

THE SPIRE

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MEN'S & WOMEN'S STEAK DINNER

"YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!"

Interesting stories about life from some of FBC Rome's every day people

Thursday, April 19th – 6 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

\$10 per person (childcare provided)
Reservations for both by April 16

FROM OUR PASTOR

I am so excited that our church has begun a series of conversations that will carry FBC Rome toward some new clarity about what God wants us to do and who God wants us to be in the years ahead. I am thankful for the leadership of our Discovery Team in this process as we help to nurture these conversations and for their commitment to meet on such a regular basis. Please continue to pray for our church and for our team as we work together through this process.

At the end of Wednesday night's listening session, we were all asked to imagine an answer to this question: "If you went to sleep and woke up and it was 10 years later, what would our church be like?" So, if you walked in the Sanctuary and down the halls and through the education spaces and through our Fellowship Hall, who would you see? What would you see? What would you hope to hear and experience? Who would be with you? These are important questions to ask ourselves,

because as we do this work now, it shapes what we will see in the years ahead.

On Sunday morning, April 29th from 9-10:30, we will have the next and maybe the most important of these conversations. We will put down on paper some audacious dreams that we have for our church. We will gather around the tables in the Fellowship Hall and will begin to give some shape to some of the ideas that will carry us into the future. If you are not present at this gathering, then you will miss being able to contribute your voice and the dreams that you sense God leading us toward, and our process will be less effective because of your absence, so please be there! I look forward to seeing you then, if not before.

With hopeful anticipation!

Handwritten signature of the pastor.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Tickets are on sale for our talent show & silent auction on April 22nd at 5:00 pm. Tickets will be sold on Wednesday nights & Sunday mornings. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Childcare will be provided for children ages 3 & under. Sign-up sheets for auction donations & talents are at the preschool welcome desk.

PASSPORTKIDS CAMP (JULY 26-29)

Last call for campers! Please email Kristen if your child has not signed up and would like to go. We are also in need of male chaperones. Please email Kristen for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS If you or your Bible Study class would like to sponsor a child to go to camp this summer, please bring donations to the office or give them directly to Kristen. We want every child to have the opportunity to attend camp!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VBS Registration is open! Through the link on the church website you can register a child, register as a volunteer, or purchase something we need from our VBS registry! VBS is June 4-6 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

SUMMER FUN THURSDAYS: Preschoolers ages 18mos.-5yrs. old can join us Thursdays in June (all Thursdays) and July (12th & 19th) from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. for fun filled days consisting of art, play-ground time, Bible stories, music & movement, lunch (you provide or your child may eat Pizza Lunch for \$3) & more!

You may sign up for one day or all days. Contact Melissa Wood for more information. Registration Forms will be available online & at the Preschool Hall beginning April 16.

YOUTH NEWS

SUMMER THEME AND CALENDAR AVAILABLE SOON!

PASSPORT CAMP JUNE 24-29! Cost: \$399
Registration open now, \$150 deposit due to reserve your spot!
Sign up available on church website!

CALLING ALL GRADUATES! Make sure you get your breakfast reservations, challenges, and photos in as we prepare for Graduate Sunday on May 6th! Contact John if you have any questions!

BRADEN HOOD'S LIFE VERSE:

“It is God who arms me with strength
and makes my way perfect.”

2 Samuel 22:33

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GALLERY—“CONSIDER THE LILIES” EXHIBIT IS OPEN

A remarkable collection of artwork from various FBC artists guides us to consider how God cares for all of creation, therefore, we can trust that God also cares for each of us. Visit the Gallery on the Third Floor of the Education Building and be amazed by the talent displayed. This exhibit will run through May.

CHURCH-WIDE DISCOVERY LISTENING SESSION SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH

BREAKFAST: 8:30 A.M.

LISTENING SESSION: 9:00-10:30 A.M.

This session will be led by Dr. Bill Wilson of the Center for Healthy Churches, as well as the Discovery Team that was commissioned by the church for this task. We will gather around tables to dream and discern God's plans for the future of the First Baptist Church of Rome. Child-care will be provided during the session. Please arrive early if you plan to eat. The session will begin promptly at 9:00!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The proof for the church directory has been approved and sent to the printers. We hope to have copies available soon. For those who did not have their photos taken and will not receive a free directory or for those who want extra directories, copies may be purchased for \$10 each. Contact Keith Reaves for more information.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN APRIL 27-MAY 11, 2019

Join us on Wednesday, May 16th at 1:15 p.m. to preview this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Dr. Max Miller and Julene Miller of Academy Travel will lead us through the travel details. Tamara Smathers, who will lead the pilgrimage, will offer her perspective on travel to the Middle East, having lived there a number of years.

STEAK DINNER

“YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!”

THURSDAY, APRIL 19TH, 6:00 P.M.

\$10.00 PER PERSON

Hear some of our best storytellers weave real-life tales that will keep us in stitches! Reservations for dinner and for childcare by Monday, April 16th—and that's NO tale!

