

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

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
Floyd F. Roebuck, Pastor Emeritus

CHURCH CALENDAR

(For more information on these events visit www.fbcrome.org.)

Sunday, July 4

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 5

Church Offices Closed in Observance of Independence Day

Tuesday, July 6

10:30 a.m. Roundtable Book Group - Parlor

Wednesday, July 7

9:00 a.m. Youth Depart for Six Flags
10:30 a.m. Circle of Friends Bible Study - Conference Room

Thursday, July 8

6:30 a.m. Builder's Men's Bible Study - Conference Room
6:00 p.m. Theatre & Theology - Youth Room

Friday, July 9

12:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting - Conference Room

Flower Calendar Openings: The Flower Committee has openings for Sunday Memorial and Honoraria floral arrangements during the month of July and August. If you would like to provide a Memorial or Honoraria arrangement please call Karen Garrett in the church office at 706.291.6850 or contact Frances Davis.

Youth trip to Six Flags: The youth plan to go to Six Flags on Wednesday, July 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The deadline to sign-up is Tuesday, July 6.

Weekday Preschool: You and your friends with small children are invited to the Weekday Preschool Open House on the preschool floor Thursday, July 5 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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A Service of Christian Worship

July 4, 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

PreludeMary Lynn Ryland
"We Pray to Thee"...arr. Buxtehude
(Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Call to Worship Tamara Tillman Smathers
Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
Hasten the day when all people, with many voices in one united chorus will glorify your name.
Amen!

*Hymn of Praise No. 62NATIONAL HYMN
"God of Our Fathers"

Call to Prayer.Maribeth Fulwider, Summer Intern
We have come to sing,
rejoicing in the good that walks this land by day.
We have come to be silent,
repenting of the evil that stalks it by night.
We have come to this place because here we are reminded that you are both our creator and our conscience,
Here all our loyalties are put in their proper place, ordered behind our allegiance to you.
Be with us in our celebration and our confession,
that our citizenship might become more responsible, our nation more humble, and our world more dependable.

A Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness
Praise the Lord, all nations; all peoples, glorify God, whose grace, like a wave, surges over us, whose faithfulness lasts for all time.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Hope No. 702.MATERNA
"America the Beautiful"
(Children ages four through second grade may come forward during this hymn.)

Moments with Children. Maribeth Fulwider

Hymn of Petition No. 697.FINLANDIA
"This Is My Song"

Morning Prayer. Dr. Hugh Peacock

*Reading of Holy Scripture. John 8:31-38
(The text may be found on page 1060 of the pew Bible.)
Dr. John Head, Deacon, 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.Dr. Joe Preston
"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"...arr. Buryl Red

Sermon.Dr. Peacock
"Is Freedom Really Free?"

*Hymn of Response No. 550.MARCHING TO ZION
"We're Marching to Zion"

*Prayer of Stewardship. John Uldrick

Offertory Lee Ann Head
"Simple Gifts"...arr. Liz Story

Meditation Text:
We on this continent should never forget that men first crossed the Atlantic not to find soil for their ploughs but to secure liberty for their souls.
—Robert J. McCracken

The Work of the Church. Rev. Uldrick

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn No. 701 (Stanza Four). AMERICA
Our Sovereign God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us, by thy might, Great God our King!

*Postlude.Mary Lynn Ryland
"Church's One Foundation"...arr. Hobby

The church offices will be closed tomorrow in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

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)

- 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:
