

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

10:45 AM Worship Service

Tune in to 104.5 FM for our worship service at 10:45 AM or use the links below for our live stream!

On FBCG Facebook page, at this link:
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchofGraham>

On FBCG Website, at this link:
<https://fbcgraham.org/sermons-services/>

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

11:00 AM Starfish Team 1 (Take-Out Only)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who contributed school supplies to Operation Back To School. We were able to give a wide variety of items to North Graham Elementary students and teachers. Thanks again for helping our community's children as they go back to school!

Online Giving

is simple and easy!

Visit our website, www.fbcgraham.org and click the "GIVE" button to give your tithes and offerings.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes & Offerings Needed

Weekly \$5,261 Monthly \$22,796

Tithes & Offerings Received

August 1, 2021	\$8,103
August 8, 2021	\$5,750
August 15, 2021	\$4,940
August 22, 2021	\$2,149
August 29, 2021	

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Deacon of the week this week: **Debbie Farrell**
 Deacon of the week next week: **Gaylene Fogleman**
 Greeter of the month: **Lenora Saunders**
 Usher Captains of the month: **Jerome Naylor & Jerry Peterman**

Volunteer

Enlistment Team

The Volunteer Enlistment Team recently sent an email with a list of positions that they are needing volunteers to fill for the coming year. Copies of the list of these positions are available on the desk in the main hallway. If you see any team that you feel suits your talents, please pick up a list and complete the form.

Be sure to return it **by August 30th**. You can place the list in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Thank you

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Chris Howe, Pastor
 Rev. Shannon Hall, Associate Pastor of Music & Family Ministries
 Ann Holt, Organist
 Diann Clapp, Administrative Assistant

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First Baptist Church of Graham

August 29, 2021

10:45 AM

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Wagner
 Ann Holt, organ

Call to Worship *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* arr. Parks

Lord, I lift Your name on high,
 Lord, I love to sing Your praises;
 I'm so glad You're in my life,
 I'm so glad You came to save us!

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
 From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
 From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
 Lord I lift Your name on high!*

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Doxology arr. Parks

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise Him, all creatures here below.
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
 All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
 Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
 Let the Amen sound from His people again,
 Gladly forever adore Him.

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Greeting and Invocation

Rev. Chris Howe

Hymn of Praise NETTLETON
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise:
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home:
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how a great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Children's Message Rev. Chris Howe

Time of Prayer Rev. Chris Howe

Prayer Response *Take Time to Be Holy* HOLINESS

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word:
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art:
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision,
O Ruler of all.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 15:1-5 Ronda Howe

Instrumental Meditation arr. McDonald
Grace Greater Than Our Sin
Ann Holt & Shannon Hall

“Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe”

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Song of Praise *Jesus, Lord to Me* arr. Fettke
Shannon Hall

Jesus, Jesus, Lord to me. Master, Savior, Prince of Peace!
Ruler of my heart today, Jesus, Lord to me.
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He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Scripture Reading James 1:26-27

Message *Keeping It Real* Rev. Chris Howe

Hymn of Commitment GERMANY
The Church of Christ, in Every Age

The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Then let the servant church arise; A caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord,
To care for all, without reserve, and spread His liberating Word.

Benediction Rev. Chris Howe

Choral Response *As We Go*

As we go, may Your Spirit go before us.
As we go, may we follow where You lead.
May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,
And be a light unto the world as we go.

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Postlude *Postlude in C Major* Latzelsberger
Ann Holt, organ

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning
are given in loving memory of Reade Allen,
by Lorraine Allen and family.*

Dear Church Family,

As we said to you in July, our Regathering Team has been keeping a close eye on the Delta variant as well as infection numbers and the trends within our own state and county, and we have remained committed to the goal of keeping the church family safe. We have determined that we need to suspend in-person Sunday School (all age groups & classes) for the time being. In addition, we will cancel our churchwide picnic scheduled for September 12th.

None of these decisions has been made without much conversation and consultation within our Regathering Team as well as Sunday School leadership. We look forward to the time when we can once again gather as we have done throughout most of the summer.

Our Regathering Team has also determined that we need to return to some of the precautions that were removed earlier this summer.

Here are protocols for Sunday worship going forward. Remember, these standards will allow us to gather safely and feel comfortable to focus on worshipping our Lord together:

- **Everyone entering the sanctuary for worship can enter through main sanctuary doors, side doors near piano, or main hallway door.**
- **Masks must be worn as you enter and exit the building. Masks are available at entrances to building.**
- **Hand sanitizer will be located at the entrance for your use.**
- **Bulletins and hymns for worship are available at each entrance to sanctuary.**
- **You can remove your mask while seated in the service but we ask that you wear your mask during congregational singing.**
- **Every other pew will be marked off in order to assure safe distance between individuals and groups who have gathered to worship.**

Please remember that Sunday worship will continue to be live streamed each week. You can access the services when you're out of town or if you don't feel comfortable participating in person.

Thanks to all of you for the ways you continue to be the church, even as we are moving through challenging times together!

First Baptist Church Regathering Team