

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 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 BIBLE STUDY | THE JOURNEY: WALKING THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

Wednesdays 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, books are available for \$13 in the church office.

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 29

- 8:30 a.m. Finance Committee - Conference Room
Youth Committee - Dining Room
- 9:45 a.m. FaithTalks (All Adults) - Fellowship Hall
Children’s and Youth Sunday Bible Study
Youth and Children’s Choirs Rehearse - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:45 p.m. Student Dinner & Halloween Bash

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study - Dining Room
- 5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee - Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 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, NOVEMBER 2

- 10:15 a.m. Sr. Adults Depart for Fall Foliage & Apple Trip

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 12:00 p.m. Properties Committee - Conference Room

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dewey Jowers and in honor of Jerrie Jowers on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by the Sklar family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Trixie and Dee Couch by Patsy and Jere Drummond.



MORE THAN ENOUGH



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

OCTOBER 29, 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

“Kum Ba Ya” ...arr. Michael Helman First Baptist Ringers

WELCOME

Tamara Tillman Smathers

Come with sounds of thankful praise;
Come with joyful singing!
Let every heart and voice be raised,
Sing a joyful song!

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 310

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

A CALL TO CONFESSION

David Brooks, leader

Christ, our Lord, with our mouths we claim You as Lord;
but with our actions sometimes we betray that claim.
Forgive us, Lord, and by the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us to be more faithful
and to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
Lord, hear our prayers:

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Youth Choir/Children’s Choir

“Jesus, Strong and Kind”... Thompson/Buchanan /Farren /Robinson

Jesus said that if I thirst I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy I should come to Him.
Jesus said, if I am weak I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength I should come to Him.

Refrain:
For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus: Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield I should come to Him.

Jesus said, if I am lost He will come to me.
And He showed me on that cross He will come to me.

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READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Luke 21: 1-4

Stephanie Lewis, Deacon, reader

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; ² he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them, ⁴ for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”

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 STEWARDSHIP (NETTLETON) “Giving God, We Pause and Wonder”

Giving God, we pause and wonder: What would happen if we tithed --
If we gave our gifts, Creator, hearts and hands all opened wide?
We might learn, by gladly sharing, not to trust in things we own
but to risk-- it's part of caring-- and to trust in You alone.

We could do abundant mission, sharing Christ who claims and frees.
We could reach out with new vision in creative ministries.
As we gladly shared your blessings, then the world might want to know:
“See! How loving are those Christians! Who's the One who makes them so?”

God, we know we cannot pay You for Your love in Christ, Your Son.
Gifts and tithes are just a “thank you” -- ways to pass your blessings on.
We have learned that, in our sharing, we receive more than we give.
By Your Spirit, make us daring in this joyful way to live.

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MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord’s Prayer)

Nick Georgian

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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ...arr. Robert Sterling
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 319.)

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“How Much Should I Give?”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 672

“All Things Are Yours”

(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

Dr. Bert Vaughn

OFFERTORY

First Baptist Ringers/Beverly Harris

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” ...arr. Joel Raney

(Please use this time to return your pledge cards for the upcoming budget year.)

Meditation Text:
People often say that if we had more income we would give more to the support God's work through the church. However, the truth is that it is not the amount of money in our wallets that determine our giving but the amount of gratitude in our hearts which determines how much we give to support God's work. -Kent Millard



THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Smathers

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF COMMISSIONING NO. 665 (Stanza 3)

Because love has been lavished so upon me, Lord,
a wealth I know that was not meant for me to hoard,
I shall give love to those in need, shall show that love by word and deed:
Thus shall my thanks be thanks indeed.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“And Can It Be?” ...arr. Anna Laura Page

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:

October 29, 2023