

**CELEBRATION WORSHIP**  
**SANCTUARY**  
**9:00 A.M.**

Childcare is available for children ages birth through 3 years in our Nursery. Ask a greeter for assistance if you would like childcare during service.

✦ When you see this symbol, we ask for those who are able to stand.

Chiming of the Hour Ellee Hilley  
 Prelude Dale Schwanbeck  
 Welcome Seth Brown  
 Call to Worship Seth Brown  
 ✦ Hymn 71 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

Prayer for Illumination

**Gracious God,  
 As we read your word,  
 give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts,  
 to receive what you reveal  
 and do what you command.  
 From your abundance, teach us generosity  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✦ Scripture Reading Quimby Melton  
*Matthew 11:16-19; 25-30*

<sup>16</sup> “To what can I compare this generation? It is like children playing a game in the public square. They complain to their friends, <sup>17</sup> ‘We played wedding songs, and you didn’t dance, so we played funeral songs, and you didn’t mourn.’ <sup>18</sup> For John didn’t spend his time eating and drinking, and you say, ‘He’s possessed by a demon.’ <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, ‘He’s a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!’ But wisdom is shown to be right by its results.” [...] <sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way! <sup>27</sup> “My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer Lori Welborn  
**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.**

✦ Hymn 409 *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE

Offertory Prayer Steve Brown

Musical Offering Diane Mostiler

✦ Presentation of the Offering: The Doxology OLD 100TH  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Message *Whose Yoke Are You Sharing?* Steven Norris

Communion  
 At First Baptist, we believe that Jesus’s invitation to the Lord’s Table is for all His followers. Anyone who proclaims, “Jesus is Lord,” may take part. Gluten free options will be available. Grapes, a sign of potential and God’s promise, are available for anyone not taking the bread and the cup; parents are encouraged to help their children decide how to partake at today’s Table.

✦ Hymn *Just A Closer Walk with Thee* CLOSER WALK

Opportunities for Continued Service

Benediction Steven Norris

Postlude Ellee Hilley

**Ministers**

Steven Norris SENIOR PASTOR  
 Ellee Hilley MINISTER OF WORSHIP ARTS  
 Seth Brown MINISTER OF STUDENTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
 Ron Murray MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE  
 Erin Clarke MINISTER OF MUSIC  
 Lori Welborn MINISTER TO CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Artist: Frits Ahlefeldt

## SERMON NOTES

Each of us carries with us concerns that either help us walk the way of Jesus or hinder us from walking the way. Take time this week to reflect on your own mental, emotional, relational, and spiritual luggage and ask Jesus to show you how you might take his yoke upon you.

- **What is taking up the most space in your mental and emotional backpack right now?** Is it worry about money, concern for your reputation, resentment toward someone, regret over a past decision, pressure to succeed, or something else? What evidence do you see that you are carrying it every day?
- **What are you working hard to protect, prove, or control that Jesus never asked you to carry?** Are you trying to protect your image, prove your worth, secure your future, control outcomes, or manage other people's opinions of you? How much energy is that consuming?
- **If Jesus' yoke is simply loving God and loving your neighbor, what in your life makes that harder?** What habits, commitments, fears, assumptions, or obligations are so heavy that they leave little room for love, joy, compassion, or attentiveness to God?
- **What is one specific burden you could hand over to Jesus this week, and what concrete action would show that you have done so?** If the burden is worry, perhaps you stop checking something obsessively. If it is a grudge, perhaps you begin a conversation. If it is busyness, perhaps you cancel an unnecessary commitment. What would trusting Jesus with that burden actually look like in practice?

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Benevolence Offering

Our tradition at First Baptist is to extend the Lord's Table by providing a special offering to benefit the Benevolence Ministry. You may give to this offering by placing it in an envelope, marking "Benevolence Fund" and placing it in the offering plates at the door as you exit.

### Holiday Hours

The church administrative offices will be closed on Monday, July 6, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

### Level Up Your Summer at the Library

Readers of ALL AGES are invited to get in the game at the Church Library this summer. Compete for prizes and support one another! The Library is open on Wednesdays from 6-8pm, Sundays from 10-11:30am, or drop by during the week and speak to a staff member.

### KIDMIN Summer Schedule

Pull out those summer calendars and mark all the Wednesday KIDMIN activities. Visit <https://bit.ly/FBCKids26> for registration details.

### Basecamp (Student Summer Camp)

Students (or Parents) — scan the code to sign up today for Basecamp at Rock Eagle, which takes place July 13-17th. It will be the best choice you make all summer. If you have questions about the summer camp, please reach out to Seth Brown ([sethbrown@fbcgriffin.org](mailto:sethbrown@fbcgriffin.org)).



### Floral Arrangements

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Taylor Brown and Andrew Miller by Bonnie and Steve Brown. If you would like to place flowers in the church in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Alice Blake or call the church office.

### Giving

When you give to First Baptist Griffin, you positively impact the lives of people throughout your community and around the world. Giving can take many forms in our church — gifts of time, talents, presence, service, prayer, as well as financial resources. If you choose to give a monetary gift, we invite you to leave your gift in the offering plate, mail it to FBC Griffin, P.O. Box 908, Griffin, GA 30224, or consider giving online at our website: [fbcgriffin.org/give](http://fbcgriffin.org/give). You may also text "fbcgriffin" to 833-245-5264 or scan the QR code to give. Thank you for choosing to support the church and its ministries, both here and abroad.



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## A community of grace.

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Whose Yoke Are You Sharing?

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