Sponsored by the Women of the Church and Men's Ministry.

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

The Senior Adult Committee will meet April 17 to make plans for outings for the rest of 2018 and to discuss plans for a larger trip in 2019. If you have ideas or suggestions for things to do and places to go, please contact Keith Reaves.



WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

GOO-GOO CARWASH FUNDRAISER GIFT CARDS

are on sale now at Wednesday First Choice Dinners. You pay \$10 for a **\$15 gift card**. They make wonderful gifts for any occasion. Please see Marty Willingham or Melissa Wood (706.295.1150 or mwood@fbcrome.org) for more details. Thank you for supporting our Weekday Preschool!

WD PRESCHOOL OPENINGS FOR 2018-2019

Limited spaces available. Contact us for more information! Toddlers (1yr by Sept 1st) through Pre K 4/5 yrs old. Some classes are full, so don't delay! Church members receive a discount in tuition.

MERRILL DAVIES' LIFE VERSE:

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”

Philippians 4:8

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, April 15, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charlie Davidson by Vickie Davidson.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 15, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Adrian Bowers by Gene Bowers.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, April 22, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Adrian Bowers and in honor of Gene Bowers by their Children and their Families.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 22, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Harold Smith by Helen and Children.

The Sunday Flower Calendar has availability for families to honor or remember those they love on Sundays during the month of July. Please contact Karen Garrett in the church office to secure a date.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$983,947.01
Support Received	\$952,587.78

2017-2018 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,488,872.60

seeking His heart | Being His hands

April 14 - April 27
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, April 14

Minister on Call Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

Sunday, April 15

Missions Cmt. Mtg., DR	8:30 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	10:00 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Commissioning of Peru Team Members	
Sr. Mission Immersion Partner Lunch, FH	12:00 pm
Youth Small Groups	5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, April 16

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm.	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
WOC Book Group, Conf. Rm.	1:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Suite	5:15 pm
Deacons' Meeting:	
Executive Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm
Dinner, DR	6:00 pm
General Mtg. & Cmt., DR	6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 17

Chick-fil-A Devotions (Youth & Children)	7:00 am
Sr. Adult Cmt. Mtg., Conf. Rm.	1:30 pm
Committee on Committee Mtg., Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm
Discovery Team Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:30-6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 18

First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
Youth Gathering, YR	5:45 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Prayer Time, FH	6:00 pm
Youth Bible Study, YR	6:15 pm
Adult Choice Seminar, DR	6:15 pm
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Thursday, April 19

Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office	6:45 am
Men's & Women's Steak Dinner, FH (Reservations Needed) Childcare Provided	6:00 pm

Friday, April 20

Peru Mission Team Departs	1:00 pm
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Saturday, April 21

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141	
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Sunday, April 22

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Food on the Fourth	12:00 pm
Children's Silent Auction,	
Dinner & Talent Show, FH	5:00-7:00 pm
Youth Small Groups	5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, April 23

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm.	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Suite	5:15 pm

Tuesday, April 24

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	
Chick-fil-A Devotions (Youth & Children)	7:00 am
FBC Serves Meals & More, First Christian Ch.	3:00-6:00 pm
Committee on Committee Mtg., Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm

Wednesday, April 25

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	
First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
Youth Gathering, YR	5:45 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Prayer Time, FH	6:00 pm
Youth Bible Study, YR	6:15 pm
Adult Choice Seminar, DR	6:15 pm
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Thursday, April 26

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	
Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office	6:45 am

Friday, April 27

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	
Peru Mission Team returns	11:30 am

THIS WEEK: APRIL 15

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Acts 3:12-19

ANTHEM: Empty Now...Joseph Martin

COMMISSIONING OF THE PERU MISSION TEAM

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Janie Smith and Reid Finnegan

1'S & 2'S: Mike & Pam Finnegan

3'S & 4'S: Shannon & Lauren Loy

FIRST CHOICE MENU

APRIL 18

Baked Lasagna

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Breaded Chicken Fingers

MINISTER ON CALL:

Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST LIVE ON
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND
VIA WWW.FBCROME.ORG

Please pray for our Peru travelers as they go to serve April 20-28th!

- Joanne Owens
- Gwen Stephens
- Lori Barfield
- Kay Bratton
- Lisa Landrum
- Terry Dollar

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

APRIL 19

Co-ed Steak Dinner

APRIL 29

Discovery Conversation

JUNE 4-6

VBS 2017

JUNE 24-29

Passport Youth Camp

NEXT WEEK: APRIL 22

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Acts 4:5-12

ANTHEM: My Eternal King...Jane Marshall

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Dana Hester

1'S & 2'S: Ty & Mary Ethridge

3'S & 4'S: Jarrett & Bridget Gray

FIRST CHOICE MENU

APRIL 25

Pan-Fried Pork Cutlets with Hoisin-Katsu Sauce

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Spaghetti & Meatballs

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

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