

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.

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:

Prayer Concerns:

May 24, 2026

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

DEACON NOMINATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

Throughout this month, deacon nomination forms are available in the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. You can also submit your nominations by using this QR Code. All nominations are due by Friday, May 29.



PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS | May 27 - June 10 | Noon | Fellowship Hall

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

- May 27 - Miriam Peterson
- June 3 - Kristen Mathis
- June 10 - John Bishop

SUMMER OF THE GOSPELS | Guides are available today!

Let's join together and commit to reading the Gospels.

You may pick up a guide in the Narthex after worship or during the week at the Welcome Center. The guides also will be located at the Community Room entrance.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER DATES

- May 26 - 28 | 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Reach out to Karen Foss for details.
- June | 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. | Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- June 17 | 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. | Work Night

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 24

9:45 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, May 25

Church Office is Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 27

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

12:00 p.m. Prayers & Reflections - Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

Thursday, May 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

4:00 p.m. Safety & Security Committee - Conference Room

5:00 p.m. Committee on Committees - Conference Room

Friday, May 29

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Saturday, May 30

10:00 a.m. Minister of Worship Search Committee - Conference Room

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Payne by Mary Louise Payne, Kevin, Chad and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edd and Bea Richards by Sharon Baker.



WHAT IS PENTECOST?

Pentecost marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost literally means “fiftieth day” and is celebrated fifty days after Easter. Pentecost is one of the three large festivals commemorated in the Christian calendar. The first two, Christmas and Easter, are well known to both believers and non-believers. But it's possible that many Christians may not be as familiar with Pentecost. God the Father's Christmas gift of His Son, and Christ's Easter triumph over the power of sin and death are made even more meaningful to us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to reveal, comfort, intercede and empower believers. Red, the color associated with this day, recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. Red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.



A Service of Worship

May 24, 2026

11:00 a.m.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE

Kim Tunnell, organ

“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place” ...arr. Nancy Lyons Smith

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Suzanne Reece

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 2

ITALIAN HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

A LITANY FOR PENTECOST

God, today we give thanks for the good gift of your Holy Spirit, our helper.

Come, Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of God is among us.

Come, Holy Spirit.

As on the day of Pentecost, when your Spirit rested on your followers as tongues of fire, rest on us now, O God. As they were filled with the Spirit and began to speak and prophesy,

fill us now, O God.

Just as Jesus promised, just as the Father has promised,

the spirit of the Lord is upon us—

empowering us to proclaim the good news as we share the Spirit with the world around us; to exchange beauty for ashes, joy for mourning, a spirit of praise instead of despair.

Come, Holy Spirit.

We are your church, your body on earth, trusting in the Resurrected Christ, **and in the Holy Spirit of God, here with us now. Amen.**

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

“Breathe on Me Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will Thy will, to do and to endure.”

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 615

FORGIVEN

“Forgiven”

Forgiven, I've 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.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Act I: 1-8, 2: 1-4

Ben Brewer, Deacon, reader

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” **2** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 704)

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.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE NO. 68

HE LEADETH ME

“He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought”

(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.)

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

“Many Gifts, One Spirit” ...Allen Pote

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

“The Waiting is the Hardest Part”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 228

FESTAL SONG

“A Rushing, Mighty Wind”

(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

Beverly Harris, piano

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” ...arr. Roger Summers

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Stephens

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN NO. 600

PATRICIA

“O How He Loves You and Me”

O how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and me!
He gave his life, what more could He give?

O how He loves you. O how He loves Me. O how He loves you and me!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Kim Tunnell, organ

“Soldiers of Christ, in Truth Arrayed” ...arr. Marguerite Wood

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*