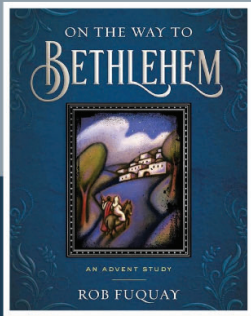


Two options for Wednesday Nights!

BEGINNING OCTOBER 22



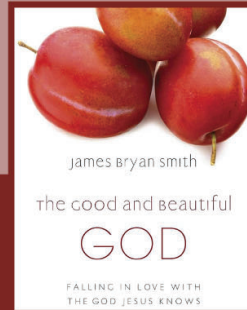
On the Way to Bethlehem

led by David Brooks

This study of Rob Fuquay's new book, *On the Way to Bethlehem*, will prepare participants for a deeper experience of Advent

and the birth of Jesus at Christmas. To participate in the study, reading Fuquay's book is not required but encouraged. A segment of each study will be led by a video presentation that features the book's author. This study will be held on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall immediately following dinner.

Books are in stock on Amazon, but if you'd like to support a local option, you can purchase them at River & Hill Bookstore as well.



The Good and Beautiful God

led by Suzanne Reece

Join in the journey of getting to know God in a deeper and more intimate way—the way Jesus knows God. We'll dive into the Gospels, have

opportunities to experience the soul practices of each chapter, and share in conversation together as we come to know Jesus and the kingdom he proclaimed in a new way. This study meets in the Community Room following dinner.

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Please go ahead and read the Introduction thru Chapter One. A full reading plan will be shared at our first gathering.

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

As you know, earlier this week, Keith Reaves shared the news that he will be retiring from his position as our Senior Associate and Minister of Worship. While his retirement is still seven months away, I wanted to take a moment to recognize the significance of this moment in Keith's life and in the life of our church.

For more than twenty-six years, Keith has served God and First Baptist Church with deep love, unparalleled commitment, creativity beyond compare, and grace-filled humility. Through his ministry, Keith has helped us to worship God faithfully and to sing God's praises joyfully. He has been a spiritual guide and companion to us, as well as a travel guide and companion to so many who have gone on our senior adult trips across the country and throughout the world. Perhaps most importantly, I think we can all say that at some point in our lives, Keith has just "been there" for us when we needed him. He has been a pastor in the truest sense of that word.

Personally, Keith has become a trusted friend of mine, and I will miss working with him. I know that we will all miss him serving as a minister and musician among us, as well as leading us in worship every Sunday morning. At the same time, we cannot help but rejoice with Keith and Hilary as they anticipate Keith's well-deserved retirement.

Over the next seven months, we will have many opportunities to celebrate Keith, to share our stories, to benefit from his ongoing ministry, and to express our gratitude to him and for him. For today, I simply ask that you join with me in prayer for Keith and for our church. As we give thanks for all that has been, we also entrust our lives to God for the future, open to all that is to come.

With gratitude and hope,,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

ROCKY HOLLOW PUMPKIN PATCH

Join us on Saturday, October 11, for a family outing to Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch. Time is 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Let Kristen know if you are interested!

STUDENT NEWS

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE HOODS

Mark your calendars for our Youth Halloween party on October 26 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the home of Chip and Beth Hood. It will be a fun (and possibly spooky) time of food and fellowship!

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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.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

- KRISTEN MATHIS, MINISTER TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG FAMILIES – 8 years on October 11
- SUSAN FINCHER, PRESCHOOL – 9 years on October 22

We celebrate with our staff members and give thanks for all they do in service to God and our congregation.

MELINDA DUKE RETIRES

Melinda Duke - Administrative Assistant to the Pastor - has announced that she will retire on December 31. We are so grateful for Melinda and all that she has done as a member of our church staff since February 22, 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN THE RUBLE-WHITWORTH MISSION GROUP

This mission group consists of women in the church who seek to carry out FBC's mission by supporting local mission projects and projects around the world. The group meets the second Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Join us for the next meeting to find out more information!

