

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_____

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:

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

FBC KIDS AND FAMILIES - PUMPKIN PATCH | Saturday, October 24 | 10:00 a.m.
Are you ready for some fall fun? Join us for our annual pumpkin patch outing at Lazy Creek Farms Pumpkin Patch. Fellowship with other parents while your kids run through the corn maze, jump on the trampoline, slide and race cars. This is a great time every year, we hope you will join us!

FBC YOUTH HIKING EXCURSION | Saturday, October 24 | 1:00 p.m.
Let’s go hiking to the House of Dreams on the Berry College Mountain Campus! We plan to meet up at 1:00 in the parking lot of Frost Chapel. Wear appropriate shoes and bring your water bottle.

CHURCH FALL PICNIC & FAVORITE HYMNS | Sunday, October 25 | 4:00 p.m.
As part of our fellowship time, we would love to sing portions of some of your favorite hymns. **If you could, please send Bill Adcock your favorite hymn. As time allows at the picnic, we will sing those requests. You may send them to billadcock@fbcrome.org.**

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS EMPHASIS - SUBMISSION NOW OPEN
Please scan the QR Code to submit a family for our Hands of Christ Christmas program. **The deadline to submit is October 25.**

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT SUPPER | Monday, October 26 | 7:00 p.m.
We will gather at John Bishop’s home for supper and fellowship. Please come, relax and get to know the young adult group! This event is open to both college students and young professionals.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 18

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Committee - Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Suite
- 6:00 p.m. Youth SNL (Sunday Night Live) - Youth Room

Monday, October 19

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

Tuesday, Octobert 20

- 10:00 p.m. Women’s Sensible Shoes Group - Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Women’s Sensible Shoes Group - Parlor

Wednesday, October 21

- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Supper
- 5:30 p.m. FBC Ringers - Choir Suite
- 5:45 p.m. Children’s Activities
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Practicing the Way) - Fellowship Hall
- Youth Activities - Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

Thursday, October 22

- 4:00 p.m. Safety & Security Meeting - Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Fellowship Hall & Community Room

Saturday, October 24

- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Ministry to Pumpkin Patch - Lazy Creek Farms
- 1:00 p.m. FBC Youth Hike to House of Dreams

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Higgins on the occasion of her birthday by Marty and Len Willingham and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tom E. Patterson by Leigh Patterson.

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A Service of Worship

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11:00 a.m.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE “My Jesus, I Love Thee” ...arr. Whila Hutson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION Suzanne Reece

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 590 “The Solid Rock”
SOLID ROCK

CALL TO CONFESSION
God of Grace, we know that you have chosen us, but we often forget that you have also chosen others.
You call us to be imitators of Christ,
Yet many times we are imitators of the world. You challenge us to turn from our idols, but we are tempted to turn back to them again and again.
Rescue us, Lord, from ourselves.
Show us your way.
Guide our every action, that we may live as you call us to live. Amen

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 570 TRUST IN JESUS
“ ’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Kristen Mathis, reader
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 704) MEINEKE
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 HOPE NO. 662 NYLAND
“The Mission God Has Given”
(Children through fourth grade may depart 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING Sanctuary Choir
“He Keeps Me Singing” ...arr. Mary McDonald
There’s within my heart a melody; Jesus whispers sweet and low,
“Fear not, I am with you, peace, be still,” In all of life’s ebb and flow.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.
I will sing of my Redeemer, and His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.
Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, with His blood, He purchased me.
On the cross, He sealed my pardon. Paid the debt and made me free.
Soon He’s coming back to welcome me far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown; I shall reign with Him on high
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.
As I go!

SERMON Rev. Brooks
“What Is Our Reputation?”

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 435 SULLIVAN
“Share His Love”
(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 John Bishop

PIANO OFFERTORY “Be Thou My Vision” ...arr. Cindy Berry
Meditation Text:
“Preach the gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.” —St. Francis of Assisi

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH April Lucas

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

PASTORAL BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN NO. 7 (chorus only) JUDSON
“Worthy of Worship”
You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are Worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; worthy of worship and praise.

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE “In Heavenly Love Abiding” ...arr. David Peninger

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