

Announcements

Baby Shower for the Brannocks

October 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Joseph and Jessica Brannock are expecting a new baby boy in November! The church is hosting a shower for them and everyone is invited. Please let the church office know if you can attend so that we can plan accordingly.

Trunk or Treat-Chatham Heights Baptist Church Parking Lot

October 31st from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Baptist will join with Chatham Heights to hold a Trunk or Treat event on Halloween night. We need volunteers to decorate their cars and hand out candy. All candy donations are welcome if you are unable to decorate a car. Please leave the candy in the church office and remember no candy with nuts or peanut butter!

BGAV 2025 Annual Meeting

November 10-12 in Abingdon, VA

This year's theme is ***Mission Forward*** based on Philippians 3:14: "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Registration online is now open. <https://meeting.bgav.org/register/>
If you wish to attend as a messenger for First Baptist Church, please contact the church office for your registration code before signing up.

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

We are #yourcitychurch in Martinsville...

Coming together with many Christian traditions to worship, learn, and grow together as followers of Jesus.

Serving God in our church, our community, and the world by investing our energy and resources to living like Jesus called us to live — in service to God and neighbor.

Growing and changing our ministries to include more variety in our vision so as to meet the needs of our community.

Open Invitation

Our congregation wishes to partner with you and your family on a shared journey of faith. Whatever your background, we would love to explore with you how to join with us as we minister to this community together.

If you are interested in wanting to know more about following Jesus, how to join this church as an active participant, or if you'd like to recommit yourself to this church and its ministry, contact us at info.fbcmartinsville.com, (276) 632-6336, mike@fbcmartinsville.com or his cell (276) 340-7550.

Our doors are always open. Come see and serve what God is doing among us as we worship in Christ's name.



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"Live Faith, Be Love, Speak Hope"



Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 50 *Sing Praise to God, who Reigns Above*
MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills:
to God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty power has made, in mercy he is keeping;
by morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping.
And where he rules in kingly might, there all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored:
to God all praise and glory!

Let all who name Christ’s holy name give God ;the praise and glory.
Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone:
to God all praise and glory!

*Hymn 670 *Rise Up, O Saints of God* FESTAL SONG

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ
rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Rise up, o saints of God! His Kingdom’s task embrace;
redress sin’s cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! creation cries in pain; stretch
forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod,
and, quickened by the Spirit’s power, rise up, O saints of God!

*Song of Response
Hymn 530 *Be Still, My Soul* FINLANDIA

Be still, my soul! the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly Friend
thro’ thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul! Your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past;
your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still my soul! When change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.