

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

CityState

Zip Code

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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:

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY
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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED
Have you ever considered serving as a Sunday School teacher? Would you be willing to serve as a substitute teacher when our regular teachers need to be away? A Sunday or two is a great way to continue to use your gifts for leading and teaching. If you’re willing to be a part of a team of folks who are available to sub periodically, please contact Suzanne at sreece@fbcrome.org

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. We should arrive back to the church by 5:00 p.m. Register by calling the church office. Deadline is October 3.

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.

CBFGA YOUTH FALL RETREAT - DAHLONEGA, GA | November 13-15
Students are invited to this year’s youth retreat in Dahlonega, GA. The cost is \$180 per student. Registration and a down payment of \$90 is due by October 1. Reach out to John Bishop for more details.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 27

- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Sunday School Teacher Luncheon & Training - Dining Room
- Youth Choir - Choir Suite
- 6:00 p.m. Youth SNL (Sunday Night Live) - Youth Room

Wednesday, September 30

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Children’s Activities - Children’s Halls
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Practicing the Way) - Fellowship Hall
- Youth Activities - Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir

Thursday, October 1

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen
- 5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class

Friday, October 2

- FBC Serves Community Kitchen

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of Tom Lumpkin on the occasion of his birthday by Diane Lumpkin and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Quinette Harbin by Buford Harbin and family.

First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia
100 East Fourth Avenue
www.fbcrome.org
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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 27, 2026 11:00 a.m.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE “The Lord’s My Shepherd” ... Jessie Seymour Irvine

CALL TO WORSHIP Sanctuary Choir
“Because He Lives” ...arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION Suzanne Reece

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 33 CWM RHONDDA
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Reece
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed.

**We have done things we should not do, and we have left undone things we
should have done.**

We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors
as ourselves.

**Please forgive us, cleanse our hearts, and help us walk in your ways. In
Jesus’ name, Amen.**

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: God does not answer our rebellion with abandonment.
Just as water gushed from the rock at Horeb to save a thirsty people, Christ
was struck for our sake so that living water might flow freely to us all. Know
that you are forgiven, healed, and restored to walk in newness of life.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Exodus 17:1-7
Kristen Mathis, reader

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stag-
es, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the
people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”
Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But
the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said,
“Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with
thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are
almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and
take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you
struck the Nile and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb.
Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses
did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, be-
cause the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

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 ASSURANCE No. 59 FOREST PARK
“My Lord is Near Me All the Time”

MORNING PRAYER (*with the Lord’s Prayer*) Gwen Stephens
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
“Assurance” ...arr. Ness Beck
(The text to this anthem may be found in hymn 619.)

SERMON Rev. Tamara Smathers
“Water for Life”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO 660 MARYTON
“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”
(*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 Jonathan Lucas, Deacon

PIANO OFFERTORY “Seek Ye First” ...arr. Gail Smith
Meditation Text

So often we create our own Massah and Meribah through our complaining about
life and God. We also put God to the test by asking, “Is the Lord among us or
not?” Know that God is with you; if God were not, you would not survive.
Instead of being at Massah and Meribah, move to Bethel and learn to say,
“Surely that Lord is in this place.”

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH April Lucas

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN NO. 349 TO GOD BE THE GLORY
“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 “How Firm a Foundation” ...Gilbert M. Martin

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 availavle for
shildren 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