

A Service of Worship

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

11:00 a.m.

As we enter sacred space for worship, quiet your heart and mind, centering your thoughts on God's presence among us.

Gathering for Worship

Welcome Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield

Prelude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Paul Fey
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Let us enter God's presence for worship!

People: We gather for praise, prayer and communion with the Holy One.

Leader: Let us proclaim this God whom we worship.

People: God is the mighty One, our Protector and Shield, our Redeemer and Friend.

Leader: Lord is sovereign, the Prince of Peace, the bread of life.

People: God is full of majesty; he deserves all honor; he is ruler over all.

Leader: He is creator and sustainer, ever-present, all-powerful.

People: The Lord is our hope, the giver of life, the judge of the ages.

Leader: God is the Great I Am, the first and the last, the Good Shepherd.

People: He is the everlasting Father, the living water; counselor and comforter.

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

People: Let us worship the Lord our God!

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

Personnel Recognition Pete Compton Gary Darden
Personnel Chair

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

Hearing the Scriptures

The Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Pam Caudill

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 25:19-34

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship Dr. Mike

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 530 *Be Still My Soul* FINLANDIA

*Please stand as you are able

Prayer of Commitment & Lord's Prayer Dr. Hatfield

**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, forever. Amen.**

+*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Engaging the Scriptures

Anthem *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* Lindh

Sermon *Conniving and Dumber* Dr. Hatfield

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 678 *In the Bulb There is a Flower* PROMISE

*Benediction Dr. Hatfield

*Trust God, and the grace of the Lord, even when it all is not
fair and it all seems wrong. God is still working on you,
through you and with you. Amen.*

Postlude *Gaelic Toccata* Stamm
A musical reflection on our worship of God today.

***As we depart, we go into the world to serve
to the glory of Jesus Christ.***

This is the season after Pentecost in the Christian year. Having celebrated the "birthday of the church" through the giving of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season after Pentecost for 24 weeks, to celebrate the existence of the church and recall her mission in the world. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission.

Flowers on the Lord's Table are in honor of Pam and John Burgess' 46th Wedding Anniversary and Pam's Birthday.

+Giving in Worship at First Baptist – We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of First Baptist Church. You can give in worship by dropping your offering (check/cash) in our offering plate in the Narthex, or you can give online anytime at fbcmartinsville.com/give.

Nursery & Children's Chapel

Our nursery is available for children seven and under. The nursery is down the hall from the Narthex and to the right.

Children's Worship Bags for all ages are in the Narthex (foyer at the back of the Sanctuary). These bags are intended to help children process what they are hearing and seeing as they worship with their families. Please return the bags after worship so they can be used in our next service.

Our Worship is Live Streamed on Facebook and YouTube each Sunday morning at the worship hour and a video recording is posted on the church website/YouTube page within 24-48 hours. To listen by phone during the worship hour: **Zoom Call-in Number:** 1-833-548-0276; Meeting ID: 276 632 6336 #, #

Reminders

July Birthdays: 4 Betty Sue Layton, 10 Pam Burgess, 13 Ross Gale, 16 Baxter Jennings, 17 Shirley Reeves, 18 Rick Caudill, 20 Ruth Dandridge, 21 Imogene McMillan, 25 Sue Lester, 26 Debbie Stokes, 29 Stephens Turner

Prayers for our Church Family: John Burgess, Mary Clifton, Martha Drane, Ann D. Draper, Imogene McMillan, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Reeves, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Yvonne Turner

Deacon of the Month: Susan Sapp
She will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

**Grace Network July-Sept. 2026 Food Assignment:
Canned Beans 15oz (Pintos, Great Northern or Kidney)**
Place items in the Missions Room 103.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, July 12

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Rm. 105/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

Tuesday, July 14

10:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting-Rm. 105

Thursday, July 16

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-2 Chronicles-Rm 105/Zoom
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal- Choir Room

Personnel Anniversary Recognition

*On behalf of the Personnel Committee and Church Family,
we appreciate your dedicated service, devotion, and
commitment to First Baptist Church of Martinsville.*

5-Year Anniversary

July 6, 2021

Pete Compton, Maintenance Technician

Announcements

Vacation Bible School at Chatham Heights-July 24-26th

Mark your calendars for a shared VBS at Chatham Heights!

