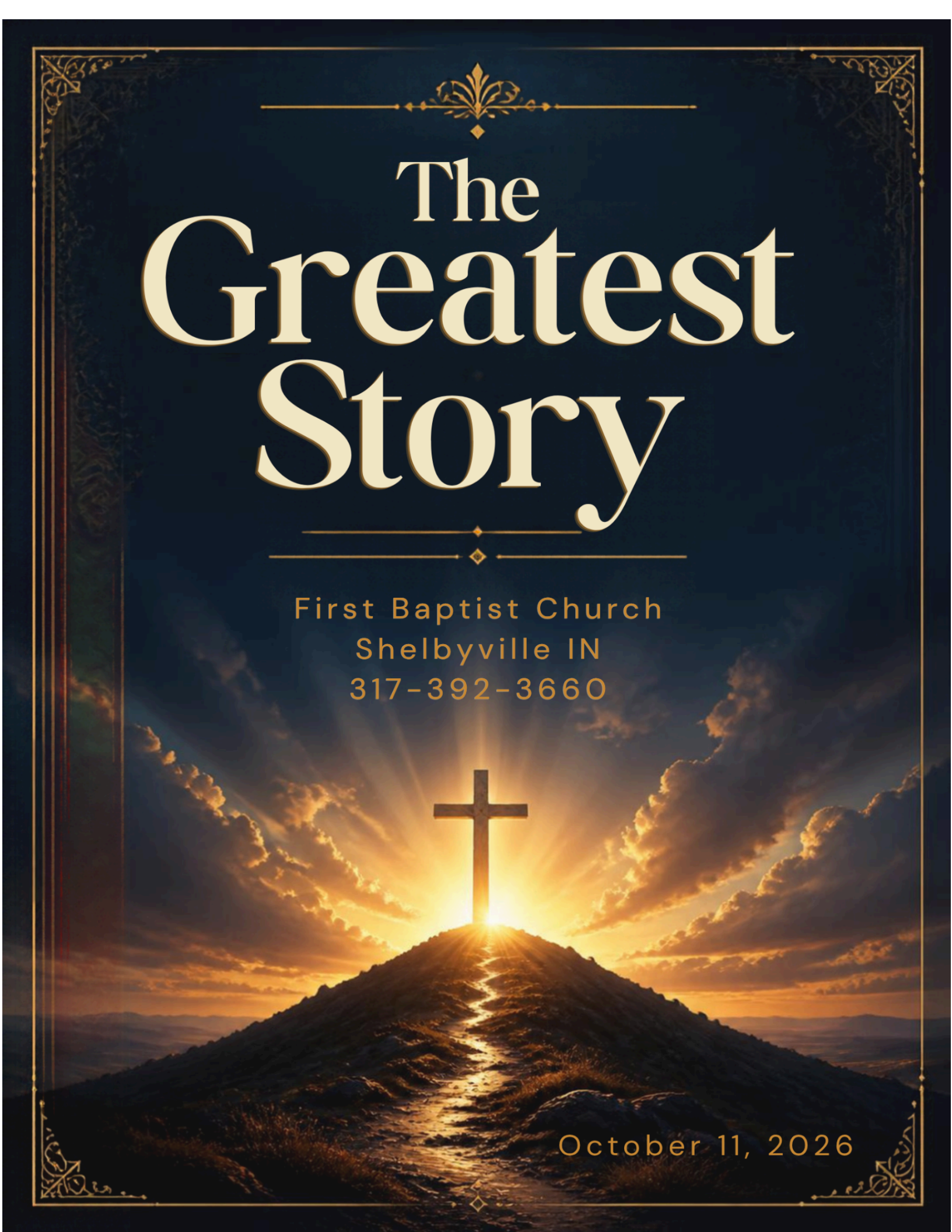




The Greatest Story

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Call to Worship:

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty.

Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom.

We adore you as the one who is over all things.

Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything.

Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.

Now our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name!

Hymn of Praise: #234 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Prayer for God's Blessing

Confession of Sin:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we rejoice in your mercy. It is higher than the heavens, deeper than the sea, wider than our wanderings, greater than all our sin.

Forgive our careless attitude toward your sovereign work in us, our complaining when we face trials, our envy of the well-being of others,

Our obsession with pleasing ourselves, our indifference to the needs of others, our neglect of your commands.

Help us to repent of these transgressions and seek you with all our heart, so that we might walk in your ways, until you call us home. Amen

Hymn of Meditation: When I See the Blood

Christ our Redeemer died on the cross,
Died for the sinner, paid all his due;
Sprinkle your soul with the blood of the Lamb,
And I'll pass over you

Chiefest of sinners, Jesus will save;
All He has promised, surely He'll do;
Wash in the fountain where sinners can bath,
And I'll pass over you.

When I see the blood of my holy One
My wrath shall be quenched, my judgment be thru
When I see the blood of my only Son
Yes I will pass over you.

Judgment is coming, and all will be there,
Each one receiving justly his due;
Hide in the saving, sin-cleansing blood,
And I'll pass over you.

When I see the blood of my holy One
My wrath shall be quenched, my judgment be thru
When I see the blood of my only Son
Yes I will pass over you.

O great compassion! O boundless love!
Now found with power, Jesus is true!
Find peace and shelter under the blood,
And I'll pass over you.

When I see the blood of my holy One
My wrath shall be quenched, my judgment be thru
When I see the blood of my only Son
Yes I will pass over you.

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Assurance of Pardon:

This is what the LORD says,
"Turn to me now, while there is time.

