

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.

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.)

RESERVATION FOR 175TH CELEBRATION LUNCHEON MAY 16, 2010 SIGN UP DEADLINE: MAY 5

Name: _____

Number aged 13-Adult _____

Number aged 6-12 _____

Number aged 5 and under _____

No. of High Chairs Needed _____

*(Please put in offering plate or
give to a minister or usher.)*

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

Hugh Peacock and Joe Preston

Interim Ministers of Visitation

Patsy Cooper, Director of Weekday Education

Beverly Harris, Pianist

Joan Hill, Organist

Floyd F. Roebuck, Pastor Emeritus

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, May 2

9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Bible Class - WLAQ 1410 AM
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Graduate Luncheon—Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Financial Peace University

Monday, May 3

12:00 p.m. Properties Committee
5:00 p.m. First Baptist Ringers
5:15 p.m. Associate Pastor Search Committee
5:30 p.m. Committee on Committees
6:15 p.m. Youth Choir gathers at State Mutual Stadium

Tuesday, May 4

7:00 a.m. Youth and Children Bible Study - Chick-Fil-A

Wednesday, May 5

9:30 a.m. Circle of Friends Bible Study—Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Family Night Supper—Fellowship Hall
5:20 p.m. Bible Study Teacher Preparation—Dining Room
5:30 p.m. Youth Gathering—Youth Room
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting—Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Youth Connection—Youth Room
Worship 101 Adult Study—Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. FBC.com (Children's Missions Education)
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, May 6

10:30 a.m. Senior Adult Committee—Conference Room
11:30 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon—Berry Brass Ensemble Entertains
6:00 p.m. Men's Ministry Steak Dinner—Shorter Coach Phil Jones Speaks

Friday, May 7

12:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Saturday, May 8

8:00 a.m. Love Builds—Ceilings and wall insulation. Need crew of 6 and 8.
Contact Carroll Peterson or John Head if you can help.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON: Thursday, May 6 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Entertainment by Dr. Stan Pethel and the Berry College Brass Ensemble. Cost is \$5. Make reservations by Tuesday. All ages welcomed!

MEN'S MINISTRY: Steak Dinner Thursday, May 6 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10. Speaker is Shorter Football Coach Phil Jones. Guests welcomed! Make reservations by Tuesday.

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First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia
A Service of Christian Worship
May 2, 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
"What God Ordains Is Right" arr. Michael Burkhardt

Invocation Dr. Hugh Peacock

*Hymn of Praise No. 350. BLESSED NAME
"Blessed Be the Name"

Call to Prayer. Daniel Gaines, leader
In spite of God's love for us, we often act in destructive and deceitful ways.
We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law. Together, let us
confess our sins.

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is
God's Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.

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. Jacob Bowman, candidate
(The congregation will please respond with "Amen" after the baptism.)

Hymn of Baptism No.448KELERIN
"Come to the Water"
(Children ages four through sixth grade are invited to come forward.)

Moments with Children.Priscilla J. Tunnell

Morning Prayer.Tamara Tillman Smathers

Recognition of 2010 High School Graduates

John Bratton	Will Jones
Charlie Breen	Ryan Major
Hunter Brooks	Connor McWhorter
Caroline Clements	Payton Payne
Daniel Gaines	Clay Phillips
Katherine Hortman	Morgan Reynolds
Kelsey Howell	Madison Tucker
Cyndell Hubler	Jack Yancey

*Reading of Holy Scripture.Matthew 3:1-17
(The text may be found on page 957 of the pew Bible.)
Cheryl Shippey, High School Sunday School Teacher, 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

"Season of Promise"...Mark Hayes

(This anthem is placed in the Music Library to the glory of God and in memory of Charles Holt, by Willis and Glenda Potts.)

Listen to the stillness; new life is stirring.
God is at work; new dreams are on the wing.
Listen to the silence; new hopes are blooming.
God is at work; all life begins to sing!

*This is the season of promise. All nature is shouting resurrection!
The old is gone, the new has come. Awaken, all of God's creation;
God is at work. The Seed which died now brings new life.*

Listen to the quiet; new seeds are waiting.
God is at work; such beauty God will bring.

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Sermon.Dr. Snider
"His Baptism and Ours"

*Hymn of Response No. 449. BUNESSAN
"Baptized in Water"

*Prayer of Stewardship Morgan Reynolds

Offertory.John Bratton, trombone
"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"...arr. Douglas Smith

Meditation Text:

That day at the Jordan, standing knee-deep in the cold water, with John the Baptist drenching him, the Anointed One signified his obedient journey toward the cross. His baptism intimated where it would finally end. His whole life was caught up in this single sign. Our baptism does the same. The chief biblical analogy for baptism is not the water that washes but rather the flood that drowns. Discipleship is more than turning over a new leaf. It is nothing less than daily death. The Crucified One determines the pattern for our baptism, the adequacy of our present making of disciples. —William Willimon in *The Service of God*

The Work of the Church Tamara Tillman Smathers

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing

*Passing of the Peace

*Commissioning Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as Creator, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

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*Postlude.Joan Hill
"In Thee Is Gladness"...J. S. Bach



175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, May 16
Make lunch reservations on attached form today!

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of Helen Ruchti, by Joel and Jean Fletcher.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, by Earl and Mary Rolan.

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:
