



Our celebration of Trinity Sunday marked the beginning of the season in the church year known as Ordinary Time. In this case the word “ordinary” comes from the word “ordinal” meaning ordered and is used because these Sundays are numbered following Pentecost. The season represents a time of growth and the application of our faith to our everyday lives. This important season takes us through the summer and into the fall. We hope you will join us each week for the journey.

Mike Willard was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, then moved with his family to Paducah, Kentucky, where he graduated from Tilghman High School. During his freshman year at Wake Forest University, Mike sensed a call to ministry and, during his final three years of college, he served as a Youth Director. He graduated from Wake Forest (philosophy major) and then received his Master of Divinity degree from the former Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. His first job after seminary was as Associate Pastor of Signal Mountain Baptist Church. The next chapter of his life involved pastoral ministry in North Carolina, where he served in three churches over a period of 50+ years. In 2020, Mike married his current wife, Sheila Albritton, whom he met in 1976 at Signal Mountain Baptist. Mike has a granddaughter at Clemson; he and Sheila also have 6 younger grandchildren. We are grateful for Mike’s ministry and welcome his message today.

The floral arrangement is given in loving memory of Ben Gross, honoring him on his birthday, July 23, by Helen Gross.

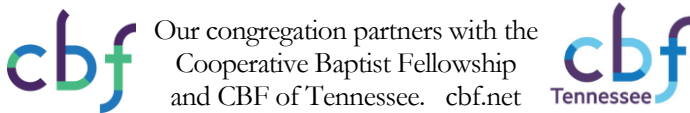
If you would like to know more about becoming a member of First Baptist or about making a profession of faith, please see Jeff Parker in the Narthex after the service. A time will be arranged when you can speak together about the next steps to take in finding your place in our church family.

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Our church is evaluating how we communicate with our congregation and community. Your feedback will help us improve our website, strengthen communications, and ensure that members and visitors can easily find information. **Please take a moment to complete the survey** using the QR in the insert today. You may also pick up a printed copy at the Welcome Center in the Narthex and Lobby. We need and appreciate each person’s input!

We’d love to share our books with everyone! Please check your shelves/stacks for **FBC Media Library** items and get them back to us if you are finished with them. No fees – even if they’re late.

Next Sunday, July 26, we will collect donations for our **First Baptist CARES** (Community Assistance for Residential Essential Services) fund at the end of worship. These funds go to help those in need pay for utility bills. They are also used to supply 40 food boxes from the Chattanooga Area Food Bank to those needing food. Please bring your cash and checks ready to donate. Online donations are welcome as well.



With this QR code, you can donate to our budget, pay for event tickets, give to a mission opportunity, and more. Please contact the church office with any questions.



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 19

- 8:45AM Summer Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 21

- 10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Conference Room

Wednesday, July 22

- 1:00PM First Friends Council - Conference Room
- 7:30PM Committee on Committees - Conference Room

Sunday, July 26

- 8:45AM Summer Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary

Monday, July 27

- 9:00AM Preschool BAM Camp – Fellowship Hall Entrance
- 9:00AM Music & Arts Camp – Chapel Entrance

Tuesday, July 28

- 9:00AM Preschool BAM Camp – Fellowship Hall Entrance
- 9:00AM Music & Arts Camp – Chapel Entrance
- 10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Conference Room

Wednesday, July 29

- 9:00AM Preschool BAM Camp – Fellowship Hall Entrance
- 9:00AM Music & Arts Camp – Chapel Entrance
- 5:00PM Music & Arts Camp Celebration – Sanctuary

Thursday, July 30

- 2:00PM Shower Ministry – Rec Center Area

Sunday, August 2

- 8:45AM Summer Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 9:30AM Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30AM Fellowship Time – Lobby
- 10:50AM Songs of Community – Sanctuary
- 11:00AM Worship – Sanctuary