**Give me your hearts.
Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning.**

Don't tear your clothing in your grief,
but tear your hearts instead."

**Return to the LORD your God,
for he is merciful and compassionate,**

slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

He is eager to relent and not punish.

Spare your people, LORD!

**Surely the LORD has done great things!
He is the LORD our God, and there is no other. Amen.**

Hymn: #364 My Jesus, I Love Thee

Hymn: Before the Throne of God Above

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **Romans 6:1-11 (NASB1995)**

Sermon: The Greatest Story

Genesis 3:8-14

⁸ They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” ¹¹ And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
Cursed are you more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you will go,
And dust you will eat
All the days of your life;

Genesis 11:6-8

⁶ The Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another’s [d]speech.” ⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city.

Genesis 12:1-3

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram,

“Go forth from your country,
And from your relatives
And from your father’s house,
To the land which I will show you;
² And I will make you a great nation,

And I will bless you,
And make your name great;
And so you shall be a blessing;
³ And I will bless those who bless you,
And the one who curses you I will curse.
And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

Exodus 12:33-39

³³ The Egyptians urged the people, to send them out of the land in haste, for they said, “We will all be dead.” ³⁴ So the people took their dough before it was leavened, with their kneading bowls bound up in the clothes on their shoulders.

³⁵ Now the sons of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, for they had requested from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; ³⁶ and the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have their request. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

³⁷ Now the sons of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, aside from children. ³⁸ A mixed multitude also went up with them, along with flocks and herds, a very large number of livestock. ³⁹ They baked the dough which they had brought out of Egypt into cakes of unleavened bread. For it had not become leavened, since they were driven out of Egypt and could not delay, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.

Judges 21:25

²⁵ In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

2 Samuel 7:8-17

⁸ “Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, “I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the names of the great men who are on the earth. ¹⁰ I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly, ¹¹ even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The Lord also declares

to you that the Lord will make a house for you. ¹² When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.””

¹⁷ In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

1 Kings 6:11-14

¹¹ Now the word of the Lord came to Solomon saying, ¹² “Concerning this house which you are building, if you will walk in My statutes and execute My ordinances and keep all My commandments by walking in them, then I will carry out My word with you which I spoke to David your father. ¹³ I will dwell among the sons of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel.”

¹⁴ So Solomon built the house and finished it.

2 Kings 25:8-17, 21

⁸ Now on the seventh day of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. ⁹ He burned the house of the Lord, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every great house he burned with fire.

¹⁰ So all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem. ¹¹ Then the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon and the rest of the people, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away into exile. ¹² But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and plowmen.

¹³ Now the bronze pillars which were in the house of the Lord, and the stands and the bronze sea which were in the house of the Lord, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and carried the bronze to Babylon. ¹⁴ They took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the spoons, and all the bronze vessels which were used in temple service. ¹⁵ The captain of the guard also took away the firepans and the basins, what was fine gold and what was fine silver. ¹⁶ The two pillars, the one sea, and the stands which Solomon had made for the house of the Lord—the bronze of all these vessels was beyond weight.

¹⁷ The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and a bronze capital was on it; the height of the capital was three cubits, with a network and pomegranates on the capital all around, all of bronze. And the second pillar was like these with network.

²¹ Then the king of Babylon struck them down and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was led away into exile from its land.

Ezra 6:15-18

¹⁵ This temple was completed on the third day of the month Adar; it was the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.

¹⁶ And the sons of Israel, the priests, the Levites and the rest of the exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy. ¹⁷ They offered for the dedication of this temple of God 100 bulls, 200 rams, 400 lambs, and as a sin offering for all Israel 12 male goats, corresponding to the number of the tribes of Israel. ¹⁸ Then they appointed the priests to their divisions and the Levites in their orders for the service of God in Jerusalem, as it is written in the book of Moses.

Nehemiah 13:23-29

²³ In those days I also saw that the Jews had married women from Ashdod, Ammon and Moab. ²⁴ As for their children, half spoke in the language of Ashdod, and none of them was able to speak the language of Judah, but the language of his own people.

²⁵ So I contended with them and cursed them and struck some of them and pulled out their hair, and made them swear by God, "You shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take of their daughters for your sons or for yourselves. ²⁶ Did not Solomon king of Israel sin regarding these things? Yet among the many nations there was no king like him, and he was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel; nevertheless the foreign women caused even him to sin. ²⁷ Do we then hear about you that you have committed all this great evil by acting unfaithfully against our God by marrying foreign women?" ²⁸ Even one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was a son-in-law of Sanballat the Horonite, so I drove him away from me.

²⁹ Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites.

Romans 6:1-11

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? ² May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Revelation 21:14-17

¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵ The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall. ¹⁶ The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷ And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements.

Hymn:#204 Rock of Ages

Benediction

A warm welcome to our visitors today! You will find visitor and prayer request cards on the back of each pew. Please complete a visitor card and place it in the offering plate on the corner of the sound booth. You may also submit prayer requests there or directly to the pastor or deacon, who are Roger, Jeff and Pastor Robert.

Upcoming Announcements

The Women's Bible Study is pausing the study of "James, The Relationship Between Faith and Works" to delve into spiritual gifts. Join us at the Christian Center at 10 am on Monday to learn what your spiritual gifts may be.

Monthly Missions
October Mission
Dinner Before Bedtime

Second Baptist Men's Brotherhood Youth Outing to the Pumpkin Patch will be Saturday, October 24th. Leaving Second Baptist Church at 10:00 am. If you have any youth that would like to go, just let Roger or Jeff.