

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_____

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:

September 20, 2026

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

MONDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY
The Monday Women’s Bible Study, led by Miriam Peterson, has resumed every Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. All are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION | Sunday, September 27 | 12:00 p.m.
Sunday School teachers for all age groups are invited to a time of appreciation and training immediately following the morning worship service. We will gather in the Dining Room for lunch, fellowship, gifts, exciting news, and a brief time of sharing helpful hints and tips as we head into the new year.

SENIOR ADULT TRIP TO FORT PAYNE | Thursday, October 15 | Depart 10:00 a.m.
Our Senior Adult ministry is headed to Alabama! Please join us for a day trip to remember! The cost is \$25. We will start with a visit to the Rim of the Little River Canyon, and from there we head to lunch at The Rooted Table in Fort Payne. Before returning home, we will visit the Alabama Fan Club and Museum. **Register by calling the church office.**

CHURCH FALL PICNIC | Sunday, October 25 | 4:00 p.m.
Join us at Morrison Campground (1000 Morrison Campground Road) for our annual picnic. The meal will be catered so all you need to bring is your favorite dessert to share, a lawn chair and a donation to help cover the costs of the food. Watch for volunteers to help you know where to enter and where to park. Golf cart shuttles will be available for those who need assistance after parking.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 20
9:00 a.m. Extended Family Ministry - Dining Room
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite
FBC Ringers Meeting - Sanctuary (organ side)
6:00 p.m. SNL (Sunday Night Live) - Youth Room

Monday, September 21
10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study - Dining Room
12:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Conference Room
1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group - Community Room
5:30 p.m. Deacons’ Supper & Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 22
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor

Wednesday, September 23
5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall
5:45 p.m. Student Activities - Student Room
Children’s Activities
6:00 p.m. “Practicing the Way” - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

Thursday, September 24
4:00 p.m. Safety & Security Team Meeting - Conference Room
5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class

Saturday, September 26
10:30 a.m. Conundrum Bible Study Class Social - The Village at Maplewood.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Mary Morris by Mary Ruth Sikes and Priscilla Barnett.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Claborn and Ann Bradfield on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 11:00 A.M.

Please use the time before worship and during the prelude to pray for and write a personal note to our new and returning deacons. Notecards are at entrances to the Sanctuary.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE “O God Beyond All Praising” ...arr. Stephen Nielson

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Jordan Knight, *Chair of Deacons*

ORDINANDS
Gene Adams, Scotty Hancock, Will Kenworthy, Andrew Marchman

NEW - PREVIOUSLY ORDAINED
Jonathan Lucas

RETURNING
Jennifer Bagby, Jennifer Collins, Janice Davis, Donnie Denson, Bunk Gee, Chip Hood, Bobby Jones, Bobby Keith, Steve White

Leader: God calls His people to lives of service and faithfulness.
People: We come to worship the One who equips us to serve.

Leader: Today we set apart deacons to a ministry of compassion, service, and care.
People: We give thanks for those called to serve in Christ’s name.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who strengthens every servant.
People: With joy and gratitude, we lift our hearts in praise!

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 58

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST DENIO

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:21-30

April Lucas, reader

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 FELLOWSHIP NO. 241

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

(Children through fourth grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

MANNA

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

“The Hand of Our God”...arr. Lari Goss

Take a look around, see what God has done;
so many lives have changed, so many lost have come.
We have seen His Spirit move. We have seen what God can do!

The hand of our God is on this place. He has shown us His favor, His goodness, and grace
year after year, day after day, God has been faithful in every way.

The hand of our God is on this place.

Broken hearts renewed, fragile faith restored;
shattered lives made new by the power of the Lord.
We have seen His Spirit move; we have seen what love can do.

(repeat chorus)

From generation to generation, He has been our strength.
From everlasting to everlasting. He will reign. He will reign!

(repeat chorus)

SERMON

“Live Worthily”

Rev. Brooks

DECLARATIONS OF THE DEACON BODY AND CONGREGATION

Pastor: (to Deacons) You have been entrusted with a sacred task. Do you now accept the challenges of caring for God’s people in this community of believers, assisting our ministers in shepherding the flock, and of seeking the heart of God and being His hands to all who need them?

Deacons: I do.

Pastor: Do you embrace the Baptist distinctives of soul competency, local church autonomy, religious freedom, and the Bible as our trusted and authoritative guide in matters of faith and practice?

Deacons: I do.

Pastor: Will you seek the heart of Christ through diligence in your private prayers and in reading the Scriptures? Will you also demonstrate that heart in the public responsibilities of your ministry?

Deacons: I will, with God’s help.

Pastor: (to congregation) In placing the mantle of responsibility upon these servants, do you commit to supporting and praying for them in their ministry.

Congregation: We will.

Pastor: Recognizing that we are one body in Christ and having promised mutual support before a holy God, let us support one another.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

ORDINATION PRAYER

Bruce Jones, Incoming Chair of Deacons

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 405

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

(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.)

BRADBURY

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

John Bishop

PIANO OFFERTORY

“Come, Thou Fount”...arr. Joseph Martin

AN UPDATE FROM OUR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Betty Holland, Chair

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Gwen Stephens

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PRESENTATIONS AND PASTORAL BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN NO. 349

“To God Be the Glory”

“Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice.
O, come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory
Great things He hath done.”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“I’ll Fly Away”

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. 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