

## 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

### 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.

### FAITHTALKS | "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 | Now through Wednesday, November 1

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 form is available by scanning the QR Code. Contact Kate Barron or Amy Cox to learn more.



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Ministry Committee - Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite  
Guest Lunch and Learn - Dining Room
- 5:45 p.m. Student Small Groups & Dinner - Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 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 Seminar - Fellowship Hall
- 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, OCTOBER 26

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George and Natalie Reynolds on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by the Reynolds family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David T. Brown by Ann Brown Ryan and children.

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# MORE THAN ENOUGH





# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

OCTOBER 22, 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

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”...arr. Hal H. Hopson

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as Thou didst break the bread beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord. My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.

### WELCOME

Kristen Mathis

### HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 576

“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”

### A CALL TO CONFESSION

Katy Smith

“I’m Just a Child”...Ed Seabough/Terry Kirkland

I’m just a child and I haven’t got much, but whatever I have I give it to You, Lord.  
I’m just a child and I haven’t got much, but whatever I have I give it all to You.

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### A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 35 (Stanza 2)

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

### READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 6:1-13

Lauren Sklar, Deacon, reader

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

<sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.”

<sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.”

Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

<sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

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.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Iley Barnes, Music Ministry Intern

“Softly and Tenderly”...Raymond Brown

### HYMN OF GRATITUDE NO. 572

“He’s Done So Much for Me”

(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

“I’d Rather Have Jesus”...arr. Mary McDonald

(This anthem is donated to the glory of God and in memory of Ann Baskin and in honor of Dr. Joe Baskin on the occasion of his 90th birthday, by Dr. Kathy Richardson.)

I’d rather have Jesus than silver or gold; I’d rather be His than have riches untold;  
I’d rather have Jesus than houses or land. I’d rather be led by His nail-pierced hand

*Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin’s dread sway;*

*I’d rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.*

I’d rather have Jesus than men’s applause; I’d rather be faithful to His dear cause;  
I’d rather have Jesus than worldwide fame; I’d rather be true to His holy name

He’s fairer than lilies of rarest bloom; He’s sweeter than honey from out the comb;  
He’s all that my hungering spirit needs; I’d rather have Jesus and let Him lead

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### SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“From Scarcity to Generosity”

### HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 598

“Jesus Is the Song”

(Those desiring to join the church, to make a public profession of faith, or to share other decisions may come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

### STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY/PRAYER

Clyde and Catherine McDonald

### ORGAN OFFERTORY

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”...arr. Gilbert Martin

Meditation Text:

Scarcity says there is never enough. Abundance says God has already given us everything we really need. Scarcity says the glass is always half empty.

Abundance says our cup is overflowing. -Lovett H. Weems, Jr. and Ann A. Michel



### THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Nick Georgian

### AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

### PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

### HYMN OF COMMISSIONING NO. 665 (Stanza 2)

Because I have been sheltered, fed, by Thy good care,  
I cannot see another’s lack and I not share  
my glowing fire, my loaf of bread, my roof’s safe shelter over head,  
that they too may be comforted.

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues”...arr. Paul Manz

## 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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October 22, 2023