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FAITH TALKS

FAITH INFORMING LIFE

“A PLACE WHERE I BELONG”
Julie Kegley
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
FELLOWSHIP HALL

9:30-9:45 A.M. COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
9:45 A.M. FAITH TALKS (FOR ALL ADULT CLASSES)



FROM OUR PASTOR

Over the last few weeks, six of our church's children have made professions of faith in Christ and have shared a desire to be baptized, and on Sunday, September 16th, we will celebrate together as they all walk through the waters of baptism. What a wonderful day it will be! Yet, as good as that day is and will be, there will be many more good days ahead for these followers of Jesus as they begin the life-long journey of discovering how God has gifted them to serve this world and as they live into that calling. At the intersection of all these moments is a place we call church.

For years, these children have learned the stories of faith and have been loved by family and friends and have been told that they are loved by God. The places where that happened is called church. These children have been given opportunities to share who they are and who they are becoming with their peers and

with the whole family of faith in worship and in study and in service and in community. The places where that happened is called church. These children were embraced as they stepped out—each one unique, each one with a different experience, each one with their own story of coming to faith. The place where that happened is called church. For the rest of their life, the places where these children will grow into mature and faithful followers of Christ who in turn raise up a new generation to faith should be called church.

Quite simply, it will be so as we continue to do the good work of being faithful followers of Christ. Let's continue to discover the ways that we can do that together!

With a grateful heart,



WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL - FEW OPENINGS

Weekday Preschool is in full swing! We have a few openings available and would love to have your child join in on the fun and learning! Contact Melissa Wood at 706.295.1150 or mwood@fbcrome.org for more information about why our preschool has been in the community for over 50 years.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Don't forget to mark your calendars, Keith's children's choir will sing in worship on October 28th.

CHEERING THEM ON

Make sure to send me schedules for extracurricular activities so that I can come support your kids at a game, recital, or whatever they love to do! Email me at kpope@fbcrome.org or text me at 502.693.5644.

FALL FESTIVAL

We will gather at Brandon & Daphne Johnson's home on November 4th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. for hot chocolate, caramel apples, pumpkin painting and plenty of fall fun! Look out for an invite on the FBC Rome Children's Ministry Facebook page to help us know how many to expect.

YOUTH NEWS

WEDNESDAY'S CONNECTION SCHEDULE

- SEPTEMBER 12TH Hot Topics Discussion
- SEPTEMBER 19TH Guests - Jane Tucker & Bettianne Harris
- SEPTEMBER 26TH Hot Topics Discussion

REMIND TEXTS

If you would like to receive text messages about FBC Rome Youth events, text @324ha9 to 81010. Follow the subsequent directions that are requested.

WINTER RETREAT REGISTRATION OPEN JANUARY 2-5, 2019 - TIMBERLINE, WV

\$300 per person includes most meals, transportation, lodging, two days skiing.
\$100 deposit due on or before November 1.
Balance due by December 15.

SMALL GROUPS ARE MEETING!

Join in with a group. 7-9 grade girls, 10-12 grade girls, 7-8 grade boys, and 9-12 grade boys gather MOST Sunday nights from 5-7 pm for conversation & dinner. Ask John how you can plug in!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. We will depart at 4:15 p.m. and eat before the show. Only a few tickets remain.

FAITH TALKS

FAITH INFORMING LIFE

SPEAKER: JULIE KEGLEY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

What does it feel like when a church is without barriers? Julie Kegley will help us to know. Julie Kegley is Senior Staff Attorney with the Georgia Advocacy Office, the independent, federally mandated protection and advocacy system for people with disabilities in Georgia. Julie is a graduate of Auburn University and the Cumberland School of Law and was among the first deaf and hard of hearing attorneys admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. As a mother and active member of Dunwoody Baptist Church Julie knows the beauty of being embraced by her church. She works hard to defend people with all different types of disabilities.

LUNCHEON WITH JULIE KEGLEY

Let's start a conversation! Our family members and friends help us raise awareness and sensitivity to those with special needs and disabilities. During lunch, we will talk about ways we can best support those in our church family. Julie will be available to talk more about the work of the Georgia Advocacy Office and also to dialogue about ways the church might support those with a variety of disabilities. For additional information, contact Tamara Smathers. Please call Debbye in the church office by September 26th to make a reservation for lunch and childcare.

ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

Featuring the artwork of Caroline Dempsey. Caroline's art will be displayed in the Gallery on the 3rd floor of the Education Building beginning September 23rd. We are grateful that Caroline has agreed to share her artwork with her church.

WEDDING SHOWER FOR ELLEN REAVES AND LOGAN WOOD

The church is invited to a drop-in wedding shower to honor Ellen and Logan on Sunday, October 21, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Church Dining Room. They are registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and Amazon. Please contact Marsha Dempsey for more information.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
(left): Cate DuVall and (right): Sarah Gee

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Julia Quigg Dodd on the occasion of her birthday by Judy and Gus Bell and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William L. Morris on the occasion of our wedding anniversary by Betty Zane Morris.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 23, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Mary Morris by Mary Ruth Sikes and Priscilla Barnett.

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.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,661,017.24
Support Received	\$1,615,454.27

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

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR September 15 - September 28

Saturday, September 15

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, September 16

Adult Faith Development Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 8:30 am
Missions Committee Mtg., DR 8:30 am
Youth Choir, Choir Suite 9:00 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Ch. 44 Ordinance of Baptism 11:00 am
Hymn Festival Rehearsal 1:30 pm
Downtown Hymn Festival, Sanctuary 3:00 pm
Youth Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 4:00 pm
Youth Small Groups 5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, September 17

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm. 9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am
Art Council Mtg., Conf. Rm. 11:30 am
WOC Book Group, Conf. Rm. 1:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers 5:15 pm
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm. 5:30-7:30 pm
The Edge (HS Seniors), Fitzpatrick Home 7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 18

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

Wednesday, September 19

Senior Adult New England Trip Mtg., DR 4:00 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

Saturday, September 22

Minister on Call John Uldrick 706.766.0430
Foster Care Respite Night 6:00-9:30 pm

Sunday, September 23

Doris White Committee Mtg., DR 9:00 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Youth Choir, Choir Suite 9:00 am
Youth Parent Panel Mtg., YR 9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Food on the Fourth 12:00 pm
Youth Small Groups 5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, September 24

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm. 9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers 5:15 pm
Children's Ministry Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm. 5:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 25

FBC Serves Community Kitchen
Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office 6:45 am
FBC Serves Meals & More, FUMC 3:00-6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 26

FBC Serves Community Kitchen
Senior Adult Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 3:30 pm
Cradle Roll Committee Mtg., DR 4:30 pm
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 27

FBC Serves Community Kitchen
Weekday Early Education Cmt. Mtg., Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm

Friday, September 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen
Senior Adults travel to Marietta for Parade Musical 4:30 pm

THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 16

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:27-38

ANTHEM: Then Sings My Soul...
arr. Mary McDonald

SOLO: Kayla Harriott

SPECIAL MUSIC: First Baptist Ringers

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

**AFTERNOON: SING TOGETHER HYMN FESTIVAL
AT 3:00 P.M.**

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Jeff and Tiffany Martin

1'S & 2'S: Janie Smith

3'S & 4'S: TBA

FIRST CHOICE MENU

SEPTEMBER 19

Chicken Pot Pie

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Breaded Chicken Fingers

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 23

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:30-37

ANTHEM: Not Ashamed...arr. Dan Forrest

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Miriam Peterson and Pat Bagby

1'S & 2'S: David & Carolyn Brearley

3'S & 4'S: Jennifer and Annalise Uldrick

FIRST CHOICE MENU

SEPTEMBER 26

Creole Jambalaya

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Hot Dogs with Potato Chips

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

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.

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

SENIOR ADULT OUTINGS PLANNED

The Senior Adult Committee has been busy and has several events coming in the next few months. Plans are also being made for two extended trips in 2019. Be on the lookout for details and a brochure with details about the trips and how to sign up.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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! Makes plans to be here and bring a friend or neighbor.

Please visit us for more information:
www.fbcrome.org

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