

Welcome Suzanne Reece!



We are so glad to welcome Suzanne as our new Minister of Discipleship and Missions. Her first day in the office is Monday, September 15. Stop by to say hello and to introduce yourself!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR

churchwide FALL PICNIC

28 | 4 P.M.
SEPT | MORRISON
CAMPGROUND

A graphic announcement for a churchwide fall picnic. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color with scattered autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and brown. The text is in a mix of fonts: "MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR" in a small, sans-serif font; "churchwide" in a large, elegant script font; "FALL PICNIC" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below the text, there is a vertical line separating the date "28 SEPT" from the time and location "4 P.M. MORRISON CAMPGROUND". To the right, there is a colorful illustration of a picnic basket filled with bread, fruit, and a blue and white checkered cloth.

FROM OUR PASTOR

Symbols of the Savior



Believe it or not, we have made the turn toward fall and all that comes with it: cooler temperatures, changing leaves, all things pumpkin spice, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Can you believe we are already thinking about Christmas?

I'm not one to rush through the fall months to hurry up and get to December. I like to savor each day of September, October, and November. But I do want to let you in on some plans we are making to celebrate Advent and Christmas in just a few short months. Our Advent theme will be Symbols of the Savior, and we will turn our attention to the beautiful Chrismons on our Chrismon Tree in the narthex of our sanctuary. Chrismons are "Christ Monograms" — symbols that point to Jesus and show us who he is.

Why talk about Chrismons in September? Because we want you to participate in the writing of an Advent Devotional

Guide that our Adult Faith Formation Committee is creating. From the First Sunday of Advent through Christmas Day, we will focus on a different Chrismon and a scripture verse/passage to go with it, and we need volunteers to write a devotional for each day. It doesn't have to be long — about 300-350 words — and we want it to come from your heart. You will have ample time to reflect and write since the deadline for submissions is not until October 31.

So, what do you say? Would you like to have a part in helping our church to reflect on the symbols of our Savior this Advent? Would you be willing to write a devotional? If so, please inform Nina Lovel (ninalovel@gmail.com) or me (dbrooks@fbcrome.org) by Sunday, September 21. Then, a member of the Adult Faith Formation Committee will be in touch with you with all the details.

Your pastor and friend,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have Sunday morning teacher opportunities in our Collide ministry (5th - 7th Grades) for the upcoming year. Volunteers would be part of a rotation of teachers so that no one has to be there every week, and they would be signing up for a one-year commitment. If you are interested, please reach out to Kristen Mathis.

BAPTISM CLASS ON SEPTEMBER 21

On September 21, following worship, we will have a baptism class from 12 - 1:30 p.m. for children 2nd grade & older with questions about baptism. We will learn the who, what, where, when and why together as we talk about this important part of our faith as followers of Jesus. RSVP your child to Kristen by Wednesday, September 17.

ROCKY HOLLOW PUMPKIN PATCH

Join us on Saturday, October 11, for a family outing to Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch. Time is TBD, but let Kristen know if you are interested!

STUDENT NEWS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

This Fall, Collide students (grades 6-7) will join Youth in the beginning at 5:45 p.m. for a time of fellowship, and then we will deep dive into The Awakened Life, learning how God created us for lives full of joy, well-being, and connection. Make sure to join us for this 8-week study!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE-THE-DATES

Make sure to add these dates to your calendar now!
September 14: Baptisms
September 28: Churchwide Fall Picnic

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY

The renovation of the sound system in the Sanctuary should be completed imminently. The final step is to add six new speakers under the balcony to enhance the worship experience for those who sit in these areas. Thanks for your patience!

MIKE HOLLOWAY'S RETIREMENT

Mike Holloway is retiring from his position at First Baptist at the end of August. We are deeply grateful for his 17 years of service to our church and our members. Mike has been instrumental in maintaining our facility and supporting the church in many other ways. We wish Mike and his family all the best!

MISSIONS



Thank you to everyone who helped paint for Habitat for Humanity as a continuation of our 2025 work day!

KNOWN
WYS Winter Youth Summit cbf Young Baptists 2026
WINTER RETREAT

Huntsville, AL | JANUARY 16-18
Grades 7-12

Registration ends on October 10.
To register your child, or for more information,
please contact April Lucas.



