

THE SPIRE

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ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE VBS

JUNE 4-6

FROM OUR PASTOR

Over the past few days, we moved from the rhythm of the school-year calendar to our summer schedule, and I am excited about all the things that will be happening in the life of our church over the next few months. We began our Prayers and Reflections series where we will be hearing some of the great stories of our church's history as we have worshipped, served, shared, disciplined and connected together through the years. Those gatherings will continue each Wednesday at noon in the chapel through June.

Our youth mission team is preparing to go to the Bahamas and there are many of us who will be praying and supporting them as they go and embody good news to brothers and sisters in Christ, and we look forward to hearing about their experience upon their return. VBS preparations are in full swing and there are dozens and dozens of teachers and helpers who are decorating and organizing and working together to make sure that this VBS is the best one yet and that our kids have a wonderful time of learning about the story of God's love and how it will

make a difference in their life. It is the greatest story that any of us can ever know.

And in the midst of all of that, our Discovery Team, along with our staff, will begin to distill some of the learnings that we have gathered over these last few months. We will begin to give some shape to the big dreams that we are hearing God speak to us, and we will put pen to paper, and then we will begin the next step in this process which is to bring those things back to the congregation for you to hear and help us refine and clarify. Keep praying for us during this process, especially for our staff and team as we meet and write together on June 2nd. These are good and exciting days in the life of our church, and I hope you will make every effort to be a part of our worship and conversations and work together during the summer months.

With hopeful anticipation,



CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Keep an eye out for a postcard and Facebook post detailing all of our summer activities!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We need your help to get decorations set up for VBS. We will be decorating all day on Thursday May 31st and Friday June 1st. Stop by to lend a helping hand!

VBS MATERIALS NEEDED

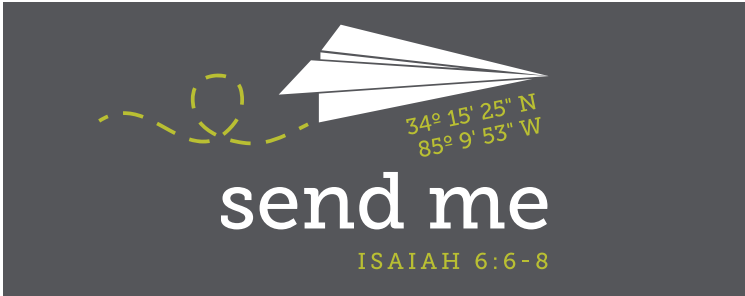
Our theme for Vacation Bible School is Rolling River Rampage, so we are collecting rafting and camping equipment for decorations. If you have any of the following items that you would be willing to let us use, please bring them to the gym labeled with your name: Pup tents, oars/paddles, sleeping bags, life jackets, lanterns, inner tubes, canoe/kayak/rafts.

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 in 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

Our new Mobile Church Directory is ready! To access the mobile directory:

1. Go to our website, www.fbcrome.org.
2. At the very bottom of the home page click the LOGIN link and enter the username and password you have previously registered. If you have not already registered, click REGISTER and follow those instructions.
3. Once you are logged in, go to MEMBER RESOURCES and select MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY. You can scroll through the directory, search by name, view family profiles. The onscreen Guided Tour will walk you through each of these areas. To update your contact information, please contact Melinda Duke at mduke@fbcrome.org.

For those who had their photos made for the directory by Lifetouch, your free directory booklets may be picked up in the church office. For those who did not have their photos taken at the church by Lifetouch and therefore 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 30-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 per person and no reservation is needed.

- May 30th—Keith will reflect on Worship
- June 13th—Tamara will reflect on Disciple
- June 20th—Kristen will reflect on Connect
- June 27th—Matt will reflect on Share

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

We had a great turn out at our informational meeting and now registration is open to church members as well as friends/non-members. The registration form and itinerary are available on Academy International Travel's website: aitsatl.com Log in: [fbcrome19](#) Password: [journey](#)

BRADLEY SANKER'S LIFE VERSE:

“The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.”

Psalms 12:1



MUSIC MINISTRY

PARADE: THE MUSICAL

The Music Ministry is sponsoring a trip to Marietta on September 28 to see "Parade: The Musical" starring Jared Bradshaw, son of Jim and Susan Bradshaw. Jared has appeared on Broadway for several years and this is a rare chance to see him perform close to home. The Tony Award-winning musical is essentially a murder mystery based on a true story that took place in Marietta in 1913. Tickets are \$45/each. Karen Garrett to get your name on the list as spaces are going quickly!

CLAIRE ADAMS' LIFE VERSE:

"The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.
My heart leaps for joy and I will give
thanks to him in song."

Psalm 28:7

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 27, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Payne by Mary Louise Payne, Kevin, Chad and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 27, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edd and Bea Richards by Sharon Baker.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, June 3, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of his birthday by Marsha, Wright, Kristin, Jason and Jennifer Dempsey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, June 3, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Shirley Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed \$1,166,202.61
Support Received \$1,105,572.89

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

seeking His heart | Being His hands

May 26 - June 8

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, May 26

Minister on Call Kristen Pope 502.693.5644
HS Senior Mission Immersion
Team departs, Bahamas 6:30 am

Sunday, May 27 (World Hunger Sunday)

Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 10:00 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Guest Preacher: Dr. Jim Ross

Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 29

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Wednesday, May 30

FBC Serves Community Kitchen
Prayers and Reflections, Chapel/DR 12:00 pm
Spain Trip Informational Meeting, DR 1:30 pm

Thursday, May 31

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

Friday, June 1

FBC Serves Community Kitchen
Rising 7th Graders, YR 12:00-5:00 pm
VBS Decorating, FH

Saturday, June 2

Minister on Call Keith Reaves 706.292.9620
Discovery Team Mtg., Conf. Rm. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Summer Youth Kickoff, Lake Day 9:00 am
Prayer Group, Prayer Rm. 11:00 am
HS Senior Mission Immersion Team returns 6:00 pm

Sunday, June 3

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

Monday, June 4

Vacation Bible School 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday, June 5

Vacation Bible School 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday, June 6

Vacation Bible School 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thursday, June 7

Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office 6:45 am
Youth Mystery Lunch Outing 11:30 am

THIS WEEK: MAY 27

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

SERMON: **Dr. Jim Ross**

SCRIPTURE: **Psalm 78:1-8**

ANTHEM: **Find vs. Faithful... Tom Fettke**

SPECIAL MUSIC: **Keith Reaves**

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: **Kira Austin and Annalise Uldrick**

1'S & 2'S: **Matt & Katie Moon**

3'S & 4'S:

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

**MAY 30 AT NOON IN
CHAPEL/DINING ROOM
KEITH REAVES, SPEAKER**

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

MAY 30

Prayers and Reflections

MAY 26-JUNE 2

HS Senior Mission Immersion

JUNE 4-6

VBS

JUNE 13

Prayers and Reflections Resumes

JUNE 24-29

Youth Passport Camp

NEXT WEEK: JUNE 3

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: **Rev. Matt DuVall**

SCRIPTURE: **1 Samuel 3:1-10**

ANTHEM: **I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light...**
arr. Benjamin Harlan

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: **Kate Barron, William & Mary Bennett**

1'S & 2'S: **Holly Amerman, Beth and
Anne Scott Smith**

3'S & 4'S: **Tripp & Ali Booker**

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

Will not meet on June 6
Resumes June 13 AT NOON IN
CHAPEL/DINING ROOM
TAMARA TILLMAN SMATHERS, SPEAKER

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

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