

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:

November 10, 2024

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

MEN'S MINISTRY GOLF OUTING | LIL MOLE RUN

Join the men on a golf outing to Lil Mole Run in Mentone Friday, November 15. Enjoy a lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers at noon, and tee off at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$35. Call the church by tomorrow, November 11, to sign up. For more information call Ernie Smith at 706.346.1956 or Jack Smith at 706.767.1486.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDSGIVING BRUNCH | This Saturday, November 16 | 10:30 a.m.

Please join us for a Friendsgiving Brunch at Blossom Hill BBQ. We look forward to our fellowship!

CBF MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT | Wednesday, November 20 | 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we host Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel Jade and Shelah Acker. Adults, Youth, and Collide groups will meet in our Fellowship Hall from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., instead of meeting for their regular evening activities. A Missions Marketplace will be set up in the Dining Room before and after our time with Jade and Shelah.

DEACON-SPONSORED THANKSGIVING DINNER | Sunday, November 24 | 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a scrumptious Deacon sponsored Thanksgiving meal in the Fellowship Hall. A Thanksgiving service will follow in the Sanctuary.

26TH ANNUAL "CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST" | Sunday, December 8 | 4:00 p.m.

Featuring our Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Youth Choir, Children's Choir and First Baptist Ringers

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 10

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Deacon-led Connections Team - Conference Room
Youth Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite
12:30 p.m. Youth Choir Lunch - Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm. Youth Choir Extended Rehearsal - Choir Suite

Monday, November 11

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 Meeting - Conference Room
2:00 p.m. History Committee - Conference Room
4:45 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite
5:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 13

4:00 p.m. FBC Foundation Board Meeting - Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
6:00 p.m. Adult Seminars - Fellowship Hall
Student Ministry Activities & Discipleship - Student Room
6:30 p.m. Children's and Collide Missions
6:45 p.m. Prayer Time - Fellowship Hall
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

Thursday, November 14

6:00 p.m. Bridges Getting Ahead Class - Community Room

Saturday, November 16

10:30 a.m. Young Adult Friendsgiving Brunch - Blossom Hill BBQ

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 loving memory of Palmer and Chapman Marion by Jason and Margaret Marion, Blythe and Archer.

The logo features the word "The" in blue, "JOY" in green with a yellow sunburst behind the "O", and "of Giving" in blue.

**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 10, 2024**



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

November 10, 2024 11:00 a.m.

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

First Baptist Ringers
“All Things Bright and Beautiful” ...arr. Jane McFadden

WELCOME/STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Ginger Ingram

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 23

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

CALL TO CONFESSION

O God, help us to open our eyes to see the bright and beautiful blessings that surround us.

Open our hearts to receive those blessings, and open our minds to discern how we can be a blessing to those around us.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 377 “There is A Redeemer”

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Kristen Mathis, reader

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 704)

HYMN OF STEWARDSHIP NO. 669

“Long Ago You Taught Your People”

(Children through fourth grade are invited to 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

“The Lord Is My Strength and Song” ...Mary McDonald

(This anthem was commissioned by the Sanctuary Choir in honor of Keith Reaves, for 25 years of faithful service as Senior Associate/Minister of Worship. The text is based on Keith’s life verse, Psalm 118:14.)

The Lord is my strength and song and He has become my salvation.

I will rejoice for the Lord is the strength of my life!

Whom shall I fear? Why should I be afraid?

He is my God and forever I’ll sing His praise!

I will lift my eyes unto the hills to seek the Lord!

He is the source of my strength!

He is the Rock of salvation, Almighty God is He!

I will rejoice in the Lord, my God!

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“Joy in the Heart of God”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 665

“Because I Have Been Given Much”

(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

Ava Hall, lay leader

Gracious God, You call us to let go of the things we cling to and step out in faith, trusting in Your love and provision.

Give us courage to step out boldly, to plant our small seeds generously, and without fear.

Use our gifts to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, so that, through us, Your kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

In the name of Jesus, we pray and give. Amen.

OFFERTORY

First Baptist Ringers

“God of Grace and God of Glory” ...arr. Ron Mallory

Meditation Text:

Lord, take my lips and speak through them; take my mind, and think through it; take my heart, and set it on fire. -W. H. Aitken

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Tamara Tillman Smathers

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

Chelsea Losh

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 706)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress” ...arr. James Pethel

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*

Heather Shores, *Interim Minister to Students*

Joan Hill, *Organist* Beverly Harris, *Pianist*