

# THE SPIRE

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

This past week I had the opportunity to be at the Founder's Day commencement at Mercer's McAfee School of Theology where several of us at FBC Rome attended seminary. Founder's Day is an annual event where we remember and give thanks for our founding faculty and students and churches and donors and we also recognize the incoming class of new students. It marks the beginning of the academic year. That's an interesting way to begin a new path forward isn't it—to look back on the past.

But it is what our Discovery Team has been doing these last many weeks. We have been looking back over some of our history and remembering who we have been through the years. We have focused on our past as a congregation and we have been reminded of what we have done well and are continuing to do well. We have also tried to discern what the needs are in our community and beyond and have tried to think about ways that our gifts and talents and resources and social capital might be put in service to some new opportunities in Floyd County and beyond. It has been an exciting time of dreaming and thinking together and we are now ready to begin sharing some of those ideas with our congregation.

Last week, our deacons had an opportunity to hear the ideas and dreams that we have been drawn towards. They responded enthusiastically and gave us some feedback to help clarify wording that wasn't familiar and gave us a few fresh thoughts that were very helpful. We will now begin to share that document with different sized groups in the weeks ahead, so pay attention to our announcements! We want you to not only understand what we feel God calling us towards, but we want you to find your place in this future story that we are writing together, and we think you will be excited!

With hopeful expectation,



## SING TOGETHER!

A Hymn Festival  
featuring the choirs from

First Baptist Church  
First United Methodist Church  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Sunday, September 16  
3:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church  
100 East Fourth Avenue  
Rome, Georgia

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER

As we get back into the swing of Wednesday nights, we could use your help! If you would be willing to serve on a consistent basis or on a rotation from 6:30-7:15 on Wednesday nights, please email Kristen at [kpope@fbcrome.org](mailto:kpope@fbcrome.org) for more info about our specific needs.

### FOSTER PARENT RESPITE NIGHT SEPTEMBER 22

Foster Parent Respite Night is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, from 6:00-9:30 p.m. at the church. FBC volunteers will provide childcare so local foster parents can have a "night out". If you can help during **any** of these hours, please contact Jan Hardeman at 706.857.6698 or Kristen Pope at 706.291.6850.

Requirements: A willing heart and a background check paid for by the church. You are needed!

## YOUTH NEWS

**5TH QUARTER FELLOWSHIP**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 31ST FROM 10:30 - MIDNIGHT**  
FBC Youth Room

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**WINTER RETREAT - JANUARY 1-5, 2019**  
Come go skiing with us!

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### NEW CHOIR YEAR!

The Sanctuary Choir is blessed to have added many new singers in the past few weeks, but there is still plenty of space and plenty of new robes for you! Regular rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. Please contact Keith Reaves for more information.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS RESUME

Our children's choirs started their busy new year on August 16 with record numbers of singers. Rehearsals for all children's choirs are on Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. Our older children's choir will sing for worship on September 9!

### YOUTH CHOIR STARTS

The new year for our Youth Choir will begin on Sunday, September 9 at 9:00 a.m. in the Choir Suite. All youth are invited as we begin work on music for the fall and for Christmas.



### 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!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADULT CHOICES

Wednesdays at 6:20 p.m.

-  "The Character(s) of Faith"  
Led by Matt DuVall in the Dining Room  
Uncover truths that will help us grow in our own faith by looking into the lives of men and women of the Bible.
-  "Living Your Strengths: Discover Your God-given Talents"  
Led by Tamara Smathers in the Community Room  
Identify and affirm your innate gifts and discover how to invest them for growth and service.

### MUSICAL OUTING

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 in the office to sign up. Your payment ensures your reservation. Tickets are going quickly!

### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

**APRIL 25 - MAY 10, 2019** A few spots remain for this incredible opportunity to visit both Jordan and Israel, retracing the steps of Jesus and following the journey of many faithful who came before us. Please contact Tamara Smathers for more information.

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

### WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10, 10:00 A.M.

Mark your calendars for a new year of Bible Study! This lively group will meet weekly from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Centering Prayer will be in the Prayer Room at 9:30 for those who wish to participate. For more information, please contact Tamara Smathers.

