

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.)

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.)

Sunday, July 18

8:30 a.m. Youth Committee Meeting - Youth Room
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Bible Class - WLAQ 1410 AM
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 19

12:00 p.m. Foundation Meeting
1:00 p.m. WOC Book Group - Conference Room

Wednesday, July 21

10:30 a.m. Circle of Friends Bible Study - Conference Room

Thursday, July 22

6:30 a.m. Builders Men's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Theatre and Theology - Youth Room

DEACON ELECTION: Next Sunday during morning worship.

YOUTH MYSTERY LUNCH: Monday, July 26. Youth who plan to participate should be at the church by noon.

CAMPING TRIP: The youth plan to go to Desoto Falls State Park the weekend of July 30. Sign up with John or Maribeth if you want to go.

FAMILY NIGHT RESUMES AUGUST 18: If you would like to be on the permanent Family Night supper list, please call the church office at 706.291.6850, or sign up on the church's website.

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A Service of Christian Worship

July 18, 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, organ
 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"...Johann Pachelbel

Invocation John Uldrick

*Hymn of Praise No. 354. JOYFUL SONG
 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Call to Prayer. Maribeth Fulwider, Summer Intern
 The Spirit produces in human life fruits such as these: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, fidelity, tolerance and self-control.

If our lives are centered in the Spirit, let us be guided by the Spirit.

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness
 Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Covenant of Church Members

Led by the Spirit of God to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and having entered into the fellowship of the Spirit through His Church,

we, the members of the Church, prayerfully make this covenant with one another and with our Heavenly Father.

We respect all faith traditions, but we shall cherish our heritage as Baptist Christians.

We shall hold dear the principles of soul competency, the priesthood of all believers, the autonomy of the local Church, and the Bible as our trusted and authoritative guide in matters of faith and practice.

As a group of gathered believers, we understand ourselves to be a part of a family of faith.

Therefore, we shall love, forgive, admonish, encourage, serve, and pray for one another—always in the spirit of being sisters and brothers in Christ.

Jesus Christ shall be our model for living.

We recognize that none of us shall ever attain His perfection; yet, we shall always strive to grow in likeness of Him. His heart shall be our guide for the way we minister, organize ourselves, conduct our business, and treat others.

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ on earth; therefore, we are the hands of Christ.

Knowing this about ourselves, we shall be satisfied with nothing less than being leaders in Christian service. We can only accomplish this goal by serving more.

Our Master is our example. We know that we serve Christ Himself when we minister to the least, the last, the lost, and the overlooked.

We believe that, on our own, we are not strong enough, wise enough, nor good enough to accomplish our mission as a Church. Therefore, we trust in God's strength, God's wisdom, and God's righteousness to empower us. Only through prayer do we accomplish our mission as a Church.

--Adopted by the First Baptist Church of Rome, October 19, 2003

Ordinance of Believers' Baptism
 Dylan McLaughlin, Garrett Parker, Fowler Stevenson, candidates
(The congregation will please respond with "Amen" after each baptism.)

Special Music. Dr. Kathy Richardson/Dr. Kathy Whatley
 "Peace Like A River"...Ragan Courtney/Buryl Red

Hymn of Faith No. 272. ST. BRENDAN'S
 "They'll Know We Are Christians"
 (Children ages four through sixth grade are invited to come forward.)

Moments with Children. Curt Wallace

Morning Prayer Tamara Tillman Smathers

*Reading of Holy Scripture. Galatians 5:13-26
 (The text may be found on page 1154 of the pew Bible.)
 Pam Hunter Dempsey, lay reader
 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
 "Prayer of St. Francis"...arr. Allen Pote
 Dr. Martha Shaw, conductor

Sermon. Dr. Snider
 "Fruit of the Spirit"

*Hymn of Response No. 267. DENNIS
 "Blest Be the Tie"

*Prayer of Stewardship Harold Storey, Life Deacon

Offertory. Joan Hill
 "Meditation"...Arthur Foote

Meditation Text:

Consider that nothing but virtue and devotion can satisfy your soul in this world. Behold how beautiful they are. Draw a comparison between the virtues and their contrary vices. How sweet is patience when compared with revenge...meekness, compared with anger...humility, compared with arrogancegenerosity compared with greed....charity, compared with envy.... Virtues have this admirable quality, that they delight the soul...whereas vices leave the soul infinitely weary and distraught. Courage, then! Why do we not strive to gain such pleasures? —St. Francis de Sales

The Work of the Church Rev. Uldrick

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

*Commissioning Hymn No. 639 (Stanza One). WEBB
 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

*Postlude. Joan Hill
 "Doxology Postlude"...Peter Pindar Stearns

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 _____

Home Telephone _____

Is your number unlisted? Yes No

Children Living at Home (Name/Age/Grade)

- 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 a guest of: _____