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FROM OUR PASTOR

There are so many places in this world that I have loved to travel to in my life—mountains, valleys, rivers, plains, cities and oceans, but if I had to pick just one, I think I would choose the ocean. We were just there for a week of vacation with my family.

I think it is the vastness of it all. The seemingly endless horizon out before you. The steady lapping of the tide against the sand. The movement of the currents back and forth. The life that is all around from the tiniest creature to the birds of the air and the creatures of the deep. There is a mystery to be glimpsed in this world and I have seen it in many places, but never as often or as moving to me as the ocean. It is the thinnest place for me where I seem to encounter the divine most often.

It is also a place where I see time moving forward. I remember my years as a child playing in the sand and testing the edge of the water—my parents anxiously watching and managing from behind. I remember those days, just a few years ago, where my eyes never left my girls. And now, I sense their growing independence and the shifting that is beginning to happen within our own family and the ebb and flow of how I feel about all of it. It is life. It is beautiful and it is rich and it is imperfect and it is fragile. And it is all held together by the mystery that undergirds all of us in our living. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,

BRIDGES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME
W E L C O M E S

Dr. Ruby K. Payne

Author, Educator, Speaker, and Authority on
Working Across Economic Classes



SUNDAY **AUGUST**
5, 2018

9:15-10:30 a.m.

**"What Every Church Member
Should Know about Poverty"**

Everyone is invited!
FBC Rome Fellowship Hall

12:30-1:45 p.m.

"Bridges to Sustainable Communities"

Lunch Breakout for Area Non-Profit Leaders
FBC Rome Fellowship Hall (By Reservation)

2:30-4:00 p.m.

**"Emotional Poverty: Addressing Anger,
Anxiety, and Avoidance in the Classroom"**

Area Educators
Rome City Auditorium

CHILDREN'S CORNER

TLC HELP

We need help with Sunday worship care for children birth-4 years old. It is a commitment of only 4 times per year, and we are able to accommodate preferences for the age you would like to work with. Please email Kristen at kpope@fbcrome.org if you are able to volunteer.

PIZZA AT THE PLAYGROUND

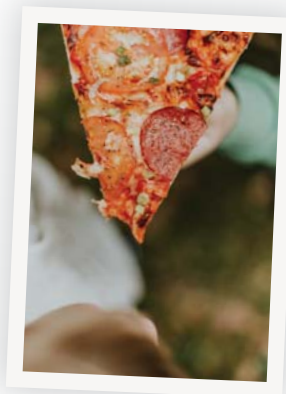
Join us at Ridge Ferry Park on July 18th for a pizza dinner and a night of games & playground fun. Bring a dessert to share!

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Children will promote to their new Sunday School classes on Sunday, August 12th. Make sure your kids are there for this day of transition and growth!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Children's Choir & Missions will resume on Wednesday, August 15th. Can't wait to see everyone!



RENA STOREY'S LIFE VERSE:

"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8

YOUTH NEWS

END OF SUMMER CITY ADVENTURE JUNE 27 & 28 - \$150 PER PERSON

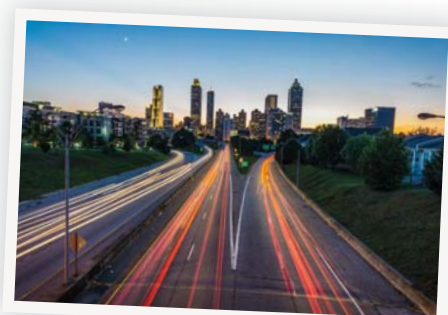
9:30 a.m. Depart FBC Friday

10:00 p.m. Return to FBC Saturday

Georgia Aquarium, World of Coke, CNN Center, Center for Civil & Human Rights, & College Football Hall of Fame.

We will spend the night in downtown and visit ALL of these places on Friday & Saturday!

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Let's just say, it is a rare and very fortunate opportunity that we are able to host Dr. Payne for a full day in Rome. Dr. Payne is an educator, a business owner, author, and travels extensively helping communities make better decisions about addressing poverty. She is an unstoppable force of energy, and speaks with a great depth of knowledge and experience. If you care about our church and our mission to be the Hands of Christ, the morning session is for YOU. If you serve on the Board, or volunteer with a community non-profit organization, the luncheon is for YOU. If you teach, are an administrator, work with children and teenagers in any role, the afternoon session is for YOU. Please make plans to attend.

