

# First Baptist Church

## "Staying Connected"-September 2025

**Interim Pastors: Rev. Gundar Lamberts and Rev. Deb Harkness**  
(Alternating Sundays)

### FBC Church Worship Update

It was originally announced that New Heights would add their second Sunday morning service on October 5, 2025. After the informal meeting on July 27, 2025, with FBC and Pastor Kevin from New Heights, they have decided to delay the addition of a second Sunday morning service until January 4, 2026.

Along with adding a second Sunday morning worship service beginning in January on the first Sunday of each month, they will add a congregational fellowship lunch following their second service.

Since that announcement, the church council included a Worship Questionnaire in the bulletin asking for input from the congregation.

Questionnaire included:

1. Please share your thoughts and/or suggestions.
2. Would you feel comfortable using the chair lift?
3. Time preference on Sunday in the sanctuary? Only after 12:15 p.m.
4. Time preference on Saturday in the sanctuary?

Questionnaires were returned to Council members by August 24. These responses will be reviewed at the Church Council meeting in September.

Special business meetings will be announced on August 31.

- **September 14, 2025** - The council will present the results of the questionnaire to the congregation at a special business meeting following worship. To allow the congregation to discern and continue to pray, the meeting for the council to present recommendations and voting will follow 1 week later.
- **September 21, 2025** – Council will present recommendations for FBC worship to the congregation for vote by secret ballot.

Please continue to pray for First Baptist Church and New Heights Church as we discern this change.



**September 2025 – Goal - \$700.00**

We will continue to support Global Servant, Kristy Engel, with ½ of the WMO offering received. Kristy is a Global Servant whose focus is health service throughout the world.

2025 marks Kristy's 25th year of service with International Ministries. Her first commissioned assignment was in the Dominican Republic. In March she had extensive surgery on her right ankle and has been recovering at home in Atlanta, Georgia. In August, she will be moving to Columbia, Missouri to be closer to family. It will be several months before she can travel internationally but continues to consult with other global servants in Bolivia, India and Ukraine.

Please pray for Kristy and all Global Servants as they do God's work around the globe.

American Baptist  
**Women's**  
MINISTRIES

**ABWM – Thursday, September 25, 2025**  
**12:30 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**

All ladies welcome  
Devotions and Fellowship

2025 – 2027 National Ministry Theme  
Building God's Community  
1 Corinthians 3:9

## Prayer List

Pray for students and teachers returning to school.

Pray for First Baptist Church as we discern our worship schedule.

Pray for all Christians around the world.

Pray for all Global Servants as they serve God around the world.

Pray for those serving our country at home and abroad.

Pray for God's guidance of all government leaders.

Pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit as we reach out into the community.

Give thanks for all of God's blessings.

### *Dates to Remember*

Sept. 1 – Labor Day

Sept. 3 – Choir Practice

Sept. 3 – Church Council Mtg.

Sept. 14 – Special Business Mtg.

Sept. 21 – Special Business Mtg.

Sept. 25 – ABWM Mtg.

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