

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Moments with Children.** At this time, all children ages four through sixth grade are invited to come forward. Children ages four through second grade will leave for Children's Worship after Moments with Children. Older children should return to their seats. Parents should pick up their children on the second floor of the Education Building after worship.

**Faith Development.** Parts of the service marked with a cross (†) have been identified by our ministerial staff as items that are particularly important in the faith development of our children and are included in our book "The Blueprint for Foundational Building Blocks of Faith." All church members are encouraged to study and learn these items. For a copy of the book or for more information, contact Priscilla Tunnell.

**Recording.** All worship services are recorded and may be viewed on our website. If you would like a copy of today's service, please call the pastor's office.

**PRAYER CONCERNS** (Please place in offering plate or hand to an usher or minister.)

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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CORE VALUES

in Heritage. . . Baptist  
in Relationships. . . Family  
in Character. . . Christlikeness  
in Service. . . Leadership  
in All Things. . . Prayer

Dr. P. Joel Snider, Pastor  
Priscilla J. Tunnell, Minister of Faith Development  
Keith A. Reaves, Minister of Worship/Music  
Tamara Tillman Smathers, Minister of Education/  
Administration  
John H. Uldrick, Minister to Students  
Melissa Wood, Director of Weekday Education  
Dr. Hugh Peacock, Interim Minister of Visitation  
Beverly Harris, Pianist  
Joan Hill, Organist  
Dr. Floyd F. Roebuck, Pastor Emeritus

## CHURCH CALENDAR

(For more information on these events visit [www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org).)

### Sunday, August 15

9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12:15 p.m. Associate Pastor Search Committee

### Monday, August 16

1:00 p.m. Women of the Church Book Group—Conference Room  
7:30 p.m. The Edge (High School Seniors)—Douglas Home

### Tuesday, August 17

7:00 a.m. Youth and Children Devotionals—Chick-Fil-A

### Wednesday, August 18—Family Night Resumes

10:30 a.m. Circle of Friends Bible Study—Conference Room  
5:00 p.m. Dinner  
5:20 p.m. Bible Study Teacher Preparation—Conference Room  
5:30 p.m. Youth Gathering  
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting—Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Youth Connection—Youth Room  
6:30 p.m. Holy Land Trip Preview—Dining Room  
fbc.com (Children's Missions)  
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**GREAT DATE NIGHT:** Adult couples, married and engaged, are invited to our first Great Date Night, Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. A few simple components: Childcare, provided without cost to participants with children; a 20-30 minute large-group gathering; Couple Time. Reservations required by Wednesday, August 25. Childcare drop off, 5:15-5:30; Group Gathering in Youth Room, 5:30; Couple Time, 6:00-8:30.

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, O.M. and Kathryn Cates and John and Miriam Talley, by Bob and Martha Cates.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Millie Ruland's birthday, which was celebrated on August 11<sup>th</sup>, by Hal and Debbie Ruland, Judy Rigas and Families.*

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**A Service of Christian Worship  
August 15, 2010**



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## August 15, 2010 11:00 a.m.

To help maintain a spirit of worship in today's service, please silence cell phones and pagers.  
Hearing assisted devices are available. Please see an usher for more information.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude .....Joan Hill  
"What God Ordains Is Always Good"...Michael Burkhardt  
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Invocation..... Tamara Tillman Smathers

Call to Worship.....Sanctuary Choir  
"Creation Sings"...Keith Getty/Stuart Townend/Kristyn Getty  
(This song appears as Hymn 20 in our hymnal.)

\*Hymn of Praise No. 19 ..... FOREST GREEN  
"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Call to Prayer..... Dr. Tygar Evans, leader  
At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom, we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder.

**We pray for teachers, students and staff that this year might be rewarding for all.**

Be with them as they face the challenge of new tasks,

**In our learning and our teaching, may we grow in service to others and in love for your world,**

Now, Lord, hear our prayers and confession and our commitments to aim higher and live more strongly for you.

A Time for Silent Confession

Hymn of Assurance No. 96 ..... WONDERFUL GRACE  
"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"  
(Children ages four through second grade may come forward during this hymn.)

Moments with Children..... Rev. Tunnell

Morning Prayer..... Dr. Joel Snider

Hymn to God No. 60.....ST. DENIO  
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

\*Reading of Holy Scripture ..... based on Genesis 1:1-5 and John 1  
Brant and Holly Amerman, lay readers  
Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gloria Patri (†)  
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.

Musical Offering.....Sanctuary Choir  
"Almighty Father"...Benjamin Harlan/J. Paul Williams  
Almighty Father, You alone are holy. You are my refuge, I will trust in You.  
You are a tower, a mighty fortress. You are my strength and shield.  
You are God.

Almighty Father, You alone are holy. You guide my footsteps that I may not fall.  
In joy or sorrow, I will exalt You. You are my righteousness.  
You are God.

Almighty Father, You alone are holy. You are Creator, You are all in all!  
Yours is the power, Yours is the glory. Yours is the majesty.  
You are God.

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Sermon.....Dr. Snider  
"What I Believe: God Is"

\*Hymn of Response No. 22 ..... DUKE STREET  
"How Great Our God's Majestic Name"

\*Prayer of Stewardship .....John Uldrick

Offertory..... Joan Hill, organ  
"God of Grace"...arr. Paul Manz

Meditation Text:

The statement "God exists" suggests that the world we see and touch points to a power...beyond our own and outside our control, beyond our sight and touch, which must be taken into account even if we are to give an adequate account of the world that we can touch and see. To affirm the existence of God, then, means to affirm that the physical world, which can be measured and calculated, is not all that is.

--Luke Timothy Johnson in *The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why It Matters*

The Work of the Church..... Rev. Uldrick

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

\*Pastoral Blessing

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Commissioning Hymn No. 514 .....HOLY MANNA  
"Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him"

Christians, let us go and serve Him, serve the One who gives us life.

Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Serve in love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see.

Christians, let us go and serve Him, now and through eternity.

\*Postlude.....Joan Hill  
"Dialogue"...Gilbert Martin

**FAMILY NIGHT RESUMES:** Join us as we kick-off Family Night at First Baptist on Wednesday with activities and programs for all ages. Make supper reservations for this week's "Italian Feast" by calling the church office. See the calendar on reverse for details.

## WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

We are honored that you have chosen to join us in worship today. There is a time in our service when we will welcome guests; we will not, however, ask you to stand, raise your hand, or do anything that makes you feel awkward. We would like to know you were here, however. Please fill out the information request below and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister as you leave. We promise to use it only to contact you about our church. Again, welcome to First Baptist Church!

This is my (our)...

\_\_\_ First visit to First Baptist Church

\_\_\_ Second visit to First Baptist Church

\_\_\_ Third (+) visit to First Baptist Church

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Married

\_\_\_\_\_ Single

\_\_\_\_\_ Widow(er)

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Is your number unlisted? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Children Living at Home (Name/Age/Grade)

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\_\_\_ I am a newcomer 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 an out-of-town guest of:

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