

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:

August 4, 2024

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

INTRODUCING THE *e-SPiRE* | A New Weekly Online Newsletter

The *e-Spire* is sent out by email every Friday to subscribers. It is interactive and a great way to stay informed. To subscribe, scan this QR code or send an email to our Director of Communications, April Lucas, at commdir@fbcrome.org.



DEACON-LED MINISTRY TEAMS: THE HOSPITAL CARE TEAM

Our focus today is on our the Hospital Care Team, led by deacons Cindy Childs and David Strain. Other members of the team include Gary Barton, Roger Goss, Laurie Jones, Bobby Keith and Gary Yeager. After hearing the presentation at the close of worship, if you would like to be a part of this team, please talk with one of these team members or sign up at the table in the narthex following worship.

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME

The Sanctuary Choir resumes rehearsals Wednesday, August 7 at 5:30 p.m. with a covered dish dinner in the Dining Room. After dinner (around 6:30 p.m.) we will rehearse music for the fall (and maybe even sing some Christmas music!) Regularly scheduled Wednesday rehearsals at 6:45 p.m. will resume August 14. This is a great time to join the choir! Contact Keith Reaves with questions.

STUDENT MINISTRY LAKE DAY | Saturday, August 10

This will be a fun day as we close out the summer and celebrate a new school year! We will be at Bobby and Cheryl Keith's lake house on Weiss Lake! Sign up by using the QR code. For more information please contact Nick Georgian.



WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT KICKOFF

- Family Night Dinner resumes on August 14.
- Family Night Dinner and regularly scheduled activities resume on August 21.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 4

9:45 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, August 7

5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Potluck & First Fall Rehearsal

Thursday, August 8

12:15 p.m. Weekday Preschool Meet the Teacher

Saturday, August 10

10:00 a.m. Student Ministry Lake Day at Weiss Lake

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and provided by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory Ann Roebuck on the occasion of her birthday by Floyd Roebuck.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

AUGUST 4, 2024

11:00 A.M.

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Grace Alone" ...arr. Michael Evers

Grace alone, which God supplies,
strength unknown He will provide,
Christ in us, our Cornerstone;
we will go forth in grace alone.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Kristen Mathis

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 340

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Compassionate One, like David, it is not easy for us to confront those deeds that do not please You. We are so intent on indulging our appetites and our thirsts, we cannot taste that Bread which gives life. We spend so much of our lives bemoaning the acts of others, we have no time to look in the mirror.

Forgive us, Steadfast Love. Create new hearts within us, so they might beat as one with each other, and with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear our prayers:

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sanctuary Choir

“The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune”...arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Stephan Wadsack, trumpet

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell; Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord, our God, is good; His mercy is forever sure;
His truth all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

David Brooks, reader

²⁶When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, ¹²¹and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him,

“There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him.

⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.”

⁵Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity.”

⁷Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in broad daylight. ¹²For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and in broad daylight.” ¹³David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

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.

(Children ages four through fourth grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

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.

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“It’s All About You”

ORDINANCE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

As we observe the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper the bread (all of the bread is gluten-free) will be passed to the entire congregation and we will eat it together when the pastor indicates.

Next, the cup will be taken in the same way.

The table set before us is not the property of our church; it is the Lord’s table.

We invite all who call Jesus “Lord” to join us.

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 43

“Grace Alone”

(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

Tamara Tillman Smathers

TRUMPET/ORGAN OFFERTORY

“Festival Prelude on THAXTED”... arr. David Howard Pettit

Meditation Text:

Let my heart be broken with the things that break God’s heart.

—Bob Pierce

DEACON-LED MINISTRY TEAMS

The Hospital Care Team

Co-leaders: Cindy Childs, David Strain

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Smathers

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE TO VOTE ON DEACONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMISSIONING HYMN

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From man and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Salvation Upon Us Has Come”...David Cherwien

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.

DEACON BALLOT 2024-25

The following individuals have been nominated by the Deacon Nominating Committee to serve as Deacons. Church members, please vote for fourteen (14) persons. If you would like to write in another name or names, please strike one nominee for each person you write in.

- 1. Danny Alexander (Returning)
- 2. Jeff Brooks (Returning)
- 3. Joe Burch (Returning)
- 4. Jennie Cook (Returning)
- 5. Andy Davis (Returning)
- 6. Terry Dollar (Returning)
- 7. Eddie Evans (Returning)
- 8. Chris Jackson (Returning)
- 9. Bruce Jones (Returning)
- 10. Jordan Knight (Returning)
- 11. Scott Smith (Returning)
- 12. Bill Weidemann (Returning)
- 13. Anne Paige Wilson (New, to be ordained)
- 14. Bob Layfield (New, previously ordained)

Write In: _____

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*