THE FULL SCHEDULE INCLUDES:

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12:15-1:45 p.m. "Bridges to Sustainable Communities"

2:15 p.m. "Emotional Poverty: Addressing Anger, Aggression and Avoidance in the Classroom"

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

APRIL 25-MAY 10, 2019

This pilgrimage to both Israel and Jordan invites us to experience the wilderness and entrance into the Promised Land. We will walk where Jesus walked, and listen as Scripture comes to life in this ancient land. Friends and family from other churches are certainly welcome to join us. Contact Tamara Smathers for more information.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

"IT'S TOO HOT TO COOK"

SALAD SUPPER

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 6:00 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Bring a Salad to share and prepare for a fun time together! Please let us know that you are coming by contacting Debbye in the church office. Join us for this fun night promising laughter and new friends.



HOLD THE DATE

SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN'S EPIPHANY RETREAT

JANUARY 5-7, 2019

Sacred Heart Monastery, Cullman, Alabama

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:

(left to right) Janice Brinson, Betty Russell, Chris & Penny Miller

(Not pictured) – Beth Dabbs

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS RESUME

Our children's choir teachers are hard at work getting ready for a new year of music and fun. Rehearsals resume for children aged 3 through sixth grade on Wednesday, August 15, at 5:45 p.m. Contact Keith Reaves for more information.

DOWNTOWN HYMN SING

The choirs and congregations of First Baptist, First United Methodist and St. Peter's Episcopal will combine for a hymn festival on Sunday afternoon, September 16, in the FBC sanctuary. This will be a wonderful service of singing and music with our friends from across the street and around the corner!

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, July 22, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sybil Mann Harrison by Lindsey Sybil Mann Field and Ashlee Harrison Mann Pittman.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, July 29, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Reagan Ransom Coker by her family, Bess and George Bosworth, Ester and John Husser, Linda and Ed James and John and Joyce Ransom.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed \$1,462,949.76

Support Received \$1,344,243.38

June VBS Mission Offering \$772.60

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

July 21 - August 3

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, July 21

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, July 22

Adult Faith Development Cmt. Mtg., Conf. Rm.	8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	10:30 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am

Tuesday, July 24

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	
FBC Serves Meals & More, FUMC	3:00-6:00 pm
Discovery Team Mtg., Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm

Wednesday, July 25

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	
Youth World Play Session 5, YR	1:00 pm

Thursday, July 26

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	
Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office	6:45 am
Passportkids Chaperones &	
Participants depart for Lookout Mt.	10:30 am
Youth Mystery Lunch Outing	11:30 am
WOC Salad Supper, FH	6:00 pm

Friday, July 27

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	
Youth End of Summer City Adventure	9:30 am

Saturday, July 28

Minister on Call	John Uldrick 706.766.0430
Youth return from City Adventure	10:00 am

Sunday, July 29 (World Hunger Sunday)

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Family Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	10:30 pm
Family Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Passportkids Chaperones & Participants return	2:30 pm

Wednesday, August 1

Choir Potluck Dinner, DR	5:30 pm
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Thursday, August 2

Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office	6:45 am
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THIS WEEK: JULY 22

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 19:4-8

ANTHEM: God is Our Refuge...Allen Pote

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Dana Hester

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

3'S & 4'S: Alice Clements

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

NEXT WEEK: JULY 29

FAMILY SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

ANTHEM: How Shall I Sing to God?...
arr. Lloyd Larson

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Shannon & Lauren Loy

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

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

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

AIDEN AMERMAN'S LIFE VERSE:

"I will call on you, O God,
for you will answer me; give ear to me
and hear my prayer."

Psalms 17:6

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

ROOM IN THE LOFT FOR YOU!

The Sanctuary Choir has plenty of space and plenty of new robes for you! Join us as we enjoy a kickoff potluck dinner on Wednesday, August 1, at 5:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. Guests don't have to bring a thing! Following dinner we will have a brief rehearsal in the choir room to sing through some of the music we will be singing this fall. Regular rehearsals will resume on August 8 at 6:45 p.m. Please contact Keith Reaves for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

JULY 26

Youth Mystery Lunch

JULY 26-29

Passport Kids Camp

AUGUST 12

Promotion Sunday

JULY 26

Women's Salad Supper

AUGUST 5

Dr. Ruby Payne Speaks

AUGUST 15

Children's Choirs and
Missions Resume

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www.fbcrome.org

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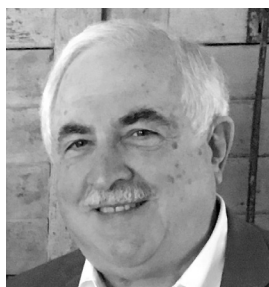


The Deacon Nominating Committee for 2017-2018 makes the following recommendations for Deacons. Balloting will be Sunday, August 6, following the morning worship service. Deacon Ordination will be Wednesday, August 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Returning Deacons



Tom Bennett
Member: 45 years
Wife: Charlesean
Children: Jeff and Amy
Retired
Served FBC as: Deacon and Chair, Adult Sunday School Teacher.
Committees: Budget, Faith Development and Search.