Worship Leaders

- Dr. Thomas Quisenberry -----Senior Pastor
- Rev. Jeff Parker-----Minister of Music and Worship
- Rev. Kelly Kunf -----Interim Minister of Youth and Children
- Dr. Darryl Miller-----Organist
- Ms. Jenny Parker-----Pianist
- Ms. Caroline Shoop-----Summer Intern, Youth
- Mr. Tilson Boshears-----Summer Intern, Children
- Ms. Lucy Herrod-----Summer Intern, Children

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Chattanooga, Tennessee
July 19, 2026

GATHERING
SONGS OF COMMUNITY Jane Lewis & Anne Coffelt

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETING Jeff Parker
Welcome, friend and stranger;
welcome, honored guest.
We gather as a community to worship God,
to be reminded of God’s goodness,
to be reminded of the call to be a part of that goodness.
Let us worship God.

PRELUDE L. Vierne
Meditation

APPROACH
PRAYER OF ADORATION Kelly Kunf

*HYMN 645 MIT FREUDEN ZART
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
(All children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

CHILDREN’S TIME Sheila Albritton

PSALM READING Tilson Bosbears
Psalm 139:1-2, 23-24 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Tilson Bosbears
God, you know us better than we know ourselves.
You know our thoughts, our weaknesses,
our motivations, our insecurities.
And you love us still.
Forgive us when we don’t believe such love is true or possible;
when we wonder how you could love us just as we are,
when we forget our intricate construction -
fearfully and wonderfully made in your image!
Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us from you.
Break down the walls, push aside the pride,
and help us to trust anew.
You know our hearts.
And you love us still. Amen.

*HYMN 702 BUNESSAN
Christ Be Beside Me

PROCLAMATION
ANTHEM arr. P. Choplin
Reap What You Sow
Summer Choir
You will sow what you reap, reap what you sow.
What you plant in the Kingdom will surely grow.
And what you grow with love will surely bloom,
and the fruit of the Spirit will come back to you.
Do not tire from doing good and never give up
when your road gets rough.
For one day soon a great reward you’ll see
from the good you’ve done when the harvest comes.
You will reap what you sow, sow what you reap.
What you plant in the Kingdom will surely keep
until the day when you hear the words of the Lord:
“Well done, my child, come taste the joy of heaven’s reward.”

GOSPEL READING Mike Willard
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NRSV)
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Mike Willard
Wheat and Weeds??

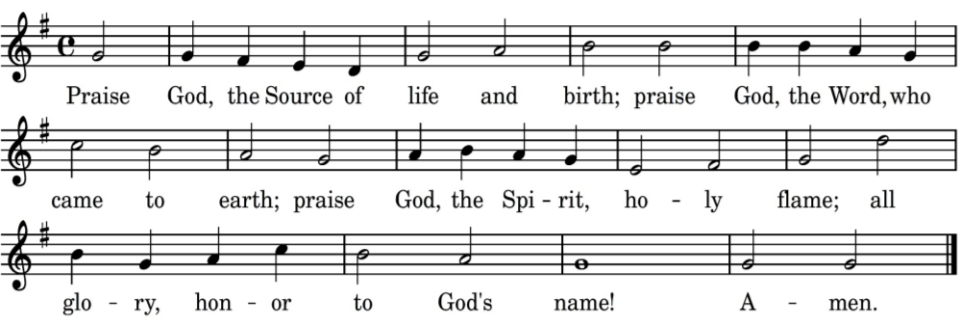
RESPONSE
*HYMN 738 MARYTON
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Jeff Parker

PREPARATION FOR GIVING Susan Rouse
For all who are wandering in the shadows of loneliness,
may our gifts bring light.
For all who have had promises broken,
may our gifts bring healing.
For all who have been left behind by the powerful,
may our gifts offer the gift of community.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS G. Handel, ed. D. Janzer
The Rejoicing

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS OLD 100TH



*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Susan Rouse

*WORK OF THE CHURCH Jeff Parker

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*BENEDICTION Mike Willard

*RESPONSE ACCLAMATIONS
This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends,
and with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:



POSTLUDE C. Harris
Finale in A

Following the postlude, please exit at your convenience.
*Please stand, if able. OL#728820-A