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PRAY FOR OUR PERU MISSION TEAM

OCTOBER 5-14, 2018

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HURRICANE FLORENCE RESPONSE

Donate through FBC Rome's website to CBF Disaster Relief
Listen for future plans to partner with FBC Wilmington, NC in their area
(Those willing to travel and serve, please make John or Matt aware)

FROM OUR PASTOR

I am sure that you, like I, have watched over the last week as another named storm crashed into the Carolinas. Family and friends and places that are familiar to many of us have been on our minds and in our prayers over these days just as they have been in years past when other storms have come to the gulf coast or to Florida or to other parts of this world. Every time these storms come, I remember the storms I have weathered in my own life.

We were on vacation on Cape San Blas in 1995 when Hurricane Erin crossed Florida and hit the gulf as a Category 2 storm. Two houses down, a father and daughter from Thomasville, GA were swept out to sea—two of 6 deaths in FL because of that storm. It was a heart wrenching and sobering moment to see the search planes and helicopters moving up and down the coast to no avail. A little more than a year later, I was a freshman at Mercer and during orientation I heard someone telling a story of

grief--of losing close family friends who were at a Florida beach during a hurricane a year ago. I asked if he was from Thomasville and we made the shared connection which was a deep grief for his family and heart-wrenching witness for mine.

It is often the best thing that we can do when we connect with someone who has experienced deep loss, whether of a loved one or of a home or community from a storm, or of a way of life because of a disease or lost employment. We cannot take it away. We cannot undo it. We sometimes cannot even relate. But what we can always offer is a witness to the reality of another's pain and the assurance of God's presence in the midst of it. It is sacred work, and it is the work of the church. Come join us as together we offer that gift to the world.

Blessings,



CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Thanks to everyone who helped make our Foster Care Respite Night a success, and a special thanks to Jan Hardeman who worked so hard to make it a wonderful evening for the kids!"

- Kristen

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

- OCTOBER 3RD Game Night!
- OCTOBER 10TH Hot Topics Discussion - Is technology bad for us?
- OCTOBER 17TH Hot Topics Discussion - Is Racism still alive today?
- OCTOBER 24TH Hot Topics Discussion - National Anthem Kneeling
- OCTOBER 31ST Guest Speaker & Halloween FUN!

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 5:00-7:00 p.m. for conversation & dinner. Ask John how you can plug in!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 to make a reservation for lunch and childcare.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

An older building provides challenges to meeting the growing accessibility needs of those coming to the church. In the past year we have installed a wheelchair accessible restroom in the Sanctuary Narthex and improved access to the front of the Sanctuary.

And now, thanks to a very generous contribution, the women's restroom nearest the church office has an automatic door opener, allowing those who use wheelchairs and walkers to enter and exit the restroom more easily.

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. The wedding will be December 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

FLU SHOTS OFFERED - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17 - 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Influenza Vaccine Questionnaire and Consent Forms are available in the office, on the Welcome Desk and in Adult Bible Study Classrooms. Please complete the form, attach a copy of your insurance card *and turn in to the office no later than Friday, October 12.*



MISSIONS MINISTRY ARCH FAMILY

MISSION NEED – OLD (CLEAN) SHEETS

Once again, we have a need for donated 100% cotton sheets. For FBC's participation in the **Ghana Bandage Project**. Once a month, the Wednesday Night Children's groups will roll bandages, which are made from sheets, for the Baptist Medical Centre in Ghana, West Africa. These bandages are used as dressings in surgery and on the wards. Sheets can be turned in to the office at First Baptist.

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.

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: a possible spring trip to San Antonio, Texas and a trip in the fall to visit the Badlands, Yellowstone and nearby areas. Be on the lookout for details and a brochure with details about the trips and how to sign up.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 30, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Daniel Hanks, Sr. on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Dr. and Mrs. J. Daniel Hanks, Jr.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 30, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Quinette Harbin by Buford Harbin and Family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 7, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Milton Tippin, Jr., Jennette Todd Tippin and Todd Tippin by Jenny and Joe Walter.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 7, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernest, Doris and John Rudert by the Edward Rudert Family and the Bob Rudert Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,705,093.64
Support Received	\$1,664,524.34
Hurricane Florence Disaster Relief	\$1,800.00

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

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September 29 - October 12

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, September 29

Minister on Call Kristen Pope 502.693.5644
Senior Adults depart on New England Trip 9:30 am

Sunday, September 30 (World Hunger Sunday)

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Faith Talks, Coffee Fellowship, FH 9:30-9:45 am
Faith Talks, FH - Speaker, Julie Coleman Kegley 9:45 am
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
Family Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Advocacy Luncheon, DR 12:00pm
Youth Small Groups, YR 5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, October 1

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm. 9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm. 5:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 2

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

Wednesday, October 3

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

Friday, October 5

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm
Peru Mission Team departs

Saturday, October 6

Minister on Call Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

Sunday, October 7 (World Communion Sunday)

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
Youth Small Groups, YR 5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, October 8

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm. 9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Missions Group, Comm. Rm. 11:00 am
First Baptist Ringers 5:15 pm
Deacons' Meeting:
Executive Mtg., Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm
Dinner, DR 6:00 pm
General Mtg., DR 6:30 pm
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm. 5:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 9

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

Wednesday, October 10

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

THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 30

FAMILY SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

SERMON: *Rev. Matt DuVall*

SCRIPTURE: *Mark 9:38-50*

ANTHEM: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee...*
arr. Jeff Wachter

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Kara Truitt, flute*

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: *Kathy Cooper and Susan Hortman*

1'S & 2'S: *Matt & Katie Moon*

3'S & 4'S: *Christian & Kate Terry*

FIRST CHOICE MENU

OCTOBER 3

Country Fried Steak

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Cheese Quesadillas

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 7

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *Rev. Matt DuVall*

SCRIPTURE: *Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12*

ANTHEM: *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name...*
Tom Fettke

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: *Matt & Betsy Pinson*

1'S & 2'S: *Ryan & Amy Cox*

3'S & 4'S: *Tripp & Ali Booker*

FIRST CHOICE MENU

OCTOBER 10

Blackened Tilapia

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Spaghetti & Meatballs

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.962

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE
EVENT IN THE YEAR AHEAD:

OCTOBER 25 — Small Plates, Short Stories Appetizer Dinner

JANUARY 4-6 — Epiphany Retreat, Cullman, Alabama

JANUARY 24 — Souper Women, Soup Dinner

APRIL TBA — Steak Dinner and Variety Show

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

SEPT. 29

Senior Adults' New England Trip

OCT. 5

Peru Mission Experience

SEPT. 30

Faith Talks with Julie Kegley

OCT. 21

Drop-in Wedding Shower
for Ellen & Logan

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