

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Gathering for Worship

Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield

Marcello

Dr. Hatfield

Dr. Hatfield

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Hearing the Scriptures

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

Dr. Mike

Committing Our Lives

HANOVER

Engaging the Scriptures

Nettleton

Dr. Hatfield

Responding to God

Dr. Hatfield

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

Reminders

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Mary Frith by Amy Joyce. GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Nicholas Haggas by Mary Frances Gibbs.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, September 20

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Rm. 105/Zoom

11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

Monday, September 21

7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 22

9:00 a.m. CBFVA General Assembly-Roanoke, VA

Thursday, September 24

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Ezra-Rm 105/Zoom

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal- Choir Room

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda, September 27 at 12:15 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report,
3. Committee Reports, 4. Vote to approve nominees on the
2027 Nominating Committee Report.

September's Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

The Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) invites you to join in giving to the Alma Hunt State Mission Offering. **First Baptist's goal is to raise \$1,500.** Help us reach and exceed this goal by designating an offering to "Alma Hunt Offering" on your check memo line or online at fbcmartinsville.com/give (memo Alma Hunt).
Raised to date: \$1,212.00

2026 BGAV ANNUAL MEETING-"Heart For The Not Yet"

November 9-11, 2026, Virginia Beach, VA

Registration for the meeting is now open online. If you plan on attending please contact the church office for the registration essentials that you will need to sign up.

Missions Food Boxes New Location

The Patrick Henry Food Pantry and Grace Network Food boxes have been relocated to a table in the Bell Tower.

Thank you for your support for these two mission projects!

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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Season After Pentecost

*Hymn 694 *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst to
assuage?—grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near!
Thus they march, the pillar leading, light by night and shade by
day, daily on the manna feeding which he gives them when they
pray.

Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name;
fading is the world's best pleasure, all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

*Hymn 712 *The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy* HANOVER

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All in all.

*Song of Response

Hymn 486 *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his word,
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.