

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 31, 2026

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

You are invited to mark an offering envelope "WORLD HUNGER" and place it in the offering plate during the offertory or leave it in the boxes at the doors as you exit. Our gifts support CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

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 or you can download a reading guide by scanning this QR Code.



PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS | June 3 & June 10 | Noon | Fellowship Hall

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

- June 3 - Kristen Mathis
- June 10 - John Bishop

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 31

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
(All Adult Classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall.)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, June 1

- 8:00 a.m. Mission Team Departs for Immokalee, FL

Tuesday, June 2

- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor

Wednesday, June 3

- 12:00 p.m. Prayers & Reflections - Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Properties Committee - Conference Room
- 4:00 p.m. Deacon Nominating Committee - Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite

Saturday, June 6

- 11:00 a.m. Prayer Gathering - Chapel
- Immokalee Mission Team Returns

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of his birthday by Marsha Dempsey and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Shirley Kinney by Kathy Kinney.



A Service of Worship

First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia

May 31, 2026
11:00 a.m.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Children of the Heavenly Father" ...arr. Gayden Sikes

Kim Tunnell

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"At the Name of Jesus" ...Berry

"That every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

At the name of Jesus! At the name of Jesus."

Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Brooks

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 285

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

A COVENANT OF DEDICATION FOR AVA GRACE MARCHMAN AND HER PARENTS, ANDREW AND IVEY KATE MARCHMAN

Life Verse:

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

- Micah 6:8

A LITANY OF DEDICATION

Kristen Mathis

Minister: The Lord has blessed Andrew and Ivey Kate with the gift of a child. We welcome Ava Grace in the same spirit that God welcomes us, God's children. We give thanks for all of our children and the joy they bring to our families. Andrew and Ivey Kate, do you present Ava Grace for dedication, and in doing so declare your intent to raise her in an environment of Christian faith and love?

Parents: We do

Minister: To Ava Grace's family gathered with us, will you freely give of yourselves to Ava Grace, nurturing her and walking alongside Andrew and Ivey Kate as they seek to teach her to walk in the way of Jesus?

Family: We will.

Minister: Will this congregation recognize Ava Grace as a gift from God? Will you pray for her as she grows in her journey as a follower of Christ? Will you pray for her parents, extended family and this church family as we all continue to surround Ava Grace with the same love and grace that surrounds her today?

People: We will.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Brooks

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:1-5

John Bishop, Minister

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²He called a child, whom he put among them, ³and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

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 DEDICATION NO. 532

ELLESDIE

"Hands of Blessing"

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord's Prayer)

Suzanne Reece

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

"Yes, My Jesus Loves Me" ...Mary McDonald

SERMON

Rev. Brooks

"Never Grow Up"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 507

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

(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

Bill Adcock

PIANO OFFERTORY

Beverly Harris

"Children of the Heavenly Father" ...arr. Lloyd Larson

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Reece

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

COMMISSIONING OF THE IMMOKALEE MISSION TEAM

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. —Matthew 28:19-20

Pastor: It is my joy to present to you those who will represent First Baptist Church on mission in Immokalee in this mission project: *Anna Grace Barbieri, John Bishop, Ava Hall, Andrew Marchman, Suzanne Reece, Sealy Salter and Mary Jack Smith.* Do you recognize these members as missionaries who have been called by God to extend our Christian love and concern for others? Will you support them with your prayers this week and with your interest when they return?

People: We will. May God lead you, protect you, support you and make you a blessing as you serve as the hands of Christ for us.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

PASTORAL BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN NO. 600

PATRICIA

"Oh 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

May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Kim Tunnell, organ

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ...arr. James Pethel

SATURDAY PRAYER MEETING | June 6 | 11:00 a.m.

Join us in the Chapel for prayer.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FAMILY WORSHIP

Today is the last Sunday of the month. These days are designated as "Family Worship" days and all children sit with their families. Nursery care is available for children four and younger. Children's Worship will return next Sunday.

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, give online through the church website, or by using this QR code.



Rev. David Brooks *Pastor*

Rev. Suzanne Reece *Minister of Discipleship & Missions*

Rev. Kristen Mathis *Minister to Children & Young Families*

Rev. John Bishop *Minister to Students & Young Adults*

Rev. Gwen Stephens *Minister to Extended Family*

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

Kim Tunnell *Music Associate/Organist*

Beverly Harris *Pianist*