MEET OUR INTERNS

ILEY BARNES

Iley Barnes is a senior Music Performance major at Berry College. She is from Ringgold, Georgia. This is her fourth year to sing with the FBC Sanctuary Choir. She enjoys classical music, theatre, and spending time with friends and family.



NEW MEMBER



Vicki Moore joined September 4 by Statement of Faith.

Her Life Verse is Psalm 28:7

GARRETT PATTY'S LIFE VERSE:

“Seek the Lord and the strength he gives.
Always seek him.”

Psalm 105:4

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 14, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Myrette Bennett Hough by Tom and Charlesean Bennett.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 14, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William L. Morris on the occasion of our wedding anniversary and our granddaughter, Elizabeth Morris by Betty Zane Morris.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 21, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Mary Morris by Mary Ruth Sikes and Priscilla Barnett.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 21, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Claborn and Ann Bradfield on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR September 13 - September 26

Saturday, September 13

House of Play trip, Cartersville 9:00 am

Sunday, September 14

Extended Family Ministry, D.R. 8:30 am
 Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410) 9:00 am
 Bible Study 9:45 am
 Worship/Baptism 11:00 am
 Available on: FBC Website
 YouTube Channel
 Comcast Channel 44 (delayed by one week)
 Youth Choir 12:00 pm
 Student Small Groups 5:30 pm

Monday, September 15

Weekday Preschool Closed
 Women's Bible Study, D.R. 10:00 am
 Women of the Church Book Group, Comm. Rm. 1:00 pm
 First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite 5:15 pm
 Personnel Committee, Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm

Tuesday, September 16

Weekday Preschool Teddy Bear Picnic 11:00 am
 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor 1:00 pm
 Stephen Ministry Training, Conf. Rm. 3:00 pm

Wednesday, September 17

Weekday Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 9:50 am
 Family Night Dinner, F.H. 5:00 pm
 Children's Choirs 5:45 pm
 Student Discipleship, Student. Rm. 5:45 pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Children's and Collide Missions 6:30 pm
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

Sunday, September 21

Adult Faith Formation Committee, Conf. Rm. 8:30 am
 Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410) 9:00 am
 Bible Study 9:45 am
 Worship/Baby Dedication 11:00 am
 Available on: FBC Website
 YouTube Channel
 Comcast Channel 44 (delayed by one week)

Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 12:00 pm
 Baptism Class for Children 12:00 pm
 Student Small Groups 5:30 pm

Monday, September 22

Women's Bible Study, D.R. 10:00 am
 First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite 5:15 pm

Tuesday, September 23

Stephen Ministry Training, Conf. Rm. 3:00 pm

Wednesday, September 24 - Friday, September 26

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Wednesday, September 24

Weekday Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 9:50 am
 Family Night Dinner, F.H. 5:00 pm
 Children's Choirs 5:45 pm
 Student Work in Community 5:45 pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Children's and Collide Missions 6:30 pm
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 14

SUNDAY WORSHIP

BAPTISM

WORSHIP SERIES: "Making Your Life Count"

SERMON: "Counting Sheep"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 15:1-10

SPECIAL MUSIC: Paula Pasqua, violin

ANTHEM: Shalom...Dan Forrest

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<https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

SEPTEMBER 17

Ambrosia Salad, Quiche Lorraine, Blueberry

Muffin, Hash Brown Patty, Banana Pie

Children's Option: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (SEPTEMBER 12 - 14):

[Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644](tel:502.693.5644)

NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 21

SUNDAY WORSHIP

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION FOR
COLE, MORGAN AND REYN ALLEN

WORSHIP SERIES: "Making Your Life Count"

SERMON: "Counting Coins"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 16:1-13

ANTHEM: I Set My Hope on Jesus...arr. Sean Paul

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

SEPTEMBER 24

Coleslaw, Fried Catfish with Hushpuppies, Rice
Pilaf, Buttered Lima Beans, Mixed Berry Cobbler

Children's Option: Cheese Pizza, Mixed Berry
Cobbler

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (SEPTEMBER 19 - 21):

[Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074](tel:706.766.5074)

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST ON
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND
VIA WWW.FBCROME.ORG

CELEBRATING "ROSIE"



On August 11, beloved FBC member Jane Tucker was invited to speak at the Rome History Museum. Jane spoke about her experience at the Rosie the Riveter event in New Orleans. Shown with Jane are friends from First Baptist, including Edith Gray who is seated next to Jane. How wonderful to see both ladies together!

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