

Gratitude for Giving
GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Kenny Smith by Sue Lester. Gifts have been given in memory of Betsy Miers by Sue Lester and Dottie & David Lewis.

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda, TODAY 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 This Friday 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. **Please let the church office know if you plan on decorating a trunk.** 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.

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, November 23rd
Shared Service with Chatham Heights Baptist Church
A Baptism and Thanksgiving Lunch
We will join together with our sister church to share a worship service at 10:30 a.m. (Note time change) here in our sanctuary. During the service Jessica Brannock will be baptized and afterwards we will share a meal together in the Fellowship Hall. Make plans to attend this special service!

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 43 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* EIN’ FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth
his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo
us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph
through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we
can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro’ him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may
kill: God’s truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

*Hymn 213 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Song of Response
Hymn 547 *O for a Closer Walk with God* BEATITUDO

O for a closer walk with God, the calm of sins forgiven,
a light to shine upon the road that leads at last to heaven.

O gentle Messenger, return–return, O holy Dove;
I hate the sins that made you mourn and grieved your heart of love.

Restore the happiness I knew when first I saw the Lord;
refresh me with the radiant view of Jesus and his word!

From every idol I have known now set my spirit free;
O make me worship you alone, and reign supreme in me.

So shall my walk be close with God, my wanderings be forgiven;
so shall his light mark out the road that leads at last to heaven.