

THE SPIRE

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Congratulations TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



SUNDAY, MAY 6

Graduate Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come by and see the graduates' display tables as we celebrate their accomplishments!



Julia Frost - RHS



Anna Kate Roberts - Darlington



Abby Sklar - Darlington



Karl Swiger - Darlington



Hillary Tunnell - Darlington



Charlie Uldrick - RHS



Anna Waguespack - RHS



Fowler Walker - Darlington



Nolan Wilson - Darlington

FROM OUR PASTOR

A visioning process is just that: a process. It takes time. There are a lot of moving parts. It isn't something that happens without significant investment from all of the stakeholders as well as a deep trust where all of the participants are willing to lean in to the prospect of an uncertain future as they learn and grow together.

Often times when we think about the meaning of the word vision, all we think about is some future oriented perspective and our ability to cultivate the sight to be able to see that future. That is a very necessary part of a visioning process—the ability to look with clarity into the future and identify ideas and changes that would still be faithful to the identity and purpose of a particular congregation and call people toward those things. But it isn't the only part.

Our Discovery Team is also working through another part of the meaning of vision, a part which Craig Dykstra calls "absolutely essential" and that is *perception*. He calls perception "the capacity to

perceive realistically what is present," and so vision is also "the ability to see, and help others to see, the way things actually are." Data helps us do that. Multiple and varied perspectives help us do that. One story about a place or a people or an issue might be just that—one story—but it might not be the true story because each of us perceive through our biases, our baggage, our own histories, and our own needs to see things as we want to see them. Maybe that's why Paul said "we all see as through a glass darkly." Maybe if enough of us are looking and perceiving we can all pull together, with the help of the Holy Spirit, a clear vision about not only where we are, but also where God wants us to go. Come and join us in that good work! We need to see what you can see.

With expectant hope,



WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

THANK YOU!

Our Goo Goo Carwash Fundraiser was a huge success! We sold 95 more cards than last year. Thank you to everyone in the Weekday Preschool, the church and the community who purchased gift cards! Melissa Wood, Preschool Director

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you would like to help with decorations for our Rolling River Ram-page VBS, the gym will be open on Thursdays in May from 12-5pm to color, cut and create! Come join us when you are available. If you have questions, contact VBS Decorating Coordinator Karen Foss at 706-766-5495.

PASSPORTKIDS CAMP

Last call for campers! Please email Kristen ASAP if your child has not signed up and would like to go. We are also in need of 2 male chaperones. Email Kristen for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you or your Sunday School 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 go!

SUMMER FUN THURSDAYS

Preschoolers ages 18mos-5yrs old can join us Thursdays in June (all Thursdays) and July (12th & 19th) from 10am-1pm for fun filled days consisting of art, playground 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 are available online and on the Preschool hallway.

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Discover 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.

COMPETENT PERSON SAFETY TRAINING MAY 15-16

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. EACH DAY
\$150/PERSON (INCLUDES LUNCH AND SNACKS BOTH DAYS)

This training is a requirement for all affiliates associated with Habitat for Humanity. We must have at least one person designated and trained as a *Competent Person*, in order to volunteer with Habitat.

Call Dee to register (706.378.0030) or dee@habitatcoosavalley.org

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.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES BEGINS WORK

Yes, that's the name of an actual committee! The Committee on Committees enlists members to serve through various ministries of the church.

Everyone is gifted to serve in some form of ministry. How will you invest your God-given gifts?

For a list of committees and to indicate an interest in serving in a particular area, please contact Janie Smith, who serves as Chair of the Committee on Committees, or Tamara Smathers.



MIRIAM PETERSON'S
LIFE VERSE:

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong
and courageous. Do not be terrified;
do not be discouraged, for the Lord your
God will be with you wherever you go.”

2 Samuel 22:33

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

LUNCHEON ON THE ROAD

Join us inside at the fascinating ECO Center in Ridge Ferry Park on Thursday, May 17 at 12:30 p.m. for a box lunch and to learn about the ecology of our area. See a native garden, wetland demonstration area, aquariums, and over 25 live animal exhibits. Also, Bob Harris will tell us about riverboat travel and efforts to restore the Myra H, built in 1932. Cost is only \$5 per person, but reservations are required by Monday, May 14.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, April 29, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Bosworth and David Bosworth by Dr. and Mrs. George Bosworth.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 29, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Ransom by Dr. and Mrs. George Bosworth.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 6, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret and Jim Jarrett by the Rolan and Jarrett Families.

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	\$1,044,396.53
Support Received	\$1,003,801.41

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

seeking His heart | Being His hands

April 28 - May 11

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, April 28

Minister on Call John Uldrick 706.766.0430

Sunday, April 29 (World Hunger Sunday)

Church-wide Breakfast, FH	8:30 am
Church-wide Discovery Listening Session	9:00-10:30 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	10:00 am
Family Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Observance of the Lord's Supper	
Youth Small Groups YR	5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, April 30

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

Tuesday, May 1

Chick-fil-A Devotions (Youth & Children)	7:00 am
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Wednesday, May 2

Foundation Mtg., Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
Youth Gathering, YR	5:45 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Prayer Time / Church Conference, FH	6:00 pm
Youth Messy Game Night, Courtyard	6:15 pm
Church-wide Discovery Listening Session, DR	6:30 pm
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Thursday, May 3

Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office	6:45 am
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Saturday, May 5

Minister on Call	Keith Reaves 706.292.9620
Prayer Group, Prayer Rm.	11:00 am

Sunday, May 6 (HS Graduates' Recognition Day)

HS Graduates Breakfast, FH	8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Youth Small Groups	5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, May 7

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

Tuesday, May 8

Chick-fil-A Devotions (Youth & Children)	7:00 am
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Wednesday, May 9 (Last Family Night)

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
Children's Choirs Year-End Program, FH	6:15 pm
Youth Bible Study, YR	6:15 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Thursday, May 10

Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office	6:45 am
Children's Ministry Cmt. Mtg., Conf. Rm.	6:30 pm

THIS WEEK: APRIL 29

FAMILY SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:26-40

ANTHEMS: My Eternal King...Jane Marshall
Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place...
Gordon Young

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

TLC VOLUNTEERS:

BED BABIES: Alice Clements

1'S & 2'S: Ryan & Amy Cox

3'S & 4'S: Scarlet & Anna Kate Roberts

FIRST CHOICE MENU

MAY 2

Smothered Chicken

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Hamburgers with French Fries

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

NEXT WEEK: MAY 6

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:44-48

ANTHEM: Take the Name of Jesus With You...arr.
Jay Rouse

SPECIAL MUSIC: Children's Choir

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Carroll & Miriam Peterson

1'S & 2'S: Jordan & Ann Knight

3'S & 4'S: Ryan & Leigh Weldon

FIRST CHOICE MENU

MAY 9

Fried Catfish with Hushpuppies

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Chicken Fingers with Chips

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

WEDNESDAYS, NOON | MAY 16-JUNE 27

As Wednesday evening activities come to a close, our early summer Prayers and Reflections series will begin.

Several weeks ago we began a process of Congregational Discovery—looking ahead and dreaming towards the future. One way to dream about the future is to recall God's work in the past.

This year during Prayers and Reflections, each minister will reflect on significant times of spiritual transformation throughout the history of our church. Join us in the Chapel beginning May 16. Lunch will follow at 12:30 in the Dining Room.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

APRIL 29

Discovery Conversation

MAY 15-16

Competent Person Safety Training

JUNE 4-6

VBS 2017

MAY 6

HS Graduate Breakfast

MAY 17

Senior Adult Luncheon

JUNE 24-29

Passport Youth
Camp

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