Friday, July 24th: 6:00 pm - 8:45 pm

Saturday, July 25th: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sunday, July 26th: 6:00 pm rally followed by a Pool Party

CBF Encourager Church Covenant

Encourager Churches are critical to the work of the CBF Global Missions field personnel around the world. Such relationships play a unique and intimate role in God's mission by engaging congregations directly in established mission work with CBF Field Personnel. We will be covenanting with Eddie Aldape in Almeria Spain, for a period of three years with prayer, encouragement, and financial support.

Back2School Volunteer Opportunities

Each school year, First Baptist joins with churches and organizations all over the region to provide backpacks, school supplies, and new shoes and socks to children. This year the City Cluster is planning a goal of sponsoring 200 kids. Uptown Ministry Center is located at 145 E. Main Street.

July 17-19th -Pack the Bus Weekend-Walmart

July 17th & 18th -9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

July 19th - 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

July 21st - 2nd Registration - Tuesday 6-8 pm- Uptown Center

August 4th - Fill the backpacks- 6 pm- 700 Commerce Court

August 5th - Prepare the Uptown Center for the Big Day-5 pm

August 8th - Big Event!-Uptown Center

To volunteer contact Tracy Hinchcliff:

tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetnetworkmhc.org or 276-403-4222 or

call the church office.

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 what God is doing and serve among us as we worship in Christ's name.



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Senior Pastor

Rev. John Fulcher
Minister of Music

Baxter Jennings
Organist

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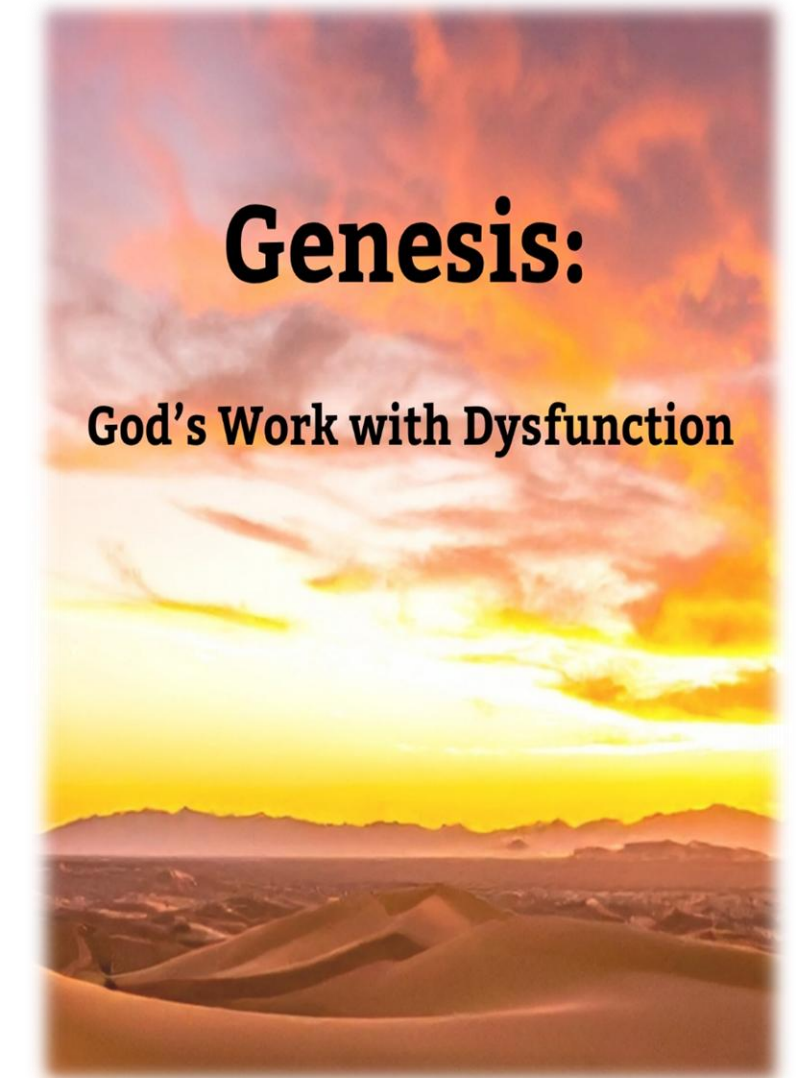


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Genesis:

God's Work with Dysfunction



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!

*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.

*Song of Response

Hymn 678 *In the Bulb There is a Flower* PROMISE

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.