

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:

June 30, 2024

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Please contribute to the monthly hunger offering, which we receive on the last Sunday of every month. Mark an offering envelope with "WORLD HUNGER" and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the ministers or ushers as you depart worship. Our gifts support CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH THIS SUMMER

As you plan vacations and summer travel, please remember the option of setting up your church contributions as "automatic drafts" through your bank or through "Online Giving" on the church's website. If you need help learning how to do this, please feel free to contact the church office or your financial institution.

STUDENT MINISTRY | UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Friday, July 1-3: Service Week benefitting the Davies Shelter & Habitat, at Advent Health Stadium from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, July 8: Mystery Lunch - Let's meet in the church lobby outside the office at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Wednesday through Saturday, July 10-13: M28 Youth Camp - Lake Junaluska, NC. We leave at noon and return home on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4, and Friday, July 5.

WEDDING SHOWER FOR CAROLINE BROOKS | July 13, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The shower will be in the church dining room. Everyone is invited to attend. The couple is registered online at The Knot.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 30

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

Monday, July 1

5:00 p.m. Student Service Week - Advent Health Stadium

Tuesday, July 2

5:00 p.m. Student Service Week - Advent Health Stadium

Wednesday, July 3

5:00 p.m. Student Service Week - Advent Health Stadium

Thursday, July 4

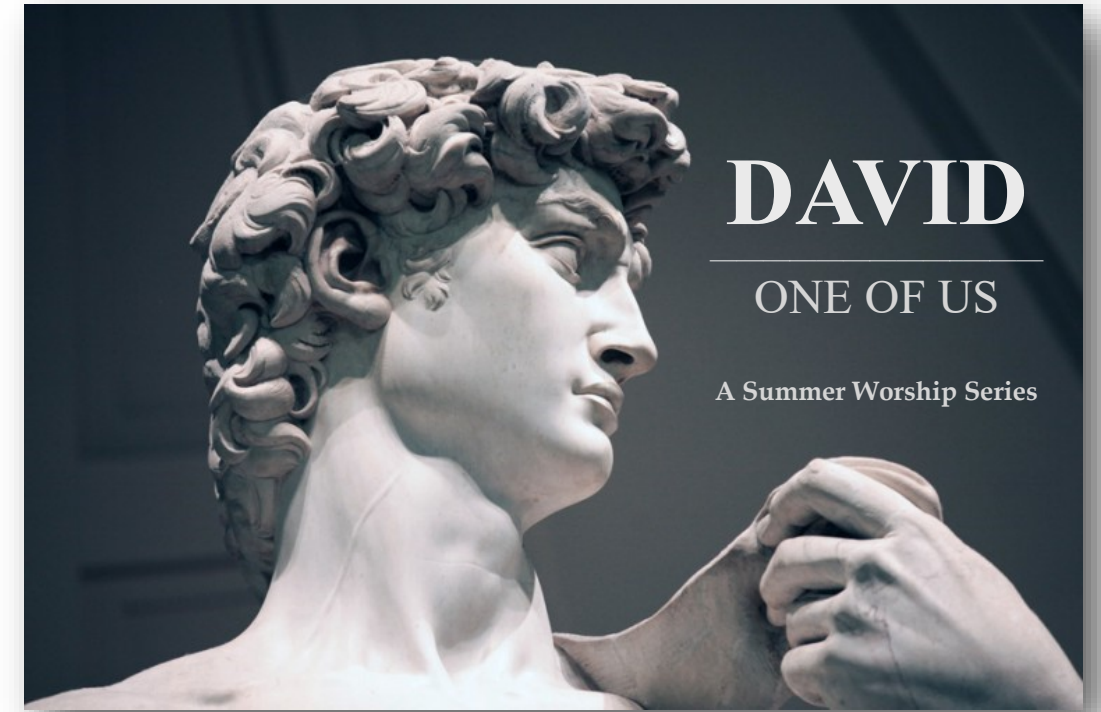
Church Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day

Friday, July 5

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The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of Beverly (Mimi) Harris by Bob, children and grandchildren.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al Briley on the occasion of his birthday by Ansley and Dean Saville and family.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

JUNE 30, 2024

11:00 A.M.

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN CALL TO WORSHIP

"Morning Has Broken"...arr. Kristina Langlois

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Brooks

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 62

"God of Our Fathers"

CALL TO CONFESSION

God takes broken promises and turns them into vows of faithfulness.

God takes our biggest failings and shapes lives of service.

God listens to our prayers of confession and changes them into songs of mercy.

Let us come to the One who pours forgiveness into our lives. . .

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Through Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Nick Georgian, reader

¹The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”

²Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”

⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem.

The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.”

And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the LORD.”

⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel.

He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.”

¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.”

¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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 PRESENCE NO. 383

“Near to the Heart of God”

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

“Walk Worthy”...arr. Joseph Martin

Kim Tunnell, Music Ministry Associate, conductor

Walk worthy of the Lord.

Come give your heart to Christ.

Live always bearing fruit for Him. Live strengthened by His might.

Walk worthy of the Lord. All power to His name.

Give Him glory, give him honor, walk worthy of the Lord.

Blessed is the one, the one who trusts in God,

For he is like a tree planted by a stream.

SERMON

David Brooks

“The Heart is What Matters”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 494

“Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord”

(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.)

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Kristen Mathis

Gracious God, the owner of all things, we pause in reverence, acknowledging that everything we possess ultimately belongs to You.

Help us to embrace the responsibility and privilege of managing

Your blessings with diligence and integrity.

Remind us of the sacred trust You have placed in our hands, encouraging us to use Your resources faithfully for the expansion of Your kingdom.

In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

ORGAN OFFERTORY

“I Need Thee Every Hour”... arr. Jason Payne

Meditation Text:

Faith is a new way of seeing, as if by X-ray, not fooled by the surface of things, but looking deeper, never gawking over the superficialities the world panders to, but sensitive only to love, caring about what is of eternal significance.

-James C. Howell

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Mathis

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS**PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE****COMMISSIONING HYMN NO. 494**

Here am I, send me, Lord, here am I send me, Lord,
make my life useful to Thee; here am I, send me, Lord,
here am I, send me, Lord, make my life useful to Thee.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”...arr. Paul Manz

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*
(currently on sabbatical leave)

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*