

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS MORNING FOLLOWING WORSHIP

The Transition Team realized that we did not build in a time to report on our last Congregational Conversation which was held on June 1, 2025. Dr. Bill Wilson has agreed to meet with the church following this morning’s worship service to summarize the information we received from you. Please join us to review material as the Transition Team begins to work on designing our Church Profile in preparation for our pastor search. Thank you so much for the time you have devoted to this process.

RESOUNDING FAITH

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 29 – 9:30 AM

Join us for a special Fifth Sunday Music Service filled with powerful praise and inspiring worship. Come experience a joyful morning of music that lifts the Spirit and celebrates our shared faith!

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

July 6 — Sunday Funday Pool Party

July 20 — Sunday Funday at the Lake

July 23 — 6:00-8:30 PM
Tennis Baseball at Ducworth Complex and Dinner

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear church family,

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your prayers, gifts and the beautiful cards. Knowing that we are being lifted up in prayer has brought us comfort and strength and reminds us just how blessed we are to be part of such a caring church family.

Larry and Dianne Mitchell

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, June 29	
9:00 AM	Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM	Resounding Faith Music Service
10:30 AM	Sunday School

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS
Joined June 15, 2025



Aaron Wimpey (pictured with his wife, member Hannah Wimpey)



Matt and Corry Lathrop

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Offertory Prayer: Tom Allen
Visitor Outreach: Hannah Wimpey
Children’s Worship: Children will remain in the service.
Security: Jimmy Cooley and Chad Walker



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Welcome

June 22, 2025

Welcome!

We’re so grateful for your presence this morning and invite you to engage fully in the worship, study, service, and fellowship life of First Baptist Church. For 200 years, this congregation has gathered in response to God’s presence among us—worship is at the heart of who we are. It defines us, unites us, and brings us joy as we gather together in God’s name.

Whether you’re a longtime member or visiting for the first time, we’re glad you’re here. Our prayer is that you encounter God in a meaningful way during our time of worship.

If you’re a first-time guest, please take a moment to fill out the visitor card located on the back of the pew. You can use it to join our mailing list, share a prayer request, or reach out to our staff with any questions. If you're exploring your faith, we’re here to walk alongside you and help you discover more about Christianity, our church, and what it means to grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We’re so glad you’ve joined us today. May you experience God’s love and grace in a powerful way this morning.

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer:
Marie Turner

Visitor Outreach:
Ann Self

Children’s Worship:
January Menees and Sammy Gilmer

Security:
Wes Wallace and Chad Walker

Miss Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist
Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
Mr. Ethan Harper, Music Intern
Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager
Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager
Miss Natalie Rutledge, Musician in Residence
Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music
Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager
Dr. Jim Wooten, Interim Pastor

The Worship of God

Prelude

We invite you to use the prelude as an opportunity to prepare for worship and recognize the Holy Spirit among us. This is a time to consider what may take place in our worship of God.

Welcome Jim Wooten

Prelude *Land of Rest* arr. David Lasky
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

Special Recognition Mathias Richardson, Personnel Committee Chairman

Invocation Mathias Richardson

*Hymn No. 374 *Your Supper, Lord, Before Us Spread* HAMBURG

Anthem *Above All* Camp Kirkland
Summer Choir

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things,
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were there before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known,
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there’s no way to measure what You’re worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone,
Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all.

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*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

Cheerful Giving Is a Part of Worship

While we will collect offering by passing our offering plates, we also have the ability to receive gifts electronically. Electronic giving is available at andersonfbc.org/give, through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](https://www.facebook.com/andersonfbc) and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) - Houston

(Children please exit for Children’s Church at this time.)

Offertory Prayer Marie Turner

Offertory Music *Purer In Heart* arr. Franklin Ritter

Praising God For His Gifts To Us GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

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.

Responsive Reading Ann Campbell

Leader: As we prepare to come to the table, let us examine our hearts with honesty and openness.

People: May we remember Christ’s love that calls us to also love one another.

Leader: In silence, we reflect on the moments we have failed to be faithful.

People: And we give thanks for the mercy that meets us here.

Leader: May our hearts be softened, our spirits renewed.

People: And may our lives bear witness to the grace we receive.

ALL: As one body, we come to the table of Christ — in humility, in hope, in love.

Morning Prayer Ann Campbell
Prayer concludes by saying in unison:

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 have trespassed 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.

Scripture **John 13:31-35**
(Pew Bible Page 1067)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon **“Why a New Commandment?”** Jim Wooten

*Hymn No. 275 *I Surrender All* SURRENDER

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Serving of the Bread

Lord, Be Glorified - arr. Mark Hayes
Kelly Smith, Pianist

Serving of the Cup

Thee We Adore - Plainsong Melody
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Benediction Hymn No. 387 *Blest Be the Tie* DENNIS

Postlude *With Praises All Unite* arr. Geoffrey Edwards
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Children’s Worship

We invite elementary-aged children to attend Children’s Worship during the service this morning. Our Children’s Worship leaders will exit with children at the front door to the right of the sanctuary when indicated in the bulletin. This will be a time for a child-focused discussion of Scripture and worship themes, and will be followed by Sunday School in the same space. Parents may pick up their children from the Rock Room (329) on the third floor of the education building at 11:30.

The Lord’s Supper

On behalf of Jesus, we invite all followers of Jesus – regardless of church membership – to participate in the Lord’s Supper.

“Come to the table not because you are strong, but because you understand something of your own weakness. Come to the table not because you feel worthy, but because you have a sense of your own unworthiness; come not because you love God a lot, but because you love God a little and want to learn to love God more.”