

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING THROUGH THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Janie Chapman State Missions Offering (SBC) AND Beverly Greer State Missions Offering (CBF)

Given to date: \$760.00

2026 AREAS OF INTEREST SURVEY

If you haven’t had a chance to fill out your 2026 Areas of Interest Survey, we’d love for you to do so! Copies are available at the Welcome Center in the vestibule, and completed surveys can be placed in the box there by Sunday, September 28. Your responses help us connect you with opportunities to serve and be involved in ways that match your gifts and interests.

CHURCH-WIDE
CLEANUP DAY

OCTOBER 4
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Save the Date!
More information coming soon!

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

PICNIC AND PLAY at LINLEY PARK
OCTOBER 5 — 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Youth and Children will leave during Sunday School (10:30 AM) and take the bus to the Park for a picnic lunch and time to play on the playground. They will return by 3:00 PM. Please let Elana Roach or Shelby Clardy know if you plan to attend.

CONDOLENCES

Ann Newton and family on the passing of her mother-in-law and former FBC member, Doris Blevins, on September 12, 2025.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Offertory Prayer: Thomas Roach

Visitor Outreach: Joe Drennon

Children’s Worship:
Hannah Wimpey and Matt Wilson

Security:
Bill Wilson and Jack Abraham

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

RESUMES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
10:00 AM IN THE BRIDAL SUITE.

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Tuesday, September 23

10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study (Bridal Suite)

Wednesday, September 24

5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)

5:45 PM Children’s Music and Missions
Youth Group (Gym)

6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 PM Youth “Homework & Hangout” (Gym)
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 25

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Sunday, September 28

9:30 AM Worship/Communion

10:30 AM Sunday School



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Welcome

September 21, 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:
Larry Mitchell

Visitor Outreach:
Dennis Fowler

Children’s Worship:
Timothy Clardy and Kristen Gilmer

Security:
Matt Lathrop and Greg Shore

Miss Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director

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 Alan Oxendine

Prelude *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* arr. Melvin Rotermund
Mary Alice Edmonds, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

*Hymn No. 14 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Responsive Reading Alan Oxendine

Leader: We come before God, aware of our sins and shortcomings.

People: Lord, we confess our need for Your mercy.

Leader: In Your light, we see the truth about ourselves.

People: In Your love, we find grace to be made new.

Leader: Our brokenness is met by Your healing.

People: Our guilt is met by Your forgiveness.

Leader: Teach us to see ourselves as You see us.

People: Children beloved, forgiven, and restored.

ALL: Thanks be to God, who takes away our sin and makes us whole.

Invocation Alan Oxendine

*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

Lord, I Need You - Maher

Offertory Prayer Larry Mitchell

Offertory Music *God of the Sparrow* arr. J. Wayne Kerr

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.

*Please stand if able.

Anthem *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* arr. Camp Kirkland
Sanctuary Choir

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

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

Morning Prayer Corry Lathrop

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 **II Samuel 11:26-12:13**
(Pew Bible Page 305)

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

Sermon **“The Face in The Mirror”** Jim Wooten

*Hymn No. 297 *Search Me Oh God* ELLERS

Benediction Jim Wooten

Postlude *O Thou, in Whose Presence My Soul Takes Delight* arr. Gilbert Martin
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 Invitation
We invite you to commit your life to Jesus Christ as His disciple and to join our congregation as a member. We receive members in one of three ways: upon profession of faith in Christ followed by believer’s baptism; by transfer of membership from another Christian church; or by statement of previous Christian experience. This process begins when you respond to the invitation at the conclusion of worship by coming forward to request membership. It continues with a conversation with one of our ministers, a new member orientation (offered periodically), and a vote by the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. We’d love the opportunity to talk with you about becoming a Christian or joining our church as a member.