

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(s)_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____

Zip Code _____

E-mail_____

Telephone_____

Marital Status
__ Married __ Single __ Widow(er)

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:

August 2, 2026

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

SANCTUARY CHOIR POTLUCK & REHEARSAL | Wednesday, August 5 | 5:30 p.m.
Please join us for our annual choir potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining the choir, this is a great time to check it out! We will have fellowship around the table, then sing through music for the fall and Christmas.

FAMILY NIGHT KICKOFF! | Wednesday, August 12 | 5:00 p.m.

- Dinner Served | 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Activities for the entire family to follow dinner.
- The Sanctuary Choir will meet in the choir suite at 7:00 p.m. for rehearsal.
- Help us welcome John and Caroline Bishop home to Rome! If you would like to provide a gift or gift cards to fill the Welcome Wagon, please bring them with you to the Fellowship Hall during our Family Night.

LET’S GET BACK TO BIBLE STUDY | Sunday, August 16
Join us for promotion Sunday. Children, youth, and students will move up to their new Sunday School classes, and adults are encouraged to find a class if they don’t already have one.

WOMEN’S SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION INTEREST MEETING | Sunday, August 16 | 6:00 p.m.
Would you like to join other women in conversation about the deeper parts of our spiritual journey? Have you wondered how spiritual practices might impact your walk with Jesus? If you’re interested learning more, join us for an interest meeting in the Dining Room.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH & CONVERSATION | Sunday, August 23 | 12:15 p.m.
Lunch will be hosted by our Minister of Worship Search Committee and catered by Moe’s BBQ. Our conversation will be facilitated by Dr. Bill Owen, with the Center for Healthy Churches, and will focus on our worship and music ministry and the values that will shape the search for our next minister of Worship. Make your reservations for lunch and childcare (birth - 5th grade, after lunch) in the narthex.

FIFTH SUNDAY FAITH TALKS | August 30 | 9:45 a.m.
Youth and adults please join us in the Fellowship Hall to hear from Laura Tadlock, Minister to Senior Adults & Adult Discipleship from Vestavia Hills Baptist Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

LUNCH & LEARN | Sunday, August 30 | Fellowship Hall
Whether you are a guest, a new member, or have been here a while - if you are interested in talking more intimately with our ministers and staff about FBC Rome please join us for our next Lunch & Learn immediately following worship. Please call the church office to RSVP!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 2
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship Service & Deacon Election - Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 4
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor

Wednesday, August 5
12:00 p.m. Properties Committee Meeting - Conference Room
5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Potluck & Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of the FBC TV Ministry by Gaynelle Grizzard’s family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Roebuck on the occasion of her birthday by Floyd Roebuck.



BEARING FRUIT

Galatians 5:22-23

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROME, GEORGIA

100 East Fourth Avenue
www.fbcrome.org
August 2, 2026



A Service of Worship

August 2, 2026 11:00 a.m.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE Kim Tunnell
“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”...arr. Hal Hobson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION Kristen Mathis

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 425 FOUNDATION
“How Firm a Foundation”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Bill Adcock
Merciful God, we confess our sins. We have failed to love. We have spoken in anger. We have ignored your truth.
Forgive us, Lord.
We have harbored selfishness. We have judged others harshly. We have neglected your creation.
Cleanse our hearts, Lord.
For what we have done and what we have left undone, we seek your mercy.
Renew our spirits, Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 680 FINLANDIA
“I Then Shall Live” (1st stanza)

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:14-28
Suzanne Reece, reader

¹⁴ “For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’

²⁶ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents.

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 GOD’S FAITHFULNESS NO. 32 HYMN TO JOY
“God Has Spoken By The Prophets”
(Children ages four through fourth grade are invited to leave for Children’s 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.

MESSAGE IN MUSIC Sanctuary Choir
“Be Still My Soul”...arr. Craig Courtney
(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 57.)

SERMON Rev. Brooks
“Living Faithfully”

HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 501 RESOLUTION
“I Am Resolved”
(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.)

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE TO VOTE ON DEACONS

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP Jordan Knight

PIANO OFFERTORY Betty Holland
“Reflections on Faith”...arr. David L. Danner

UPDATE FROM OUR SEARCH COMMITTEE Betty Holland, Chair

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH John Bishop

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS AND PASTORAL BLESSING

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 Kim Tunnell
“Processional in G”...Anne A. Davis

DEACON BALLOT 2026 - 27

The following individuals have been nominated by the congregation and the Deacon Nominating Committee to serve as Deacons. Please vote for fourteen (14) people. If you would like to write in another name or names, please strike through one nominee for each person you write in.

- ☐ 1. Gene Adams (New, to be ordained)
- ☐ 2. Jennifer Bagby (Returning)
- ☐ 3. Jennifer Collins (Returning)
- ☐ 4. Janice Davis (Returning)
- ☐ 5. Donnie Denson (Returning)
- ☐ 6. Bunk Gee (Returning)
- ☐ 7. Scotty Hancock (New, to be Ordained)
- ☐ 8. Chip Hood (Returning)
- ☐ 9. Bobby Jones (Returning)
- ☐ 10. Bobby Keith (Returning)
- ☐ 11. Will Kenworthy (New, to be Ordained)
- ☐ 12. Jonathan Lucas (New, Previously Ordained)
- ☐ 13. Andrew Marchman (New, to be Ordained)
- ☐ 14. Steve White (Returning)

Write Ins: _____

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