

CHURCH RETREAT 2026

THE DIFFERENCE JESUS MAKES



11 SEPTEMBER | 12 SEPTEMBER

FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST DR. CHUCK POOLE

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:00pm - 6:00pm | Dinner

6:00pm - 8:00pm | Opening Sesison

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:30am | Light Breakfast

9:00am | Session Two

10:15am | Break/Refreshments

10:30am | Session Three

11:45am | Lunch

Scan the QR code to register you
and your family, or call the church
office. Children will have separate
programming during sessions.



FROM OUR PASTOR

Churchwide Retreat

In a couple of weeks, we have a unique opportunity to share a weekend with a gifted teacher, preacher, and disciple of Jesus: Dr. Chuck Poole. Chuck is no stranger to our church, having preached here in years gone by. Perhaps you have met him or have read one of his books. If so, then you know how powerful our September 11-13 retreat with him will be. If not, trust me when I tell you that you need to be here as Chuck asks us to consider "The Difference Jesus Makes" in our lives.

While I do not know Chuck Poole personally, he has been a part of my life for over thirty years. Through his sermons, his books, and his lectures at conferences and assemblies, Chuck has shaped my life and my theology in profound ways. Unlike anyone else I know, he has the ability to clearly communicate the truth about God and how we relate to God through Jesus, and Chuck does this with authenticity and sincerity. Often when I pray, wondering if my prayers are effective, I recall what Chuck taught me to do: "Tell God the truth and trust God with life." When I am tempted to give a pat answer to a hard reality or

a horrible tragedy, I hear Chuck telling me to be cautious about saying things that are not worthy of God. And when someone asks me how I can support women in ministry, I always quote Chuck from a sermon that he once preached so powerfully right here at First Baptist Rome: "We ordain women because we baptize girls."

As we welcome Chuck Poole back to First Baptist, I have no doubt that his presence and his words will have a powerful impact on our lives. If you have not yet registered for the sessions on Friday evening and Saturday morning, I strongly urge you to do so. Then, invite a friend to come with you on Sunday morning to worship. Chuck will preach, and I promise that his sermon will be one that you will not soon forget.

Your pastor and friend,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

CBFGA CHILDREN'S RETREAT

Our retreat has been rescheduled for September 18-20 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA. This is for 3rd-5th graders. Reach out to Kristen Mathis to register your child!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of some more people to serve in our rotation for nursery/toddler care during the worship hour. You can choose to serve 1-3 times per semester as you are comfortable. Please reach out to Kristen Mathis if you are interested. We are currently trying to fill the fall/winter calendar of Sundays!

STUDENT NEWS

JOIN US FOR SNL – SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE!

We have begun our Sunday night programming for the year and would love for you to join us! Middle and High School students will meet in the youth room each Sunday from 6 - 7:30 p.m. for food, fellowship, and study. See you there!

MISSIONS

SEPTEMBER MISSION PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Our September Mission Partner Focus is on Life, Purpose, and Recovery Inc. (formerly known as Living Proof). Life, Purpose, and Recovery (LPR) seeks to empower individuals and families affected by substance use and mental health challenges. They are committed to fostering hope, healing, and long-term recovery while building a stronger, healthier community. LPR is in the process of re-shaping it's ministry with new leadership and a new location. They will focus on peer recovery coaching, recovery meetings, and helping clients develop a safe recovery community. Let's pray for LPR as they seek to make a difference in the lives of all those they serve.

SUCCESS COACHES NEEDED!

Bridges "Getting Ahead" program is seeking dedicated Success Coaches. Coaches are partnered with a graduate to offer guidance, support, and encouragement as they reach key milestones. It's a meaningful role built on mentorship, connection, and friendship.



Interested?
Contact Keith: 678.296.1671



ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUG. 30 - FIFTH SUNDAY FAITH DEVELOPMENT

August 30 is our next fifth Sunday faith development talk. Youth and adults please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. to hear from Laura Tadlock, Minister to Senior Adults & Adult Discipleship from Vestavia Hills Baptist Church in Vestavia Hills, AL. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

AUG 30 - WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Just a reminder – the last Sunday of each month is World Hunger Sunday. On these Sundays we will highlight World Hunger and provide the opportunity to give to CBF ministries around the world working to address hunger needs. There are small, black offering boxes located at the entrance/exit of the sanctuary doors (in the Narthex and by the organ). You're welcome to add your World Hunger offering to these boxes or simply drop it in the offering plate marked "World Hunger".

SEPT. 8 - YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY INTEREST MEETING

Are you a young adult or college student looking to grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus and connect with others on the same journey? We're exploring the possibility of starting a Young Adult Bible Study — a space to build community, ask honest questions, study God's Word, and discover how faith connects to everyday life. Join us on Tuesday, September 8 at 6 p.m. to meet others, share your ideas, and learn more about what's ahead! Supper will be provided.

