

THE SPIRE

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Pray for our Passportkids Camp
Chaperones and Participants as they
travel to Lookout Mountain, GA

PARTICIPANTS

George Loveless	Emily Richie
Callie Hunt	Sam Twente
Jackson Loy	Emalee Collins
Sarah Kate Hunt	Bradley Sanker
Lee Donahue	Mary Blair Fuller
Campbell Hunt	Matthew Sanker
Murray Ellington	Ajae Oatts
Eva Poyner	Chandler Bagby
Baylor Johnson	Katelyn Hood
Alex Martin	Harrison Inman
Aaron Lewis	Caroline Knight

CHAPERONES

Kristen Pope	Steve Hunt
Nicki Hunt	Tripp Bagby
Betsy Richie	April Oatts

JULY 26-29
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, GA

KIDS VERSION!

PASSPORT CAMP 2018 THEME

ENOUGH

FROM OUR PASTOR

A ministry colleague and I were having a conversation in the last few weeks related to the quality of our discourse in our country these days and how that is or isn't making its way into our congregations. I told him that I felt we did a pretty good job of recognizing and honoring the differences that we share without being ugly. He lamented that there had been too many moments where toxic patterns of relating and meanness and an unwillingness to have actual healthy conversations were the norm instead of modeling something different as a family of faith. I'm afraid his experience is more of the norm.

It can be difficult to have hard conversations as a family of faith. Some of the reason for that is that it can be really difficult for our families of origin to have hard conversations, and if we aren't in the practice of handling tough or sensitive or complex issues in healthy ways at home, then why would we be able to do that in church? We don't ask people to check their brains and their

opinions at our doors. We don't ask people to pretend that you don't care about any of it or all of it so that we can avoid talking about some of it. We don't ask people to be anything other than who they are.

Who we are when we come to church, most importantly in my opinion, is a follower of Jesus. We are brothers and sisters and sons and daughters who have said, "Jesus is my Lord". So then, we are to speak with each other, listen to each other, love each other, respect each other, and honor each other as though we are honoring no less than Jesus himself. And if we are able to do that, we will transform how we are able to talk about and deal with hard things.

With hope,



WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

Calling all Toddlers!

one year old by
September 1st

Would your child like to spend time with caring and experienced staff playing, learning and worshipping? Then come join our Weekday Preschool Toddler Class either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday from 9am-1pm. Do you have friends or family who might be interested? Contact Melissa Wood, Preschool Director, at

706.295.1150 or mwood@fbcrome.org to schedule a visit or for more information.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

TLC HELP: We need help with Sunday worship care for children birth-4 years old. It is only a commitment of 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 willing to volunteer.

BOWLING WITH RISING 3RD-6TH GRADERS

This event has been rescheduled to July 10th at 6 p.m. at Floyd Bowling & Amusement. Email Kristen to let her know your child can come.

POPSICLES & PLAY

Families of all ages, join us on July 11th at 6 p.m. at the Town Green for popsicles and outdoor fun. Wear your bathing suit if you want to run in the water!

POOL PARTY

Come jump in and cool off on July 15th, 2-5 p.m. at the Northside Swim Center Pool!

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!

YOUTH NEWS

SIX FLAGS TRIP

JULY 16

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

\$35 per person

(Includes ticket, lunch, & transportation)

MYSTERY LUNCH

OUTING

JULY 26

11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. \$10-15 per person

END OF SUMMER HIKE & SLEEP

JULY 27-29

Len Foote Hike Inn \$150 per person (Includes lodging, food, & transportation)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW GALLERY EXHIBIT OPEN

Our Gallery's New Exhibit, "All Things Bright and Beautiful" features artwork of our children.

Visit the Gallery on the Third Floor of the Education Building and view the creative work of our children.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For those who had their photos made for the directory, your free directory is available for pick up. For those who did not have their photos taken, or for those who want extra directories, copies may be purchased for \$10 each. Church members may also access the mobile version for free.



First Baptist Church has the rare opportunity to host Dr. Ruby Payne on Sunday, August 5th. Dr. Payne is known in education circles as an expert in helping teachers understand poverty and ways to best serve their students.

She has written or co-authored more than a dozen books, including "A Framework for Understanding Poverty" which has sold more than 1.5 million copies. Her most recent book will be released in July and crosses every economic class—"Emotional Poverty; How to Reduce Anger, Anxiety, and Violence in the Classroom".

On August 5th, she will speak to three specific groups. All Adults will meet that morning beginning at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Her topic, "What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty."

This event is made possible through a very generous anonymous donation from a church member, and hosted by the Adult Faith Development and Missions committees.

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.



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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. Cost is \$45 per person and includes show ticket and transportation by motorcoach. Call Karen Garrett to get your name on the list as spaces are going quickly!

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

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary for Sunday, July 8, are given to the glory of God and in honor and recognition of the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Ann and Floyd Roebuck and their ministry and service to First Baptist Church. Given with love by Dan and Judy Roebuck, Jon and Linda Roebuck and families.

The flowers in the sanctuary for Sunday, July 15, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James M. Langley by Jimmie Langley and Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,413,968.30
Support Received	\$1,280,290.14

World Vision, Meals & More and CBF World Hunger Relief	\$697.00
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2017-2018 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,488,872.60

July 7 - July 20

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, July 7

Minister on Call	Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074
Prayer Group, Prayer Rm.	11:00 am

Sunday, July 8

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 10

Discovery Team Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm
Bowling with rising 3rd-6th Graders, Floyd Bowling & Amusement	6:00 pm

Wednesday, July 11

Youth World Play Session 3, YR	1:00 pm
Preschool/Children Families- Popsicles & Play, Town Green	6:00 pm

Thursday, July 12

Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office	6:45 am
Preschool Summer Fun Days	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Friday, July 13

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
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Saturday, July 14

Minister on Call	Matt DuVall 706.254.1323
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Sunday, July 15

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	10:30 pm
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Baptism	
Church-wide Pool Party, Northside Swim Center	2:00-5:00 pm

Monday, July 16

Youth Six Flags Outing	9:00 am
WOC Book Group, Conf. Rm.	1:00 pm

Wednesday, July 18

Youth World Play Session 4, YR	1:00 pm
Preschool/Children Families- Pizza at the Playground, Ridge Ferry	6:00 pm

Thursday, July 19

Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office	6:45 am
Preschool Summer Fun Days	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

THIS WEEK: JULY 8

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: Rev. Tamara T. Smathers

SCRIPTURE: Mark 6:1-13

ANTHEM: *If My People...* Jimmy Owens

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Gayle Monk and Faye Evans

1'S & 2'S: Sharon Baker and Laurie Jones

3'S & 4'S: David & Carolyn Brearley

MINISTER ON CALL:

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

NEXT WEEK: JULY 15

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Mark 6:14-29

ANTHEM: *Walk Worthy...* Joseph Martin

BAPTISM

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Janie Smith and Reid Finnegan

1'S & 2'S: Mike & Pam Finnegan

3'S & 4'S: Shannon & Lauren Loy

MINISTER ON CALL:

Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

ISAAC PARSEGIAN'S LIFE VERSE:

"When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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



The senior adult group had a great time in Seville, Spain in June.

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

JULY 15

Pool Party

JULY 26

Youth Mystery Lunch

JULY 26-29

Passport Kids Camp

JULY 15

Pizza at the Playground

JULY 26

Women's Salad Supper

AUGUST 5

Dr. Ruby Payne Speaks

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