

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.

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 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

CHURCH PICNIC | Today at 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Morrison Campground

Come anytime after 3:00 p.m. Live bluegrass music will begin at 4:00 p.m.; potluck supper served at 5:15 p.m. and a bluegrass vespers service is planned to end our time together. Fun for all ages!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY | THE JOURNEY: WALKING THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

October 18 through November 16 at 6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Led by David Brooks, this opportunity to prepare your heart, soul, and mind for Christmas is based on Adam Hamilton's book, *The Journey*. Reading the book is not required for participation, but if you would like a copy of the book, they are available for \$13 in the church office.

FAITH TALKS | "My Life Verse and How to Identify Yours"

Sunday, October 29 - 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

All adults join together for fellowship and enrichment.

SENIOR ADULT FALL FOLIAGE TRIP | Thursday, November 2, Departing at 10:15 a.m.

We will have lunch at the Pink Pig in Cherry Log and do some apple shopping at Panorama Orchards in Ellijay and enjoy some fall foliage, as well! Cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch and transportation. Your payment is your reservation and is due by Monday, October 30. Contact Keith Reaves with questions.

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

Do you have a relationship with a family in our community who has unmet needs? One goal for Hands of Christ Christmas is to learn about those families, and then combine our resources to support them at Christmas and throughout the coming year. The family submission sign up will be available Wednesday, October 18. Contact Kate Barron or Amy Cox to learn more.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:30 a.m. Missions Committee - Conference Room
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
3:00 p.m. Church Picnic - Morrison Campground

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
11:30 a.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Dining Room
5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

4:00 p.m. Flu Vaccination Clinic - Parlor
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 grade) - The Rock
6:00 p.m. Prayer Time & Adult Seminar - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Children's Missions & Collide Missions (5th through 7th grade)
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite
Student Discipleship & Prayer Time - Student Room

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

4:00 p.m. Three Rivers Singers Concert - Sanctuary

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Higgins by Len and Marty Willingham, Chad and Hanna Willingham, Johanna Willingham and Tripp, Jennifer, Will and Chandler Bagby.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Grace Kelly and Margaret Flowers by Lynn and Vicki Whatley.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

OCTOBER 15, 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

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"...arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Joan Hill

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (James 1:17-18)

Nick Georgian

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

In fulfillment of His own purpose He gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of His creatures.

Let us worship our generous Creator in Spirit and in Truth.

Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 341

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

A COVENANT OF DEDICATION FOR HANNAH MARIE WALTERS AND HER PARENTS, ANDREW AND NATALIE WALTERS

HANNAH'S LIFE VERSE:

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. —Psalm 139:13-14

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Minister: The Lord has blessed Andrew and Natalie with the gift of a daughter. We welcome Hannah in the same spirit that God welcomes us, God's children. We give thanks for all of our children and the joy they bring to our families. Andrew and Natalie, do you present Hannah for dedication, and in doing so declare your intent to raise her in an environment of Christian faith and love?

Parents: We do.

Minister: To Hannah's family gathered with us, will you freely give of yourselves to Hannah, nurturing her and walking alongside Andrew and Natalie as they seek to teach her to walk in the way of Jesus?

Family: We will.

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

People: We will.

BLESSING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:26-31

David Brooks, reader

God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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 CREATION NO. 19

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

(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

"Lord of the Small" ...arr. Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,
who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street,
who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,
who girds them with courage and lends them his aid;
He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak
that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,
who heals their afflictions, or carries them till they leave this tired frame
and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die.

Praise Him, O praise Him, all ye who yet live,
who've been given so much and can so little give,
our frail, lisping praise God will never despise:
He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

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SERMON

Rev. Brooks

"The Generosity of God"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 60

"Like A River Glorious"

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY/PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Bobby Jones

PIANO OFFERTORY

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" ...arr. Don Phillips

Meditation Text:

Because humankind is created in God's image, we are created to be generous as God is generous. God created us to reflect God's own generosity and to participate in God's generosity. At our very essence, we are designed for giving. It is part of our spiritual DNA.

-Lovett H. Weems, Jr. and Ann A. Michel



THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Keith A. Reaves

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF COMMISSIONING NO. 665 (Stanza 1)

Because I have been given much, I, too, must give;
because of Thy great bounty, Lord, each day I live,
I shall divide my gifts from Thee with every person that I see
who has the need of help from me.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Brilliant" ...Robert J. Hughes

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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