### RUBLE-WHITWORTH MISSION GROUP BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10, 11:00 A.M.

Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group resumes activities on Monday, September 10, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Community Room. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month. We learn about local ministries and CBF missions. We pray for and participate in missions locally and throughout the world. Please join us, we welcome you!

### 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.



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## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:  
(top): Murray Ellington  
(middle): Heather & David Hoyt  
with sons, Hollis and Hudson  
(bottom): Sarah Kate Hunt



## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 2, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Cornelia and Miller Milford on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Beverly and Bob Harris.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 2, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 9, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Claborn and Ann Bradfield on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by their Children and Grandchildren.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 9, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Gaynelle Grizzard on the occasion of her birthday by Linda and Jim Owens.

## GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,616,940.84
Support Received	\$1,556,785.69

World Vision, Meals & More  
and CBF World Hunger Relief \$1,744.00

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

seeking His heart | Being His hands

September 1 - September 14

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, September 1

Minister on Call Keith Reaves 706.292.9620  
Prayer Group, Prayer Room 11:00 am

### Sunday, September 2

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

### Monday, September 3 (Labor Day)

**Church Office Closed**

### Wednesday, September 5

Senior Adult Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 3:30 pm  
First Choice Dinner, FH 5:00 pm  
Youth Gathering, YR 5:45 pm  
Children's Choirs 5:45 pm  
Prayer Time, FH 6:00 pm  
Youth Bible Study, YR 6:15 pm  
Adult Choice Seminars, DR/Comm. Rm. 6:20 pm  
Children on Mission 6:30 pm  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

### Thursday, September 6

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

### Friday, September 7

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

### Saturday, September 8

Minister on Call Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

### Sunday, September 9

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

### Called Church Conference - Vote on Budget

Youth Small Groups 5:00-7:00 pm

### Monday, September 10

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm. 9:30 am  
Women's Bible Study Resumes, DR 10:00 am  
Ruble-Whitworth Missions Group, Comm. Rm. 11:00 am  
First Baptist Ringers 5:15 pm  
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm. 5:30 pm  
Deacons' Meeting:  
Executive Mtg., Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm  
Dinner, DR 6:00 pm  
General Mtg. & Cmt., DR 6:30 pm

### Wednesday, September 12

First Choice Dinner, FH 5:00 pm  
Youth Gathering, YR 5:45 pm  
Children's Choirs 5:45 pm  
Prayer Time 6:00 pm  
Youth Worship, YR 6:15 pm  
Adult Choice Seminars, DR/Comm. Rm. 6:20 pm  
Children on Mission 6:30 pm  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

### Thursday, September 13

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

## THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 2

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: James 1:17-27

ANTHEM: God of Grace and God of Glory...  
arr. Joel Raney

### TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Alice Clements and Janie Smith

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

3's & 4's: Scarlet Roberts

### FIRST CHOICE MENU

SEPTEMBER 5

Baked Salmon with Sauce Hollandaise

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Breaded Chicken Fingers

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

## NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 9

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Mark 7:24-37

ANTHEM: Arise My Soul, Arise...arr. Dan Forrest

SPECIAL MUSIC: Children's Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC: Samantha Lester, violin

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE TO VOTE ON BUDGET

### TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Joanne Owens and Carroll Peterson

1's & 2's: Ryan & Leigh Weldon

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

### FIRST CHOICE MENU

SEPTEMBER 12

Fried Chicken

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Hot Dogs with Potato Chips

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](http://WWW.FBCROME.ORG)

## MISSIONS MINISTRY

### PERU MISSION EXPERIENCE OCTOBER 5 - 14

Purchase your airline ticket and contribute \$760 toward expenses in Peru. For more information contact John Uldrick. We are seeking volunteers to work in the dental clinic, with children, and on a construction team.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS!

BAGWELL FOOD PANTRY Pack bags every Monday from 9:45 - noon.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN Help prepare and serve meals during FBC Rome's week.  
For more information contact John Uldrick or Mary Rolan.

RESTORATION ROME Sorting clothes in the clothes closet each Friday. Contact Restoration Rome for more information at 706.528.4033.

A VERY SPECIAL  
*Happy Birthday*  
TO PAULINE SULLINS  
who celebrated her 100th Birthday on August 20



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