

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda, October 26, 2024 at 12:15 p.m.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports. 4. Present and vote on the 2026 Proposed Budget, 5. Vote to approve nominees on the 2026 Nominating Committee Report.

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. If you are unable to decorate a car, all candy donations are welcome. 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.

Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry

A church wide mission project again this school year will be for Patrick Henry Elementary School. The students will be going back to school this week and the school provides food bags for students who need extra food over the weekends. If you would like to participate, you are asked to place any of the following items in the box marked "PHE" in Room 103, the Missions Room:

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| single serve cereal | applesauce | pancake mix (eggless) |
| instant oatmeal | dried fruit | macaroni & cheese |
| granola bars | crackers | soup |
| canned/packet meats | juice/shelf milk | canned pasta w/ sauce |

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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Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield
Senior Pastor

Rev. John Fulcher
Interim Pastor for
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Organist

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“Live Faith, Be Love, Speak Hope”



Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 48 *God of Creation, All-Powerful*

SLANE

God of creation, all powerful, all wise,
Lord of the universe rich with surprise,
Maker, sustainer, and Ruler of all,
we are your children— you hear when we call.

God of the ages, through time’s troubled years
you are the One in whom history coheres;
nations and empires your purpose fulfill,
moving in freedom, yet working your will.

God of redemption, who wrought our rebirth,
called out your Church from the ends of the earth,
still you are Savior—put darkness to flight;
overcome sin by salvation’s pure light!

God of your people, your Word still stands fast—
do for us now as you’ve done in the past!
Yours is the Kingdom—your triumph we claim,
challenging evil in Jesus’ strong name.

God of our now, all our trust is in you,
Covenant God, ever faithful and true;
Sovereign Creator, Redeemer and Lord,
now and forever your name be adored!

Song of Response

*Hymn 295 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

*Hymn 290 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King,
all, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind?
I see thy cross there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame