

THE SPIRE

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Church Conference
Youth & Children Activities Resume

FROM OUR PASTOR

Just the other day, the girls and I went by their elementary school to make sure all of their registration information was in order and to pick up their lists of school supplies for their classrooms. The lists were pretty similar to each other and I'm sure we will see many other families at our local big-box stores with the same lists in hand. All of our children and teachers having what they need in their classrooms is essential to successful and effective teaching and learning.

It is the same with church. There are many essentials that we must have in order to be successful and effective as a congregation. One is people. We cannot be or do church without the body of Christ—which is each of you! We are looking forward to getting back into our regular fall rhythm of life and ministry together, and we are also excited about the new leaders and ministry opportunities that will be celebrated in the months ahead.

Another essential that FBC relies upon in order to make a transformational impact in the lives those we encounter every day are the gifts and resources that are given through your

generosity. We strive to be good stewards of your gifts as they go to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, comfort the weary, and bring the gospel to the least, the lost, the last, and the overlooked. Your gifts help us to teach our children how much God loves them and wants to have a relationship with them. Your gifts help us engage the young people in our community and provide exciting opportunities to learn about their faith and grow in friendship with each other. Your gifts help us reach out to those who are homebound so we can better build community.

We have a few more weeks left to reach our budget goal so that we can accomplish the ministry we pledged to pursue last fall. If you haven't caught up with your giving while you've been gone, I hope you will in the next few weeks. Thank you, in advance, for your faithful generosity. I am excited about what is happening in the life of our church!

With hopeful expectation,

FIRSTBAPTISTCHURCH
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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 or to serve as a substitute.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Children will promote to their new Sunday School classes on Sunday, August 12th. There will be a special blessing of students during worship and a group picture taken. 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!

YOUTH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE! FBC ROME STUDENT CHECK-UP LUNCHEON SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH

ALL Youth & Parents plan to join us for lunch after worship as we dream about the future of Youth Ministry at FBC Rome. Even if you have a child who will be in Youth SOON, we welcome your participation.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPTEMBER 10 AT 10 A.M.

If you're looking for a weekday Bible study, please consider joining this group on Monday mornings.

The atmosphere is casual, as we meet in the Dining Room to study the Bible and discover God's word for our daily lives.

In the meantime, and just for the fun of it, we will meet for lunch, on Monday, August 13th at 11:30 a.m. at the Middle Eastern Café on Broad Street.

Of course, anyone is welcome to join us that day. Feel free to park at the church and walk to the restaurant.

WOMEN'S EPIPHANY RETREAT JANUARY 4-6, 2019

Sacred Heart Monastery and Retreat Center, Cullman, Alabama
Registration is now open. \$25 will hold your room.

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:

9:15-10:35 a.m. "What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty"

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

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

SMALL GROUP LEADERSHIP MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 5:15 P.M.

Do you lead an adult small group, or have an interest in doing so? Small Groups provide opportunities for shared Bible study, prayer, and personal connection.

Expanding these opportunities is critical to the faith development ministry of our congregation. Join Tamara Smathers on Wednesday, August 15, at 5:15 p.m. in the Conference Room. Feel free to go through the buffet line and bring your meal to the Conference Room.

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.

DAVIS INMAN'S LIFE VERSE:

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Matthew 5:8



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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

PLEASE WELCOME:
Callie Hunt



MUSIC MINISTRY

ROOM IN THE LOFT FOR YOU!

The Sanctuary Choir has plenty of space and plenty of new robes for you! Regular rehearsals will resume on August 8 at 6:45 p.m. Please contact Keith Reaves for more information.

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, at 3:00 p.m. 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 Narthex for Sunday, August 5, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of O.M. and Kathryn Cates and John and Miriam Talley by Martha Cates.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 12, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Stanley Self and Bill Self by Patricia Self and Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed \$1,511,931.22

Support Received \$1,439,518.73

World Vision, Meals & More
and CBF World Hunger Relief \$2,041.00

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

August 4 - August 17

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, August 4

Minister on Call Keith Reaves 706.292.9620
CBF State Coordinators Mtg., Conf. Rm. 6:00-8:00 pm

Sunday, August 5

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Dr. Ruby Payne, Bridges Session 1, FH 9:15-10:30 am
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Deacon Election
Dr. Ruby Payne, Bridges Luncheon Session 2,
Non-Profit Sector, FH 12:30-1:45 pm
Dr. Ruby Payne, Bridges Session 3,
Rome City Auditorium 2:30-4:00 pm

Wednesday, August 8

First Choice Dinners Resume, FH 5:00 pm
Deacon Ordination Service, Sanctuary 6:00 pm

Thursday, August 9

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

Saturday, August 11

Minister on Call Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

Sunday, August 12 (Bible Study Promotion Sunday)

Youth Committee Mtg., YR 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
Observance of the Lord's Supper
Presentation of Bibles to Rising First Graders

Monday, August 13

Women's Bible Study Lunch, Middle Eastern Café 11:30 am

Wednesday, August 15

(Youth/Children Evening Activities Resume)

First Choice Dinner, FH 5:00 pm
Adult Small Group Leadership Mtg., DR 5:15 pm
Youth Gathering, YR 5:45 pm
Children's Choirs 5:45 pm
Prayer Time / Church Conference, FH 6:00 pm
Youth Worship, YR 6:15 pm
Children on Mission 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

Thursday, August 16

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

Friday, August 17

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

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THIS WEEK: AUGUST 5

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:1-16

ANTHEM: In My Father's House...
arr. Craig Courtney

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Kristen, Marin & Kallan Kinsey

1's & 2's: Jack & Ashley Smith

3's & 4's: Jonathan & Genna Harris

FIRST CHOICE MENU

AUGUST 8

Chicken Alfredo or Marinara

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Sliced Pizza

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

NEXT WEEK: AUGUST 12

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: John 6:35, 41-51

ANTHEM: Come to the Table...arr. Joseph Martin
Behold the Lamb...arr. David Clydesdale

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO FIRST GRADERS

TLC VOLUNTEERS:

BED BABIES: Gayle Monk and Faye Evans

1's & 2's: Robert and Nancy Hortman

3's & 4's: Bruce and Laurie Jones

FIRST CHOICE MENU

AUGUST 15

Roast Pork Loin w/Mushrooms & Brown Grave

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Breaded Chicken Fingers

MINISTER ON CALL:

Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES: JOAN HILL & MIKE HOLLOWAY

Congratulations and many thanks to Joan Hill, who has served 20 years as our church organist and to Mike Holloway, who has served for 10 years as our Head Custodian. Both were recently recognized by the church in worship.

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Bible Presentation-
Rising 1st Graders

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