

THE SPIRE

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FROM OUR PASTOR

She said it as clearly and as confidently as any of us could ever say it: “I can look back on my life and see that God has been so faithful and so good to me even though my life hasn’t always been what I thought it would be. I don’t know what the future holds, but I have no reason to have anything but hopeful anticipation for what might come.”

But we know that isn’t always easy to say in the midst of life. We lose a job. A loved one gets seriously ill. A relationship falls apart. Tragedy strikes. And in the moment when something happens that unsettles us or brings us anxiety or causes us to fear what might be next, we can decide that we would rather stay right where we are at best, or at worst, go back to how things were. Even the greatest leaders in scripture had those moments where their courage, that was evidenced by what they did and said at the outset of their story, might have been called into question by how their actions showed fear and trepidation and a lack of trust in God. But even though they are afraid or could be accused of not trusting, God still uses those individuals to accomplish God’s purposes.

We have had some wonderful dreaming conversations over the last few weeks and as we continue to listen and to dream about what God is calling us towards as a congregation, I hope you will continue to stay engaged in the process. It is easy to think that things are done or are settled or that your voice doesn’t matter or isn’t heard, but that isn’t the case. This is a long conversation and we need everyone in it! Thank you for your continued commitment to our church and to our future together. I am more convinced than ever that it will be the best chapter yet.

With hopeful anticipation,

FBC Rome goes on a

ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

June 4-6
Register today!

Prayers and Reflections

Wednesdays

May 16-June 27
(excluding June 6)

12:00 p.m. service in the Chapel,
followed by lunch (\$6)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

THANK YOU A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make our talent show and silent auction such a success! I am especially proud of all of our talent show performers; we have certainly got talent here at FBC Rome. We were able to raise almost \$6000 for the Children's Ministry, but we couldn't have done it without your help. Already planning for next year!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is one month away! 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 Rampage VBS, the gym will be open on Thursdays in May from 1:00-5:00 p.m. 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.

VBS MATERIALS NEEDED Our theme for Vacation Bible School is Rolling River Rampage, so we are collecting rafting and camping equipment for decorations. Email kpope@fbcrome.org if you have any of the following items that you would be willing to let us use: Pup tents, oars/paddles, sleeping bags, life jackets, lanterns, inner tubes, or other items that might fit our theme.

SUMMER FUN THURSDAYS

Preschoolers ages 18mos-5yrs old can join us Thursdays in June (all Thursdays) and July (12th & 19th) from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 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 HELP NEEDED!

Due to John's sabbatical leave, student ministry needs adult volunteers to help with transportation and chaperoning some events. Visit the link on the church's website to fill out the form that will allow you to choose how YOU want to help! Thanks for your support of Student Ministry this summer!

SENIOR MISSION IMMERSION

Please pray for the participants of the Senior High School Mission Immersion Trip. They will serve through Bahamas Methodist Habitat in Eleuthera, May 26 - June 2. Those traveling are Griffin Burgess, Anna Fitzpatrick, Anna Waguespack and Charlie, Jennifer and John Uldrick.



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 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.

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

WEDNESDAYS, NOON | MAY 16-JUNE 27

As we dream about the future that God is calling us toward as a congregation, it is important to remember some of the significant moments in our history. Moments that we have shared together as a congregation where bold decisions were made by courageous and creative leaders in this church. It is often in looking back at those moments that we can see the guiding hand of God in our life together. We will begin each Wednesday at Noon with a 30 minute time of reflection in the chapel and then will have a light lunch in the Dining room. The cost is \$6/person and no reservation is needed.

May 16th—Matt will give an overview of the series

May 23rd—John will reflect on Missions

May 30th—Keith will reflect on Worship

June 13th—Tamara will reflect on Discipleship

June 20th—Kristen will reflect on Fellowship and Community

June 27th—Matt will reflect on Evangelism

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN (APRIL 25-MAY 10, 2019)

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1:15 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL (FOLLOWING PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS)

Dr. Maxwell Miller and Julene Miller, owners of Academy Travel, and Tamara Smathers to present details and answer questions.

The itinerary is now available on Academy International Travel's website: aitsatl.com Log in: fbcrome19 Password: journey

Registration is now open for church members. Registration will open to others interested on May 20th.

PENTECOST SUNDAY (WEAR RED!)

On May 20 churches around the world will celebrate Pentecost. Many call this the birthday of the church and also recognize the coming of the Holy Spirit. Because red is the color traditionally used to symbolize the Holy Spirit, please wear red to honor the Holy Spirit and recognize this important day in the church year. Also in this service there will be a time to recognize the 60th anniversary of our being in our Sanctuary. Please plan to be here for this important day in the life of our church.

