



"The Road to Jerusalem," Robert Rosenberg

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Handbell Ensemble
"Predule on Holy Manna" Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Lighting of the Christ Candle Anderson Koehler

Opening of the Bible Margaux Cherry

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship James Dolph *youth ministry intern*

In Christ the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

Through Christ God reconciled all things to Godself.

In Christ we find our beginning, our purpose, and our own being.

We are Christ's body, eager to serve.

†Hymn No. 802

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" HOLY MANNA

†Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

†Sung Acclamation “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” GLORY TO GOD



Life of the Community Rev. Courtney Willis

Time for Children Rev. Amy Starr Russell

*Children (first grade and younger) may attend Junior Church
and will return to the Sanctuary during the Hymn of Response.*

†Hymn No. 609

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" SHOWALTER

Prayers of God's People Rev. Chris Cherry

Scripture Lesson Tyler Smith *pastoral intern*
Luke 10:38-42

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

"Looking Forward: Reconciled Sisters" "

†Hymn of Response No. 558

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER

*If you would like to become a member of this congregation,
you are invited to speak to a pastor at this time.*

Stewardship Prayer Linda Danford *deacon*

Offertory Handbell Ensemble

"Praise Unfolding" Sandra Eithun

†Response

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH



Sabbatical Blessing Rev. Sherouse

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Landry Duvall *organ*

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" Arr. Dale Wood



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

July 20, 2025

CHRIS CHERRY SABBATICAL | July 21 - September 28

Chris Cherry's sabbatical begins tomorrow, July 21 through September 28. Inspired by the biblical theme of "sabbath," sabbaticals are provided by First Baptist Greensboro to members of our pastoral staff in recognition of years of service and for the purposes of rest and renewal. In Chris' absence, the Youth Ministry will continue with the support of a team of leaders, including James Dolph serving as Acting Youth Minister. A student at Wake Forest University Divinity School, James has served as our Youth Ministry Intern the past two summers, and as College Ministry Intern the past two academic years.

LUNCH AND PRAY | Noon on Wednesdays, July 23, August 13, 27

At noon on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of July and August, all are invited bring a bag lunch to eat together under the shade of the trees on the lawn. We will spend time praying for the needs of the church, and learn more about our faith through different activities and speakers this summer.

ROMEO LUNCH | Thursday July 14 at 12:30

This Thursday ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will gather together for their monthly lunch at Olympic in Colfax! If you'd like to join this group, please let Jeff Bennett (jeff@fbcgso.org) know and he'll add you to the email list. To learn of all the ROMEO Lunch dates, visit fbcgso.org/senior-adults

FBCKIDS LEBAUER PARK MEET-UP | Sunday, July 27 at 3 pm

Join FBCKids for a fun-filled afternoon at LeBauer Park with other families! This is a great opportunity to connect and play together. This is a fun space for kids to cool off in the splash pad and climb and explore on the playground. All are welcome, so bring friends too! No RSVP needed. If you have any questions, connect with Amy Starr Russell (amy@fbcgso.org)

FBCYOUTH GAMES WITH JAMES | Sunday, July 27 at 4 pm

All youth are invited to come hang out at the church for a fun time with James, our Acting Youth Minister while Chris Cherry is on sabbatical! James has planned a fun scavenger hunt type game that is all around the church. It's going to be a blast! If you have any questions, reach out to James Dolph (james@fbcgso.org)

BRAVER ANGELS | Thursday July 24 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

First Baptist is hosting Braver Angels NC Triad Alliance for their upcoming workshop: "Skills for Disagreeing Better." The workshop aims to help participants better understand the values and concerns of those who disagree with them politically, teaching skills for communicating across difference and finding areas of common ground. First Baptist members are invited to join this community-wide workshop on Thursday, July 24, 6:00-7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. You may register at the QR code, or for more information on Braver Angels, visit braverangels.org.



HIKE TO HANGING ROCK | Tuesday, July 29

All are invited to travel to Hanging Rock State Park for a morning hike to the beautiful Hanging Rock overlook (3.6 miles out and back), followed by a picnic lunch. This hike is for all ages, but requires moderate physical ability. Please RSVP at: fbcgso.org/fbc-fun-2025 or scan the QR code so we know how many to expect.



SUMMER BOOKCLUB | Thursday, July 31 at 5:30 pm

Our July book is "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle. This is a great book for adults, teens, and older children. All are welcome to discuss this book! This fantastical, time-traveling adventure throws our main characters into conflicts of love, divinity, and goodness as they wrestle with spirituality and purpose. As they encounter good and evil, our protagonists must embrace love and courage to overcome darkness and save their father.

You can purchase any of the Summer Bookclub books by ordering them from Scuppernon Books. If you need any help getting the books, connect with Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org). Learn about all the books at: fbcgso.org/summer-book-club



Our Covenant of Concerns prayer list is available at all times at: fbcgso.org/prayerlist or you may scan the QR code.

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COMING UP!

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Questions? Contact Courtney Willis
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FBC RIDES THE VIRGINIA CREEPER TRAIL

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 16



Meet in Damascus, Virginia on Saturday morning to ride the lower portion of the famous Virginia Creeper Trail. We will be shuttled from Damascus to Abingdon, VA and then ride back to Damascus before departing for home.

Most levels of physical fitness can participate in this ride that is mostly flat or downhill.

COST:

Adult bike & shuttle: \$40

Kid bike & shuttle: \$25

E-bike & shuttle: \$65

Have your own bike and just need the shuttle? \$24

ADDITIONS:

Tag-along Bike to connect big kid to a parent: \$25 in addition to adult bike
Trailer for kids under 5: \$25 in addition to adult bike



OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND POTLUCK

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 17
9:30 AM



SAVE
THE
DATE!



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