

First Baptist Church



Reflecting God's Hope For a New Day

October 4, 2026

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Deacon Ordination Sunday
October 4, 2026

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

Apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 15:5 NIV

Prelude

Sarabonde
(from *Keyboard Suite in D Minor*)

Mr. Gus Cothorn
George Frideric Handel

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Invocation

Dr. Hillman

Hymn of Praise, No. 215

Majesty

Congregation

He received honor and glory from God the Father. 2 Peter 1:17 NIV

Responsive Reading

from Job 26

Congregation

Leader: God stretches the northern sky over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing!

People: He wraps the rain in His thick clouds, and the clouds don't burst with the weight.

Leader: He covers the face of the moon, shrouding it with His clouds.

People: He created the horizon when He separated the waters; He set the boundary between day and night.

Leader: The foundations of heaven tremble; they shudder at His rebuke.

People: By His power the sea grew calm. By His skill He crushed the great sea monster.

Leader: His Spirit made the heavens beautiful, and His power pierced the gliding serpent.

People: And these are just the beginning of all that He does!

Leader: These are but the outer fringe of His works, how faint the whisper that we hear of Him!

All: WHO THEN, CAN COMPREHEND THE THUNDER OF HIS POWER?

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Fred Senter

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:3-7

Mr. Jeff Mahanes

Offertory Hymn, No. 241

Congregation

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22 NIV

Offertory Prayer

Mr. Keith Beverley

Offertory	<i>Unseen Blessings</i>	Mr. Cothern Pamela Martin & Mark Hayes
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.	Congregation
Gospel Reading	John 15:18-21	Mrs. Kate C. Lee
Worship Through Song	<i>Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord</i>	Conner Griffith
Scripture Reading	John 14:26-27	Dr. Hillman
Sermon	"An Eternal Partnership"	Dr. Hillman
Hymn of Invitation, No. 282	<i>Living For Jesus</i> <i>That you may live a life worthy of the Lord. Colossians 1:10 NIV</i>	Congregation
Benediction		Dr. Hillman
Deacon Ordination		Dr. Hillman
Postlude	<i>Reflection</i>	Mr. Cothern arr. Mark Hayes

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The Covenant of Commitment and Service

Minister: Will the candidates for deacon ordination please come forward and stand facing the congregation.

(deacon candidates come to the front)

Having been chosen by this body of believers to serve as deacons, do you prayerfully accept this responsibility with the desire to serve your Lord and His church as deacons?

Candidates for Ordination: I do.

Minister: Will you pray for the members of this body of Christ as together we share in service to God and to those He calls us to minister to?

Candidates for Ordination: I will.

Minister: Will you seek to grow faithfully in your walk with Christ and in His mission for you and will you encourage, support and sustain the fellowship of this, Christ's church in this place, in your commitment of time, talents, and service to Him?

Candidates for Ordination: I will, the Lord being my guide and strength.

Minister: Will all the deacons who will serve this year, please also stand at this time *(all active deacons, please stand)*.

Will each of you, as deacons of First Baptist Church, covenant to serve faithfully the Lord Jesus Christ and willingly work together to bring glory and honor and praise unto the Lord our God?

Deacons: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Will you personally commit yourself to sharing Christian love in your public and private witness?

Deacons: I will, in the power of His indwelling Spirit.

Minister: Congregation, will you signify your commitment to join with these deacons in praying for them, encouraging them, laboring joyfully with them, and sharing faithfully together to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ? If you will, please signify it by standing with them.

Congregation and Deacons:

We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a household of God, a temple of the Spirit, a colony of heaven, the body of Christ. We commit ourselves to join together in Christian love to serve our Lord and others in His name.

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Minister: Let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray:

**All: 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 trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Deacons

TERM EXPIRES 2027

LEIGH COOK
KEITH BEVERLEY
GINA MORNINGSTAR
DONNA PRINCE
MARY ALICE STANLEY

TERM EXPIRES 2028

CAROLYN GRAINGER
TRICIA SANDERSON
JOHN SAULS
DR. RON WALTERS

TERM EXPIRES 2029

*JAN HINSON
*DEVON MOBBS
*MARY JEAN PRINCE
*MARYELLEN WILLIAMSON

*Deacon to be ordained

HOME COMING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Linza Layman Coffee

Please, join us in celebrating 192 years of ministry to this community and around the world.

SHARE IN GIVING TO THE ANNUAL HARVEST DAY OFFERING:

GOAL \$2,000.00

This year's offering will be divided between
Repairs & Contingency (50%) and Local Mission Needs (50%)
(schools, benevolence, Operation Inasmuch).

**You are invited to join us for a covered dish meal in the
fellowship hall following morning worship.**

Please invite your family and friends!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God.

*We would like to thank guest musician, Mr. Gus Cothorn,
for his help with our music, today.*

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

9:45 a.m.	<u>Sunday, October 4</u>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	Morning Worship
	<u>Wednesday, October 7</u>
10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service
	<u>Saturday, October 10</u>
2:00 p.m. -	Jack & Jill Shower for Bridger Warlick &
4:00 p.m.	Marilee Caldwell

LOOKING AHEAD

9:45 a.m.	<u>Sunday, October 11, 18, 25</u>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	Morning Worship
	<u>Monday, October 12</u>
10:00 a.m.	WMU Meeting
	<u>Tuesday, October 13</u>
10:00 a.m. -	Flu Shot Clinic
12 noon	
	<u>Wednesday, October 14, 21, 28</u>
10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Prayer Service
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service
	<u>Monday, October 19</u>
9:30 a.m.	Finance Meeting
	<u>Tuesday, October 20</u>
6:30 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting
	<u>Friday, October 23</u>
3:00 p.m.	Whiteville High School Football Meal hosted by the Deacons

	<u>Deacons of the Week</u>
10/04	MaryEllen Williamson / Tricia Sanderson
10/11	Mary Jean Prince
10/18	Leigh Cook / Ron Walters
10/25	Gina Morningstar



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