OCT. 15 - SENIOR ADULT TRIP

Our Senior Adult ministry is headed to Fort Payne, Alabama! Join us October 15 for a day trip to remember! We will start with a visit to the Rim of the Little River Canyon with places to stop and view the beauty of the canyon. From there we head to lunch at Vintage 1889. After lunch we continue to the Alabama Fan Club and Museum before returning to Rome. Play some mountain music and register for this trip today! The cost is \$25/person, with lunch being on your own. Register by calling the church office.

ADULT WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday night sessions for adults kicks off on Wednesday, August 26, in the Fellowship Hall. We'll spend three Wednesdays focusing on prayer. It's not a new topic to any of us, but sometimes we all need helpful reminders of what prayer really is about, how we can be a better listener in our prayers, and what the Bible has to teach us about how to pray. Don't miss these opportunities to take a deeper dive into your own prayer life and relationship with God.

NEW YOUNG ADULT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Are you a Young Professional looking for a place on Sunday mornings. Join us for Bible study at 9:45 a.m. in Room 310 on the 3rd floor. For questions contact Suzanne Reece or April Lucas.



GIVING TO GOD

JUNE 2026

June Offerings	\$145,299.00
June Budgeted Offerings	\$135,000.00
June Expenses	\$197,818.00
June Budgeted Expenses	\$181,753.00
Actual Offerings YTD	\$1,685,487.00
Budgeted Offerings YTD	\$1,777,147.00
Actual Expenses YTD	\$1,932,791.00
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$1,998,286.00

JULY 2026

July Offerings	\$148,487.00
July Budgeted Offerings	\$135,000.00
July Expenses	\$235,950.00
July Budgeted Expenses	\$239,964.00
Actual Offerings YTD	\$1,833,974.00
Budgeted Offerings YTD	\$1,912,147.00
Actual Expenses YTD	\$2,168,741.00
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$2,238,250.00

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex on Sunday, August 30, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Karen Foss on the occasion of our wedding anniversary by Harry Foss.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 30, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

The flowers in the Narthex on Sunday, September 6, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries by Bob and Beverly Harris.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 6, are given to the glory of God and in memory of Gaynelle Grizzard on the occasion of her birthday by Jim and Linda Owens.

Volunteer Opportunity!

We need new and additional volunteers to help in the Church Office.

Call 706.291.6850 to sign up.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR August 29 - September 11

Saturday, August 29

Rooted Bible Study Class Pool Party, Lucas home 4:00 pm

Sunday, August 30 - Tuesday, September 1

Minister Retreat, Blue Ridge

Sunday, August 30

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410) 9:00 am
 Fifth Sunday, All Adult and Youth Bible Study, F.H. 9:45 am
 Worship/World Hunger Offering 11:00 am
 Available on: FBC Website
 YouTube Channel
 Comcast Channel 44 (*delayed by one week*)

Lunch & Learn, D.R. 12:00 pm

Sunday Night Live (SNL), Youth Room 6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 2

Properties Committee, Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm
 Family Night Dinner, F.H. 5:00 pm
 Children's Activities, Children's Halls 5:45 pm
 Adult Bible Study, F.H. 6:00 pm
 Youth Activities, Youth Room 6:00 pm
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 3

Bridges Out of Poverty, Comm. Rm. & F.H. 5:30 pm

Sunday, September 6

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410) 9:00 am
 Bible Study 9:45 am
 Worship 11:00 am
 Available on: FBC Website
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 Comcast Channel 44 (*delayed by one week*)

Monday, September 7

LABOR DAY / CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, September 9

Family Night Dinner, F.H. 5:00 pm
 Children's Activities, Children's Halls 5:45 pm
 Adult Bible Study, F.H. 6:00 pm
 Youth Activities, Youth Room 6:00 pm
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 10

Bridges Out of Poverty Class, F.H. & Comm. Rm. 5:30 pm

Friday, September 11 - Saturday, September 12

Onsite Church-Wide Retreat, F.H.

THIS WEEK: AUGUST 30

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Ordinary Days"

PREACHER: **Rev. Laura Tadlock**

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 105

ANTHEM: "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

September 2

Mixed Green Salad, Roast Pork Tenderloin with Wild Mushrooms and Brown Gravy, Escalloped Potatoes, Sauteed Green Beans, Apple Cobbler

Children's Option: Hamburgers, Chips, Fruit

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (AUGUST 28 - 29):

Kristen Mathis 706.509.2003

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 6

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "We've Got Work to Do"

PREACHER: **Rev. David Brooks**

SCRIPTURE: Romans 13:8-14

ANTHEM: "Come Thou Fount"

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

September 9

Mixed Green Salad, Shrimp and Grits, Roasted Asparagus, Peach Cream Ring Cake

Children's Option: Chicken Tenders, Chips, Fruit

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (SEPTEMBER 4 - 5):

John Bishop 706.509.2003