

WELCOME!

We are honored you have joined us in worship. Please fill out the information request below and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister. We promise to use it only to contact you about our church.

This is my (our)...

First visit to First Baptist Church
 Second (+) visit

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.

I would like to talk with a minister.

I would like to know how to become a Christian.

I am interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Church.

I am a guest of:

April 7, 2024

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

NO CHILDREN OR STUDENT MINISTRY ACTIVITIES | Wednesday, April 10

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS

- ◆ April 10 - Immokalee Mission Report (6 p.m.)
- ◆ April 17 - Children's Choirs | Missions Spring Program (6:15 p.m.)
- ◆ April 24 - Bible Study & Church Conference (6 p.m.)

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY - SUCCESS COACH ORIENTATION

Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to Noon | Dining Room

Bridges Out of Poverty is seeking volunteers to serve as Success Coaches for the graduates of the current Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World program. Orientation is Saturday, April 20 in the Dining Room from 10:00 a.m. - noon. All current coaches are welcome to join and share stories. Please contact Keith Phillips with questions.

MEN'S MINISTRY STEAK DINNER | Tuesday, April 23, 6 p.m. - FH

Enjoy good food and fellowship and a presentation from our very own Robert Hortman Jr. Dinner is \$15 per person. RSVP by Wednesday, April 17. Please bring a friend with you! Sign up by scanning the QR Code or by visiting the church website. Should you have questions please contact Nick Georgian or Jack Smith.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 7

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, April 8

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
- 11:30 a.m. Ruble Whitworth Mission Group - Dining Room
- 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry - Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
- 5:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting /Dinner - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 10

- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Immokalee, Florida Mission Report
No Activities for Children and Youth
- 6:45 p.m. Prayer Time - Fellowship Hall
Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

Thursday, April 11

- 6:00 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Fellowship Hall & Community Room

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Hill, by Joan Hill and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Clara Ann Mattingly on the occasion of her birthday, by Dee and Molly Yancey and Mitzi Breen.



FBC Goal: \$45,000
Given to Date: \$40,081.47

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

April 7, 2024

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

Kim Tunnell, piano
"There Is A Name I Love to Hear"arr. Thompson/Braman

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We have not seen the risen Christ,

but we see Him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

but we have seen Him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

but we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

Risen Lord, accept our heartfelt worship!

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 210

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are often skeptical people, driven by our senses, relying on that which we can hear, see or prove.

Our Lord asks us to see the invisible, to trust in the spirit, to have faith. Lord, give us faith!

Sometimes we get carried away by our emotions, by wishful thinking and by popular trends that pull us in.

Lord, help us to be bold in our beliefs, but also careful as Thomas was. Move us beyond mere trust in ordinary things and open our eyes for spiritual realities.

Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Lord, help our unbelief and hear our prayers...

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 208

He is Lord, He is Lord!

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

“He Is Lord”

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

Jennifer Collins, Deacon, reader

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”

²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Emma Allen, Music Ministry Intern

“Show Us Christ” ...Doug Plank/Bob Kauflin

HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION NO. 622

“He Lives”

(Children through fourth grade are invited to 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

“A Jubilant Song” ...Allen Pote
(The text for this anthem is based on Psalms 90 and 96.)

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.

Rejoice and sing and let the earth rejoice.

Let the heavens be filled with joy and a jubilant song.

Sing alleluia to the Lord. Tell of His salvation from day to day.

Shout His marvelous works among the people,

for great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born,

from age to age you are God,

and we pray for the coming of your Kingdom.

We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives!

SERMON

Nick Georgian

“Life Beyond the Tomb”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 188

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Sam Twente

PIANO OFFERTORY

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” ... arr. Roger Summers

Meditation Text:

Never worry about your questions

Never fear your unknowns

Never tame your explorations

And

Never rest

In your quest for faith.

—Jenny Bridgman

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Keith A. Reaves

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 501 (Stanza 1)

“I Am Resolved”

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Postlude in C” ...Arthur Foote

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*