JOIN THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Interested in knitting? Have you always wanted to learn? No matter your skill level, you are welcome to join the prayer shawl ministry! Below is a list of upcoming meetings:

October 21 - Church Parlor

November 4 - Diane Wilson's home

November 18 - Church Parlor

December 2 - Sandra Gibson-Hester's home

All times are 1 - 3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST

The 27th Annual Christmas at First Baptist Concert is coming December 7 at 4:30 p.m. This concert features the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra with additional music from the Youth and Children's Choirs and the First Baptist Ringers. If you are interested in participating with the choir, NOW is the time to join, as we are already rehearsing music for that concert. A special rehearsal to focus on CAFB music for the Sanctuary Choir is October 15 from 6 - 8 p.m. All are welcome! Contact Keith Reaves for more information.

BOARD BOOK DRIVE DURING OCTOBER

The Missions Committee is hosting a Board Book Drive on behalf of our community partner, The Family Resource Center during the month of October. Collection locations will be in the Fellowship Hall, at the Community Room entrance and the temporary office entrance. If you would like to donate a board book, geared towards babies and toddlers, please drop it off in one of the baskets at the collection location.

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERIES: FOUR PRAYERS THAT DO NOT WORK

Sunday, October 5
The Prayer for Enough Faith
to Have No Need for Faith
Luke 17:1-6

Sunday, October 19
The Prayer That Quits
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 12
The Prayer That You Didn't Pray
Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 26
The Prayer of Comparison
Luke 18:9-14





We had a great time at our annual Fall picnic! A special thanks to the Social Committee and all who helped make this beloved event a wonderful time for all.

KELLY SANKER'S LIFE VERSE:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 12, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Garland Dickey and Dr. Ouida Dickey by their daughters, Angela Dickey and Jennifer Dickey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 12, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jo and William Huffman by their family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 19, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Higgins on the occasion of her birthday by Marty and Len, Chad and Hanna Willingham, Johanna Willingham, Tripp and Jennifer, Will and Chandler Bagby.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 19, are given to the glory of God and provided by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

October 11 - October 24

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, October 12

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website	
YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (delayed by one week)	
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	12:00 pm

Monday, October 13 - Monday, October 20

Weekday Preschool Fall Break

Monday, October 13

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group, D.R.	11:30 am
Finance Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite	4:45 pm
Deacons' Meeting, F.H.	5:30 pm

Tuesday, October 14

Stephen Ministry Training, Conf. Rm.	3:00 pm
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Wednesday, October 15

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES/DINNER

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:00 pm
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Sunday, October 19

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

Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Student Small Groups	5:30 pm

Monday, October 20

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
Personnel Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
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, October 21

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor	1:00 pm
Stephen Ministry Training, Conf. Rm.	3:00 pm
Safety & Security Committee, Conf. Rm.	4:00 pm

Wednesday, October 22

Weekday Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary	9:50 am
Properties Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
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

THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 12

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: "Four Prayers That Do Not Work"

SERMON: "The Prayer That You Didn't Pray"

PREACHER: Kristen Mathis

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19

ANTHEM: With A Voice of Singing...Martin Shaw
Almighty Father...arr. Benjamin Harlan

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

OCTOBER 15

No Family Night
Dinner or Activities

Adult Sanctuary Choir
rehearsal from 6 - 8 pm

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (OCTOBER 10 - 11):
Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 19

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: "Four Prayers That Do Not Work"

SERMON: "The Prayer That Quits"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:1-8

ANTHEM: Acclamation of Assurance...
arr. Joseph Martin

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

OCTOBER 22

Mixed Green Salad, Country Fried Steak, White Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Medley of Vegetables, Apple Cobbler

Children's Option: Chicken Fingers, Chips, Apple Cobbler

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (OCTOBER 17 - 18):
Keith Reaves 706.506.9948

THE SPIRE

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COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND
VIA WWW.FBCROME.ORG

MEET OUR INTERNS

HOLLY DECESARE

Holly DeCesare is a freshman music education major at Shorter University and sings soprano in the FBC Sanctuary Choir. She is from Newnan, Georgia and enjoys singing, doing crossword puzzles, candy corn, and says she even enjoys homework!



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