SING FOR YOUR SUPPER - COMMUNITY KITCHEN FUNDRAISER

Friday, June 8th at The Vogue

\$25 per ticket - FBC has tickets available for purchase



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Kira Austin
(also pictured Anna and Alyssa)

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 on Sunday, May 13, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Alice Davies and John and Etsie Johnson by the Davies Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 13, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stevens, Sr. by the Dewey Stevens, Jr. Family.

The flowers in the Narthex on Sunday, May 20, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hazel Hay Dowd, Doris Dellinger Dowd and Edward Dowd by their children.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 20, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emmelyn C. Harrison on the occasion of her birthday and in loving memory of Thomas I. Harrison by J. Mark Harrison and Family.

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 \$1,105,148.49

Support Received \$1,050,126.93

World Vision, Meals & More, CBF World Hunger \$ 1,540.77

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

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May 12 - May 25

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, May 12

Minister on Call Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day)

Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 10:00 am
Family Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am

Monday, May 14

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm. 9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am

Tuesday, May 15

Last Chick-fil-A Devotions (Youth & Children) 7:00 am

Wednesday, May 16

Prayers and Reflections, Chapel/DR 12:00 pm
Holy Land Pilgrimage Informational Mtg., FH 1:15 pm

Thursday, May 17

Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office 6:45 am
Senior Adult Lunch & Learn, ECO Center 12:30 pm

Friday, May 18

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm

Saturday, May 19

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, May 20 (Pentecost Sunday)

Adult Faith Development Cmt. Mtg., Conf. Rm. 8:30 am
Missions Cmt. Mtg., DR 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

Monday, May 21

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm. 9:30 am
Last Women's Bible Study, Brunch at Tamara's Home 10:30 am
WOC Book Group, Conf. Rm. 1:00 pm
Deacons' Meeting:
Executive Mtg., Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm
Dinner, DR 6:00 pm
General Mtg. & Cmt., DR 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 22

Meals & More, FUMC 3:00-6:00 pm
Discovery Team Mtg., Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm

Wednesday, May 23

Prayers and Reflections, Chapel/DR 12:00 pm

Thursday, May 24

Weekday Early Education Cmt. Mtg., Conf. Rm. 6:00 pm
Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office 6:45 am

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHOIR THANKS

Many thanks to Kay Bratton, Jennifer Kearns, Dianne Dobson, Diane Lumpkin, Karen Foss, Janice Dismuke, Jennifer Bagby, Mary Donahue, Catherine Jackson and Betty Holland for all of your help with our children this year. Thanks, also, to parents who got them here each week. Enjoy your summer and we will see you all back in the fall!

THIS WEEK: MAY 13

SUNDAY WORSHIP – MOTHER'S DAY

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

ANTHEM: No Hands But Yours...Jerome Williams

SPECIAL MUSIC: First Baptist Ringers

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Jeff & Tiffany Martin

1'S & 2'S: Lauren and Abby Sklar

3'S & 4'S: Brian & Betsy Richie

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

MAY 16 AT NOON IN CHAPEL/
DINING ROOM

MATT DUVAL, SPEAKER

MINISTER ON CALL:

Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

2018 COLLEGE GRADUATES

We honor you!



- Beth Bratton is graduating with Honors from Jacksonville State University on May 4, 2018 with a Bachelor in Music Education. She plans on continuing her studies at JSU to pursue a Masters in Special Education.
- Benji Britt is graduating from Berry College with a degree in Physics.
- Kate Jones is graduating from Georgia College and State University with a Master's Degree in Accounting.
- Becky Matthews is graduating from the University of Georgia with a dual degree in Political Science and International Affairs.
- Camilla Packroff is graduating from Berry College with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Bachelor of Science in Mathematics.

NEXT WEEK: MAY 20

SUNDAY WORSHIP

PENTECOST SUNDAY (WEAR RED)

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21

ANTHEM: Be My Church...

Susan Bradshaw/Keith Reaves

RECOGNITION OF 60 YEARS IN THE FBC SANCTUARY

COMMISSIONING OF THE BAHAMAS MISSION TEAM

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Joanne Owens and Pat Bagby

1'S & 2'S: David & Carolyn Brearley

3'S & 4'S:

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

MAY 23 AT NOON IN CHAPEL/
DINING ROOM

JOHN ULDRICK, SPEAKER

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

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www.fbcrome.org

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