

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:

May 10, 2026

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

DEACON NOMINATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

Starting today, paper copies of the nomination form are available each Sunday in the Narthex. Also, paper forms will be available in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays during Prayers & Reflections. On Monday, May 11, an electronic form will be emailed. You may use either the form or the QR Code to submit Deacon nominations by Friday, May 29.



RUBLE-WHITWORTH MISSION GROUP | ZOOM GUEST | MAY 11

The group hosts Cason and Ross White of the Youth With A Mission organization in Tajikistan, on Zoom on at 11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. You are invited to attend. For Zoom information contact Merrill Davies or Jan Hardeman.

PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS | May 13 - June 10 | Noon | Fellowship Hall

Lunch is \$8.00 and will be served at noon followed by a time of prayer and reflection.

- May 13 - Gwen Stephens
- May 20 - Suzanne Reece
- May 27 - Miriam Peterson
- June 3 - Kristen Mathis
- June 10 - John Bishop

SUMMER OF THE GOSPELS | COMING SOON

Let's join together and congregare and commit to reading the Gospels. There will be reading plans, reflection experiences, and discussion opportunities.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION - NOW OPEN

Join us on our Journey to Egypt | June 22 - 25 | 9 to 11:30 a.m.
For children 3 years old to 4th grade. Scan the QR Code to register your child OR register as a volunteer.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 10

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, May 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
- 5:30 p.m. Deacons' Supper and Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 13

- 12:00 p.m. Prayers & Reflections - Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Alice Davies and John and Etsie Johnson by the Davies Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Barbara Crowe on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Art Crowe.



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A Service of Worship

May 10, 2026

11:00 a.m.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Morning Prayers”...Sandra W. Jarrell

Betty Holland, organ

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Brooks

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 319

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Merciful God, grant us pure hearts, clean hands, and a right spirit.
Transform us from the inside out.

Forgive us, Lord. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us and
give us power to live in the way you have called us to live.

Bill Adcock

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 615

“Forgiven”

Forgiven, I have been forgiven;
God has looked beyond my sin,
Saved me from what I might have been,
Gave me a new life within,
I am forgiven by His grace

FORGIVEN

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jennifer Bagby, reader

Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

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

GLORIA PATRI

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)

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.

Suzanne Reece

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP NO. 687

“Would You Bless Our Homes and Families”

(Children ages four through fourth grade may depart for children's worship on the second floor of the Education Building. The children return to the Sanctuary following worship.)

NETTLETON

MUSICAL OFFERING

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”...Tom Fettke
(The text to this anthem is based on Psalm 8.)

Sanctuary Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the works of Your fingers,

The moon and stars suspended in space...

Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor
and have made him a little lower than the angels.

You have put him in charge of all creation;

The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

But what is man, oh what is man that you are mindful of him?

Oh Lord our God, the majesty and glory of Your name

transcends the earth and fills the heavens

Oh Lord our God, little children praise You perfectly

and so would we, and so would we. Alleluia...

SERMON

“Family Net-Working”

Rev. Brooks

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 490

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”

(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.)

HENDON

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

Gwen Stephens

PIANO OFFERTORY

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds Us Together”...arr. Mark Hayes

Beverly Harris, piano

Meditation Text

“The family of God is not defined by bloodlines or boundaries or earthly loyalties, but by the love of Christ that gathers strangers together and calls them beloved.” —Rachel Held Evans

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Stephens

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“A Festive March”...Anne A. Davis

Betty Holland, organ

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children 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 will be scheduled. Members of other Baptist congregations may transfer their membership. 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

Automated external defibrillators are in the stairwell leading to the choir loft on the organ side, across from the drink machine entering the Fellowship Hall, and on the third floor hall near the restrooms in the Education Building. Safe zones for severe weather are in preschool hallways for children and the Fellowship Hall for others.

STEWARDSHIP

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.



Rev. David Brooks *Pastor*

Rev. Kristen Mathis *Minister to Children & Young Families*
(Currently on Parental Leave)

Rev. Gwen Stephens *Minister to Extended Family*

Rev. Suzanne Reece *Minister of Discipleship/Missions*

Rev. Bill Adcock *Interim Minister of Worship/Music*

April Lucas *Interim Director of Student Ministry*

Beverly Harris *Pianist*

Kim Tunnell *Music Associate/Organist*