

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*

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

Today is the deadline to submit individuals or families for our HOC Christmas ministry. We welcome anyone you know who is experiencing challenges and could benefit from a church community. This may be financial, emotional, or spiritual needs. Please use the QR code or contact Amy Cox or Kate Barron for details.



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 November 11 to sign up. For more information call Ernie Smith at 706.346.1956 or Jack Smith at 706.767.1486.

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.

JADE & SHELAH ACKER | Wednesday, November 20 | 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we will host CBF 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 a Shelah. Look for more details regarding the Missions Marketplace coming soon!

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 3

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite
- 6:00 p.m. Student Ministry Small Group - Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 4

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room

Tuesday, November 5

- 5:30 p.m. Future Staffing Task Force - Conference Room

Wednesday, November 6

- 12:00 p.m. Properties Committee 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 7

- Senior Adults return from Italy
- 6:00 p.m. Bridges Getting Ahead Class - Community Room

Saturday, November 9

- 10:00 a.m. Bridges Task Force - Conference Room

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

The JOY of Giving

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

11:00 A.M.

We welcome a larger congregation through Comcast Channel 44 and the church YouTube channel.

As a courtesy to others, please silence phones and other devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN CALL TO WORSHIP "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"...arr. Raymond Haan

WELCOME/STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jason Sanker

We have come to affirm our historic faith.

To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

We have come to remember God's benefits to us, the living.

To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.

We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

Blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 567

"For All the Saints"

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Almighty God, we, Your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to You; For all those through whom You have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For the teachers and companions of childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship You now in heaven,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others,

We lift up thankful hearts.

That we may hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with You in that city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no night,

Lord, bless Your heritage. Amen.

IN MEMORIAM

*(Please stand as names are read aloud.
We will pause to remember, pray, and give thanks.)*

Joe Aaron	Melanie Jones
Melanie Caldwell	Frances Raines
Hank Dobson	Helen Smith
Nancy Eubanks	Rena Storey
Frances Gaines	Nancy Thompson
Wallace Hanson	Stephanie Walker
Mark Harrison III	Joe Walton

TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*The church bell, cast and first used in 1855, will be rung in memory of each member.
One final toll will memorialize family and friends who were not church members,
but who are still missed and loved.*

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:1-11

Tamara Tillman Smathers, reader

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 704)

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

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.

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord's Prayer)

Kristen Mathis

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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”...arr. John Rutter
Kim Tunnell, Music Ministry Associate, conductor

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of the hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

Sanctuary Choir

SERMON

“Joy in the Hearts of Others”

David Brooks

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.)*

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Gwen Stephens

PIANO OFFERTORY

“Joy Overflowing”...arr. Cindy Berry

Meditation Text:

God give me work until my life shall end and life until my work is done. Amen.

-Yorkshire Tombstone

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Stephens

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

Urs Maire

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

“Fly Away Home”...arr. Mary McDonald
(The congregation will please sing along when prompted.)

Some glad morning when this life is o'er I'll fly away
to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away!

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away!

When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

In the sweet by and by,
we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

In the sweet by and by,
we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Processional”...Alfred Fedok

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:
