

Our mission is to lead people to faith and growth in Christ

The Network



The Weekly Newsletter of First Baptist Church, Paris, Tennessee

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August 23, 2026

Time of Prayer

Sunday, August 23
5 p.m.
Orr Hall

Prayer Focus:
Families



Fall Equipping Center Studies

Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

Beginning August 26

Finishing Well: A Study of 2 Timothy

Taught By Dr. Trent Bullock

Orr Fellowship Hall

Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy: Discovering the Grace of Lament

Taught By Dr. Bryan Nelson

Farmer SS Classroom



We are grateful for another wonderful day of Bible study and worship last Sunday! The Lord continues to bless our times together, and we were excited to welcome another new member into our church family. If you have not been present in worship recently, I encourage you make plans to join us this Sunday.

One of my seminary professors, Chuck Lawless, recently wrote an article about preparing for worship titled, “12 Friday Questions to Answer in Preparation for Sunday.” I encourage you to take some time to answer these questions to help you get ready for our time of worship this Sunday.

1. **Am I certain I'm a Christian?** If you're not sure, talk with someone at your church. Worship changes when we truly meet God.
2. **Have I prayed for my worship leaders and my pastor this week?** If not, start now.
3. **What have I learned from God's Word that I didn't know last Sunday?** If the answer is nothing, you might want to spend more time with God in preparation to hear from Him in worship.
4. **Whom have I invited to attend church with me this weekend?** You have two more days to answer this question ...
5. **Do I usually “put on a show” at church?** Only you can answer that question – but all of us must answer it if we want to worship God fully.
6. **Do I have unconfessed sin in my life that will hinder my church's worship?** If so, confess it and ask God's forgiveness.
7. **Am I harboring bitterness and unforgiveness toward someone?** If so, your own walk with God is being hampered. Ask God to free you from bitterness so you can worship Him fully.
8. **Am I teachable?** That is, am I willing and ready to learn from God's Word, even if it challenges, convicts, and changes me?
9. **Do I expect everything to be the same this weekend, or do I expect God to do something surprising and mighty?** If you expect the routine, that's likely to be what you will get.
10. **For the past week, have I modeled faith before my family and co-workers?** You should want to gather with your church as a man or woman whose family and co-workers know you are genuine.
11. **Am I willing to give God a blank check as I worship?** When you're willing to lay your life down for God if that's what He requires, you're much more prepared to worship.
12. **What was last week's sermon about?** This question might seem strange ... but if you don't remember that sermon, plan on taking notes this weekend, and then review them throughout the week.

May God prepare our hearts for a great day of worship this weekend! I look forward to continuing our sermon series from Genesis this Sunday as we consider “The Fall of Man” from Genesis 3:1-24. I hope to see you then!

In Christ,
Bro. Trent



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Submission deadline
for the next issue is
Monday, August 24, 2026



**Friday, September 11 &
Saturday, September 12**
Orr Fellowship Hall
Friday: 6 p.m. (meal included)
Saturday: Lunch (ends at 2:30)
Cost Per Person: \$25

Featured Speaker:
Dr. Robert Jones
*Professor and Chair
of Biblical Counseling
& Practical Theology
at Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary
in Louisville, Ky.*



**Register
Here**



Join us for a meaningful and encouraging weekend designed to strengthen marriages and deepen connection. Whether newly-married or together for years, this conference will provide practical marital tools and encouragement.

**Dr. Jones will be speaking during the morning service on September 13.*

Sunday School Fellowship

Sunday,
September 13
8 a.m.
CLC





*Family
Night Meal
Reservations*

With the fall semester now underway, please make sure to inform the church office if you would like to be placed on the permanent Family Night Meal list. Also, please remember to cancel your reservation when you will not be here.



