @ 12 | Small Groups CHOSEN - THE MEEK

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13 - FBC Student Gathering- Current Series- *Who I Am In Christ*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - Choir Practice @ 12 | Small Groups TOGETHER -River Day

STUDENT SMALL GROUP SUPPER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As our small groups resume, we are in need of volunteers to provide a meal for our students and group leaders on Sunday evenings. If you are unable to prepare a meal, you can still help by making a financial contribution. If you have questions or need further information, contact Nick Georgian or Karen Garrett in the church office. To sign up and learn more details, click on the QR Code.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Monday morning Women's Bible study will start meeting on September 11. Join us at 10 a.m. in the Dining Room as we gather around tables 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual Church Picnic returns to Morrison Campground on Sunday, October 15. Come anytime after 3 p.m. "Georgia Grass," the oldest bluegrass band in Georgia will begin playing at 4 p.m.; covered dish supper served at 5 p.m. and a vespers service will end our time together. Lots of fun for all ages is planned. Put in on your calendar and plan to bring friends!

"BEAUTIFUL" THE MUSICAL

See former FBC Music Intern Bethany Irby star as Carole King in this musical that chronicles the inspiring, true story of King's journey from teenage songwriter to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. This Tony and Grammy-award winning show features hits like "You've Got a Friend," "One Fine Day," "I Feel the Earth Move," and many more. The show is September 14 at the Aurora theater in Lawrenceville. Price is \$50 per person and includes premium seating and transportation. We will depart at 5:30 p.m. and will not stop for dinner. Sign up by calling Karen in the church office or see Keith Reaves for more information. Tickets are going quickly!



With the Youth Choir beginning rehearsals following worship on September 10, all of our groups are in full swing. If you are interested in becoming a part of any group (there is one for all ages and abilities!) contact Keith Reaves.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Regular rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

ALL CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Regular rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

YOUTH CHOIR

Resumes immediately following worship September 10.

FIRST BAPTIST RINGERS

Regular rehearsals are Mondays at 5:15 p.m.

MEN'S MINISTRY

FBC MEN'S STEAK DINNER

Join us Thursday, September 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we relaunch our Men's Ministry and share time around the table! We will enjoy a delicious steak dinner and share ideas and plans for the fall as we seek to grow in the likeness of Jesus and be His hands in our community! All men are invited so please invite a friend and spread the word. The dinner is \$15 per person and an RSVP is needed by Monday, September 18. Scan the QR Code to sign up. You may also sign up on the FBC webpage! If you have any questions or would like to know more details, please contact Nick Georgian or Jack Smith.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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EXTENDED FAMILY

HILDRED THOMPSON

has been a member of FBC since July 29, 1990. She has served on several committees, has been a member of the Joy/Friendship Sunday School class, and is now in Bible Study via ZOOM with the Conundrums. Hildred resides at Renaissance Marquis where she enjoys meeting people and participating in activities there.



MISSIONS

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY GETTING AHEAD GRADUATION

We are excited to announce that the cohort that has been meeting and working hard every Thursday since April 13 will graduate on September 28! The graduation will be held in the FBC Dining Room at 6:00 pm. We invite all our Bridges Life Coaches, 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. Please RSVP to bridgesoutofpovertyrome@gmail.com, Marty Willingham or Keith Phillips no later than September 25.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are still in need of 3 female Life Coaches to match up with our upcoming Getting Ahead graduates. Also, we are expanding our Bridges Committee to support our Getting Ahead programs and the relaunch of the Bridges Community initiative. If you are interested in serving or would like to learn more please contact Nick Georgian or Keith Phillips.



SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 10, 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 for Sunday, September 10, 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 their granddaughter, Elizabeth Morris by Betty Zane Morris.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 17, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Mary Morris by the Morris family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 17, 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR September 9 - September 22

Saturday, September 9

Minister on Call

Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, September 10

Deacon Ordination	8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Adult Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel	
Vote on Budget	12:00 pm
Youth Choir, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Youth Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Getting Ready for Baptism Class, Rm. 210	12:00 pm
Student Small Groups, F.H.	5:45 pm
Student Dinner, F.H.	6:00 pm

Monday, September 11

Women's Bible Study Group, Dining Rm.	10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group, Dining Rm.	11:30 am
Finance Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite	4:45 pm
Deacons' Meeting, F.H.	5:30 pm

Wednesday, September 13

Family Night Dinner Served	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Prayer Time	6:00 pm
Jesus' Parables in Matthew 13, Dining Rm.	6:15 pm
Living Your Strengths Seminar, Comm. Rm.	6:15 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Student Room Opens	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.	6:45 pm
Student Discipleship	7:00 pm
Student Prayer & Hang Out, Student Rm.	7:45 pm

Thursday, September 14

Weekday Preschool Teddy Bear Picnic	9:00 am
Health Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Trip to "Beautiful" Musical Departs	5:30 pm
Bridges Out of Poverty Class, F.H. & Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm

Saturday, September 16

Minister on Call

David Brooks 252.916.7174

Sunday, September 17

Adult Faith Formation, Conf. Rm.	8:30 am
Extended Family Ministry Team, Parlor	8:30 am
Missions Committee, 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 Gather, F.H.	5:45 pm
Student Dinner & Student Small Groups, F.H.	6:00 pm

Monday, September 18

No Weekday Preschool Classes	
Women's Bible Study, Dining Rm.	10:00 am
Women of the Church Book Group, Dining Rm.	1:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite	5:15 pm

Wednesday, September 20

Family Night Dinner Served	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Prayer Time	6:00 pm
Jesus' Parables in Matthew 13, Dining Rm.	6:15 pm
Living Your Strengths Seminar, Comm. Rm.	6:15 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Student Room Opens	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.	6:45 pm
Student Discipleship	7:00 pm
Student Prayer & Hang Out, Student Rm.	7:45 pm

Thursday, September 21

Bridges Out of Poverty, F.H. & Comm. Rm.

6:00 pm

THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 10

DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE - 8:30 A.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
WORSHIP SERIES: *Isn't That in the Bible?*
SERMON: "Everything Happens for a Reason?"
PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks
SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Romans 8:28-30
ANTHEM: *It Is Well with My Soul...* arr. Mark Hayes
PARENT CHILD DEDICATION FOR PENCE FAMILY
VOTING ON CHURCH BUDGET
ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:
<https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

SEPTEMBER 13

Mixed Green Salad

Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Buttered Beans

Strawberry Pie

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Hamburgers & Chips

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141

NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 17

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *Isn't That in the Bible?*
SERMON: "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves?"
PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks
SCRIPTURE: Psalm 121; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13
ANTHEM: *Before You I Kneel...*
arr. Mary McDonald
SPECIAL MUSIC: Children's Choir

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

SEPTEMBER 20

Spinach Salad

Baked Chicken with Rosemary

Roasted Quartered New Potatoes

Glazed Carrots

Cherry Cobbler

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Chicken Fingers & Chips

MINISTER ON CALL:

David Brooks 252.916.7174

THE SPIRE

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VIA WWW.FBCROME.COM

ADULT CHOICES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEMINARS

NOW - OCTOBER 11



"THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE..."

JESUS' PARABLES IN MATTHEW 13

Led by David Brooks in the Dining Room

Sep 13	The Parable of the Wheat & Weeds	Matt 13:24-30, 36-43
Sep 20	The Parable of the Mustard Seed	Matt 13:31-32
Sep 27	The Parable of the Yeast	Matt 13:33
Oct 4	The Parables of the Treasure & Pearl	Matt 13:44-46
Oct 11	The Parable of the Net	Matt 13:47-50



LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS IN DISCIPLESHIP

Led by Tamara Smathers in the Community Room

Using the CliftonStrengths assessment, we will discover our God-given talents, and work to discern how to combine our talents, knowledge, and experience into joy-filled service. Registration is required ahead of time. Please contact Tamara Smathers with any questions or to sign up.

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