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) _____

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Address _____

CityState _____

Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

Telephone _____

Marital Status

Married___ Single___ Widow(er)___

Children at Home (Name/Age/Grade)

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___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:

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THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HABITAT PAINTING OPPORTUNITY | Saturday, November 14 | 8:30 a.m.
We have been partnering with Habitat for Humanity with their current house build. They are now ready for us to paint the inside of their current build. We should be finished by noon. **We need 8-10 painters who can brush "cut-in" or roll walls.** If you are available to paint for all of our scheduled time, or even just part of it, please see Bob Hortman ASAP.

THANKSGIVING MEAL & SERVICE | Sunday, November 22 | 5:00 p.m.
Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Our Thanksgiving Service will follow in the Sanctuary. The meal is provided by the Deacons. We look forward to celebrating and sharing this special time with you!

WELCOMING ADVENT CELEBRATION | Sunday, November 29 | 9:45 a.m.
Join us during the Sunday School hour for an Advent Celebration. This family friendly event will include making Advent wreaths. All nursery, children, youth and adult Sunday School classes will join! Brian Inman will teach in the Chapel for those who would prefer a traditional Sunday School lesson.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON | Thursday, December 3 | 12:00 p.m.
Mark your calendars for our Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon, located in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend, please call the church office by Monday, November 30. The cost for the luncheon is $10/person. We hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST | Sunday, December 6 | 4:30 p.m.
Mark your calendars for this festive annual event! Guests are welcome.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 1
8:30 a.m. Youth Committee Meeting - Conference Room
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite
12:30 p.m. Minister of Worship Search Committee - Dining Room
4:00 p.m. Women's Mahjong - Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Live (Youth Event) - Hood's Farm

Monday, November 2
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room
5:00 p.m. FBC Ringers Rehearsal (3rd. Floor, Room 309)

Wednesday, November 4
8:30 a.m. Men's Ministry Committee Meeting - Conference Room
12:00 p.m. Properties Committee Meeting - Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Family Night Supper
5:30 p.m. FBC Ringers - 3rd Floor, Room 309
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, November 5
5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty Class - Fellowship Hall & Community Room

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dewey Jowers and in honor of Jerrie Jowers on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by the Sklar family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Trixie and Dee Couch by Patsy and Jere Drummond.

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November 1, 2026 **11:00 a.m.**

As a courtesy to others, please silence all devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE Holy, Holy, Holy ...Hayes and Wagner

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Kristen Mathis

Today, we remember the saints who showed us what it means to live abundantly in Christ.

We give thanks for their lives, their love, and the faith they have passed on to us.

Surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses, let us worship the God who makes life abundant, now and forever!

HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE NO. 567 SINE NOMINE

"For All the Saints"

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS SUNDAY David Brooks

Almighty God, we, Your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to You; For all those through whom You have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For the teachers and companions of childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship You now in heaven,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others,

We lift up thankful hearts.

That we may hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with You in that city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no night,

Lord, bless Your heritage. Amen.

IN MEMORIAM

(Please stand as names are read aloud. We will pause to remember, pray, and give thanks.)

Lucille Bishop	Clara Mattingly	Art Crowe
Evan Gober	Gaynelle Grizzard	Bill Weidemann
Edward Rudert	Betty Higgins	Catherine Jetton
Charles Warner	Ginna Wise	Hildred Thompson
Marla Janes	Delos Yancey	Frances Brock
Hamilton Dixon	Michelle Arwood	

TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELL

The church bell, cast and first used in 1855, will be rung in memory of each member. One final toll will memorialize family and friends who were not church members, but who are still missed and loved.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE 1 John 3:1-3

Mary Rolan, Life Deacon, reader

[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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 LIFE NO. 561 HANSON PLACE

"Shall We Gather at the River"

(Children ages four through fourth grade may depart for Children's Worship.)

MORNING PRAYER *(with the Lord's Prayer)* Suzanne Reece

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

"Goin' Home" ...arr. Paul Langford

Goin home, goin' home, I'm a-going home; quiet like, some still day, I'm just goin' home. It's not far, just close by, through an open door; work all done, care laid by, goin' to fear no more. Mother's there expecting me father's waiting too. Lots of folk gathered there, all the friends I knew. Morning star lights the way, restless dream all done. Shadows gone, break of day, real life's just begun. There's no break, there's no end, just a living on. Wide awake with a smile, goin' on and on. Goin' home, goin' home, I'm just goin' home; It's not far, just close by, through an open door. I'm just goin' home.

SERMON Rev. Brooks

"Abundantly Blessed"

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 267 DENNIS

"Blest Be the Tie"

(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 "Doxology" ...arr. Richard Kingsmore

Meditation Text:

Being a saint means first and foremost belonging to God. Once you are baptized, you belong to God and all that remains to be seen is what you will do about it. Just remember that you do not have to be famous, or perfect, or dead. You just have to be you—the one-of-a-kind, never-to-be-repeated human being whom God created you to be— to love as you are loved, to throw your arms around the world, to shine like the sun.

— Barbara Brown Taylor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Brooks

AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS

DEDICATION OF OUR NEW FOYER

PASTORAL BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN NO. 600 PATRICIA

"O How He Loves You and Me"

O how he loves you and me. O how He loves you and me. He gave His life, what more could He give? O how He loves you; O how He loves me; O how He loves you and me!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Saints Bound for Heaven" ...Anna A. Davis

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