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
TENNESSEE
MISSIONS**

SEPTEMBER 13-20, 2026

State Goal: \$3 million

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This Week At First Baptist

SUNDAY, August 23

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:15 Morning Worship
- 4:00 Resound Youth Choir Practice
- 5:00 Time of Prayer-Orr Hall
- 6:00 Adult, Youth & Children's Discipleship Groups

WEDNESDAY, August 26

- 5:00 Family Night Meal
- 5:45 Adult Equipping Centers; Children's Choirs; Students-The LOFT
- 7:00 Adult Choir Practice

SATURDAY, August 29

- 1:00 Wedding Shower for Sydney Tasker (bride-elect of Greyson Lambert)

SUNDAY, August 30

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:15 Morning Worship
- 6:00 Adult, Youth & Children's Discipleship Groups

WEDNESDAY, September 2

- 5:00 Family Night Meal
- 5:45 Adult Equipping Centers; Children's Choirs; Students-The LOFT
- 7:00 Adult Choir Practice & Orchestra Rehearsal

SATURDAY, September 5

- 8:00 MANistry Breakfast-Orr Hall

Welcome to Our Church



By Letter
Lilli Atkins

First Baptist Church



313 N Poplar Street
Paris, Tennessee 38242
*One Block North
of the Court Square*

Sunday School

9 a.m.

Morning Worship

10:15 a.m.



Sunday, August 23

The Fall of Man

Genesis 3:1-24

Dr. Trent Bullock



Requested Items for OCC

*Fabric of at least 1 yard
& Pillowcases*

Items for August

*School Supplies: Pencils, Sharpeners,
Crayons, Erasers, Pens, Scissors*

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

August 16, 2026

Worship Attendance 349
Sunday School Attendance .. 313
Budget Required \$29,206.83
Budget Received \$16,047.28
Other Designated \$830.00
Total \$16,877.28

GIFTS RECEIVED

Phillip & Nancy Wells in memory
of **Patricia Pantle**; Sheila Rader in
memory of **Terry Pierce**; Roger
& Becka Veazey honoring **Angela
James**.



August 26

Chuckwagon Sandwich
Pasta Salad
French Fries
Dessert

Alternate Menu:

Chicken Tenders/Fries/Dessert

Church Volunteers for August 23

Bus Ministry

Driver

Lance Smith

Children's Ministry

Babies

Nancy Wells

1-year-olds

Colleen Twilbeck

2 & 3-year-olds

Kelly & Mary Beth Puckett

Media Ministry

Sound

Will Jelks

Video

Dan Redden

Media Room

Ann Buie

Evan Twilbeck

Reece Veazey

Security/Usher Ministry

Security

Bryan Irby

Jamie James

Bob Moultrie

Randy Peale

Bo Sinclair

Matt Wang

Offertory Prayer

David Carroll

Ushers

Cody Craig

Ryan Hamlin

Bill Jelks

Philip Massey

Doug Neeley

Tom Pillow

Jack Tarkington

Mike Williams

Phillip Wells

Welcome Team Ministry Greeters for August

John Hudson, Dawn Scharff, Reece Veazey, Kallie Veazey

Bible Reading Plan

Week 33 (August 17-21)

Day 1 - 1 Kings 11; 2 Cor. 12; Psalm 119:33-40

Day 2 - 1 Kings 12; 2 Cor. 13; Psalm 119:41-48

Day 3 - 1 Kings 17; Gal. 1; Psalm 119:49-56

Day 4 - 1 Kings 18; Gal. 2; Psalm 119:57-64

Day 5 - 1 Kings 19; Gal. 3; Psalm 119:65-72

Week 34 (August 24-28)

Day 1 - 1 Kings 21; Gal. 4; Psalm 119:73-80

Day 2 - 1 Kings 22; Gal. 5; Psalm 119:81-88

Day 3 - 2 Kings 2; 2 Gal. 6; Psalm 119:89-96

Day 4 - 2 Kings 3; Eph. 1; Psalm 119:97-104

Day 5 - 2 Kings 5; Eph. 2; Psalm 119:105-112