Louie Canova
Member: 33 years
Wife: Marilyn
Children: Jenny, Christie, Travis
Retired
Served FBC as: 5th & 6th grade boys SS teacher, Deacon
Committees: Wednesday Night, Committee on Committees, Grounds & Maintenance.
Missions: Morning Star Mission Trip, Eagle River Alaska Mission Trip, several Habitat Builds and Hands of Christ.



Chris Cook
Member: 12 years
Wife: Jennie
Employed with J. Rettenmaier USA LP
Served FBC as: Deacon, College Sunday School Teacher, Adult Choir Member.
Committees: Missions, Lord's Supper, Men's Ministry, Foundation and Finance.



Chip Hood
Member: 20 years
Wife: Beth
Children: Noah, Braden, Katelyn
Employed with ForEvergreen/Owner
Served FBC as: Deacon, TLC Worker, Youth Ministry Volunteer.
Committees: Finance, Playground, Youth, Properties, Budget.



Brandon Johnson
Member: 13 years
Wife: Daphne
Children: Baylor and Brooks
Employed Rome City Schools
Served FBC as: Deacon, TLC Nursery Worker, and variety of Mission assignments.
Committees: Children's Ministry, Men's Ministry.



Shannon Loy
Member: 8 years
Wife: Lauren
Children: Jackson, Jillian and Ansley
Employed with Advance Rehabilitation
Served FBC as: Deacon.
Committees: Children's Ministry, Accessibility Committee.



Wade Monk
Member: 40 years
Wife: Gayle
Children: William and Mary Beth
Retired
Served FBC as: Chair of Deacon, Chair of Trustees, Sunday School teacher.
Committees: Chair of Personnel, Chair of finance, Chair of Pastor Search, Chair of Touching Tomorrow, Chair of 175th Anniversary Celebration.
Mission Trips: Liberia, Kenya and Jordan.



Jason Sanker
Member: 12 years
Wife: Kelly
Children: Benjamin, Matthew and Bradley
Employed with McRae, Smith, Peek
Served FBC as: Deacon, Adult Sunday School teacher.
Committees: Deacon Executive, Committee on Committees.



Jana Weidemann
Member: 30 years
Husband: Bill
Employed with Tip Top Poultry, Inc.
Served FBC as: Deacon, Adult Sunday School teacher and Television and Sound.
Committees: Television and Sound, World Hunger, Stewardship, Personnel, First Responders, Lord's Supper.

New Deacons (To Be Ordained)



Janice Davis
Member: 33 years
Husband: Andy
Children: Claire McWhorter and Hunter Davis
Employed with Whittington, Jones & Rudert
Served FBC as: 4 yr olds and 5th/6th grade Sunday School teacher and GA's. Treasurer & Asst. Treasurer and Church Trustee. Hand Bell Choir member.
Committees: Budget, Children's Ministry, TV Ministry, Stewardship, Children's Minister Search.



Donnie Denson
Member: 6 years
Wife: Lynn
Children: Mary Grace
Employed with Network Day Services
Committees: Baptism, Usher/Greeters



Robert Hortman
Member: 2 years
Wife: Nancy
Children: West and Wills
Employed by Fedex
Committee: Men's Ministry, Committee on Committees.



Nancy Ratcliffe
Member: 6 years
Husband: Sam
Employed with Professional Association of GA Educators
Served FBC as: Sunday School Teacher. Member of the Adult Choir.
Committees: Adult Faith Development Committee - Chair



Cathy Strickland
Member: 4 years
Husband: Michael
Children: David and Michelle
Retired
Served FBC as: Children's Sunday School Teacher, Community Kitchen Volunteer, Hand Bell choir member.
Committees: Transitional Housing, Chair of Women of the Church.

New Life Deacon



John Bennett
Member: 49 years
Wife: Ann
Retired
Served FBC as: Chair of Deacons, Sunday School teacher.
Committees: Budget, Pastor Search, Long Range Planning, Facilities Study & Denominational Relations, Chair of Personnel, Properties, Finance and Trustees.