



FROM OUR PASTOR

What an incredible day Sunday August 5th was as we welcomed our community to join us in learning from Dr. Ruby Payne. I am so grateful for the leadership of Tamara and John and their committed group of lay leaders who organized every detail of the whole day! The affirmations and gratitude from community leaders has been steady and even Ruby herself praised our community and our leaders and the potential that she sees in all of us to do transforming work in our community in new and creative ways.

It is, at its essence, what the work of our Discovery Team has been focused on for many months. We are working to articulate a vision that carries our church forward to continue our good work in our community in ways that would address systemic issues in our community. It requires collaboration, a common vision and language and approach, and a long obedience in the same direction together. With God's help, we will get there.

I am also pleased with our leaders who have committed to serve our congregation in the upcoming year. We have such a great congregation who are so faithful in their service to God and to each other and to our community, and I am looking forward to how we will grow together in the year ahead. We have so many exciting things ahead of us this year, and I am also excited that for the first time in a while, we will go into a new church year fully staffed and ready to go full speed with everyone in the right place! Please continue to pray for our Discovery Team as we prepare for the next stage of sharing the God-sized dreams that we have been working to discern.

With expectant hope,

FIRST CHOICE

Wednesday Schedule

Beginning August 22

FIRST CHOICE DINNER
5:00 P.M.

YOUTH GATHERING
5:45 P.M.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
5:45 P.M.

PRAYER TIME
6:00 P.M.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
6:15 P.M.

ADULT CHOICES SEMINARS
6:20 P.M.

CHILDREN ON MISSION
6:30 P.M.

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:45 P.M.

LOCATIONS PROVIDED ON CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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 for more info about our specific needs.

YOUTH NEWS

ALL PARENTS & YOUTH - MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US

WHAT: Youth Ministry conversation led by Jamie Mackey, FBC Huntsville, AL

WHEN: Sunday, August 19 after worship

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be provided, but we need to know if you are coming! Please email John before Thursday, August 16th at 5 p.m. to RE-SERVE your spot.

YOUTH SMALL GROUPS

We begin again on Sunday, September 9th, from 5 - 7 p.m.
We want **YOU** to join us!

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

WOMEN'S FIELD TRIP

MONDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 10:30 A.M.

LIVINGPROOF RECOVERY, 408 SHORTER AVENUE

The Monday morning Women's Bible Study invites you on a field trip to LivingProof Recovery—one of our mission partners.

We will meet at LivingProof for a tour, and learn about their vast opportunities for supporting those in recovery.

Let's shower their new horticulture program with bags of potting soil. Please contact Tamara Smathers for more information.

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

Mark your calendars for a new year of Bible Study! This lively group meets 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.

JUSTIN HARRISON'S LIFE VERSE:



"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Psalm 118:1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT CHOICES

Beginning August 22
Wednesdays at 6:20 p.m.

-  "The Character(s) of Faith"
Led by Matt DuVall in the Dining Room
What can we learn about how to live our faith today through examining the lives of some of the great characters of scripture? Let's take a look together at the stories of some of the men and women of the Old and New Testaments and see what we can find to help us grow this year.
-  "Living Your Strengths: Discover Your God-given Talents"
Led by Tamara Smathers in the Conference Room
Even in a country as religious as the U.S., many people feel disconnected from their churches. More than half report that they don't get the opportunity to do what they do best in their congregations. Using the CliftonStrengths Assessment, you will identify and affirm your innate gifts and discover how to invest them for growth and service.
Registration is limited to 12 people. Please contact Tamara Smathers to register so that she can prepare materials.

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 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. Rehearsals for all children's choir are on Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.

YOUTH CHOIR STARTS

The new year for our Youth Choir will begin on Sunday, September 9 at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room. 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!



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
(top): Elaine Lanier
(middle): Austin & Hannah
 Freeman with sons,
 Wesley and James
(bottom): Mary Blair Fuller

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 19, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of our wedding anniversary by Marsha Dempsey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 19, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruland by Hal & Debbie Ruland, Judy and Dan Roebuck and Families.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 26, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sam and Ruth Talley by Jim, Jennifer, Jack and Sam Talley.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 26, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dennis Sullins and Viola Johnson by Pauline Sullins.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,564,436.04
Support Received	\$1,507,663.43

2017-2018 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,488,872.60
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August 18 - August 31

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, August 18

Minister on Call	Tamara Tillman Smathers	706.266.7141
Gary Tillman Memorial Clock Tower 5K		8:00 am

Sunday, August 19

Adult Faith Development Cmt. Mtg., Conf. Rm.	8:30 am
Missions Cmt. Mtg., DR	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
Youth Ministry Check-Up Lunch, FH	12:00 pm

Monday, August 20

Women's Mission Field Trip (LivingProof Recovery)	10:30 am
WOC Book Group, Conf. Rm.	1:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers	5:15 pm
Deacons' Meeting:	
Executive Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm
General Mtg. & Committee, DR	6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 22

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, FH	6:00 pm
Youth Bible Study, YR	6:15 pm
Adult Choice Seminars, DR/Conf. Rm.	6:20 pm
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Thursday, August 23

Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office	6:45 am
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Saturday, August 25

Minister on Call	John Uldrick	706.766.0430
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Sunday, August 26 (World Hunger Sunday)

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Food on the Fourth	12:00 pm

Monday, August 27

First Baptist Ringers	5:15 pm
The Edge, Uldrick Home	7:30 pm

Tuesday, August 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	
FBC Serves Meals & More, FUMC	3:00-6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 29

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	
First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
WOC Committee Mtg., DR	5:15 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/Conf. Rm.	6:20 pm
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Thursday, August 30

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	
Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office	6:45 am
Music Peer Group, Conf. Rm.	10:00 am

Friday, August 31

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	12:00 pm
Youth 5th Quarter, YR	10:30 pm

THIS WEEK: AUGUST 19

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 111

ANTHEM: Fanfare with Alleluias...Phillip Young

SPECIAL MUSIC: Molly Finnegan

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Brian & Betsy Richie

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

3'S & 4'S: Julie Waguespack and Holly Amerman

FIRST CHOICE MENU

AUGUST 22

Baked Chicken with Rosemary

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Spaghetti & Meatballs

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

AUGUST 20

Women's Mission Field Trip

AUGUST 31

Youth 5th Quarter

SEPT. 9

Called Conference - Vote on Budget

SEPT. 10

Women's Monday Bible Study Group Resumes

SEPT. 16

Downtown Hymn Sing, Sanctuary

SEPT. 28

Senior Adults to Parade Musical

NEXT WEEK: AUGUST 26

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6:10-20

ANTHEM: Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out...
arr. Mary Hayes

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Dana Hester, Joan Goss and
Sharon Baker

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

3'S & 4'S: Jarrett & Bridget Gray

FIRST CHOICE MENU

AUGUST 29

Meatloaf

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Hamburgers with French Fries

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

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