

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:

July 26, 2026

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Help meet the needs of the hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering. Please put this offering in an envelope and mark it “WORLD HUNGER” and place it in the offering plate or in the boxes at the exits. Our gifts support CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief.

FBC MOMS WALK & TALK CLUB | This Evening | 7:00 p.m.

A simple walk with a great community! Meet at the trailhead behind the Post Office (1420 Martha Berry Blvd). Bring your kids or just yourselves!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT | Wednesday, July 29 | 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Drop your kids off for a night of summer fun and go take a deep breath before the school year begins! \$10 for the first child, and \$5 for additional children. You must pre-register with Kristen to attend.

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT POOL PARTY |Friday, July 31 | 6:00 p.m.

Students in or entering college, as well as our FBC young adults, are invited to join John Bishop at the home of Jonathan and April Lucas. Please make plans to attend!

COMING UP IN AUGUST

Sunday, August 2	Deacon Elections at the Conclusion of Worship
Wednesday, August 5	Sanctuary Choir Kickoff/Covered Dish Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 12	Family Night Kickoff & Welcoming John & Caroline Bishop
Sunday, August 16	Back to Bible Study Sunday
Wednesday, August 19	Church Conference, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 23	Communion Sunday
	Churchwide Lunch & Listening Session
	Summer of the Gospels Discussion, 5:30 p.m., Dining Room
Sunday, August 30	Fifth Sunday Combined Bible Study for Adults & Students
	Baptisms in Morning Worship
	Lunch & Learn for Newcomers to FBC Rome

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 26	
8:30 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation Committee - Conference Room
9:45 a.m.	Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service Baptism - Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	FBC Gathering at the Spires
7:00 p.m.	FBC Moms Walk & Talk - Main Post Office Trailhead

Monday, July 27	
12:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting - Conference Room
5:15 p.m.	Minister of Worship Search Committee - Conference Room

Wednesday, July 29	
	FBC Serves Community Kitchen
5:00 p.m.	Parents Night Out

Thursday, July 30	
	FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Friday, July 31	
	FBC Serves Community Kitchen
6:00 p.m.	College and Young Adult Pool Party - Home of Jonathan & April Lucas

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in Fred Sikes by Mary Ruth Sikes , Kyle, Joanna, Rachel and Joseph Jennings.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Earl Rolan on the occasion of his birthday by Mary Rolan.



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."

A Service of Worship

First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia
July 26, 2026
11:00 a.m.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE “Morning Has Broken” ...arr. Anne A. Davis

CALL TO WORSHIP Sanctuary Choir
“Come Christians Join to Sing”

WELCOME TO WORSHIP David Brooks

INVOCATION

THE COVENANT OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Led by the Spirit of God to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and having entered into the fellowship of the Spirit through His Church,

we, the members of the Church, prayerfully make this covenant with one another and with our Heavenly Father.

We respect all faith traditions, but we shall cherish our heritage as Baptist Christians.

We shall hold dear the principles of soul competency, the priesthood of all believers, the autonomy of the local Church, and the Bible as our trusted and authoritative guide in matters of faith and practice.

As a group of gathered believers, we understand ourselves to be a part of a family of faith.

Therefore, we shall love, forgive, admonish, encourage, serve, and pray for one another—always in the spirit of being sisters and brothers in Christ.

Jesus Christ shall be our model for living.

We recognize that none of us shall ever attain His perfection; yet, we shall always strive to grow in the likeness of Him. His heart shall be our guide for the way we minister, organize ourselves, conduct our business, and treat others.

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ on earth; therefore, we are the hands of Christ.

Knowing this about ourselves, we shall be satisfied with nothing less than being leaders in Christian service. We can only accomplish this goal by serving more.

Our Master is our example. We know that we serve Christ Himself when we minister to the least, the last, the lost, and the overlooked.

We believe that, on our own, we are not strong enough, wise enough, nor good enough to accomplish our mission as a Church. Therefore, we trust in God’s strength, God’s wisdom, and God’s righteousness to empower us. Only through prayer do we accomplish our mission as a Church.

—Adopted by the First Baptist Church of Rome, October 19, 2003

ORDINANCE OF BELIEVER’S BAPTISM Morgan Smith and Mallory Saville
(The congregation will say “Amen” following each baptism.)

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 7 JUDSON
“Worthy of Worship”

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19
Gwen Stephens, reader

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 GRATITUDE NO. 373 GIVE THANKS
“Give Thanks”

MORNING PRAYER (with the Lord’s Prayer) Rev. 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
“Come Christians Join to Sing” ...arr. Lloyd Larson
The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn No. 306.
The congregation will join in singing the 3rd stanza.

SERMON Rev. Brooks
“The Life that is Truly Life”

HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 671 BEACH SPRING
“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
(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 Suzanne Reece

PIANO OFFERTORY “We Are An Offering” ...arr. Mark Hayes
Meditation Text:
Just as the Father gives his very self to his children, so must I give my very self to my brothers and sisters.

—Henri J. M. Nouwen

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Reece

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN No 512 “We Go In Peace”
“We go in peace, we go in love, we go with grace and mercy from the Lord above to tell the world this very thing.
That Jesus is Lord and King. Jesus Christ is Lord and King!”

PASSING OF THE PEACE
May the peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

ORGAN POSTLUDE “Recessional” ...Thomas R. Berdos

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 or 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