

# THE SPIRE

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 TOGETHER we *give*

Stewardship Commitment Sunday  
November 18



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME ENDS  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Remember to set your clocks  
BACK 1 hour before going to  
bed on Saturday, November 3  
or you will be an hour  
early for Bible Study!

## FROM OUR PASTOR

In the past few days I had the opportunity to join in the community celebration for my father's retirement. When asked to say a few words, my dad made a point to offer gratitude for all of those who had gone before him and who had shown him the way and had taught him what it means to practice medicine. It was a very appropriate insight that I also think has deep connection with what happens in the church.

We are about to enter a focused season of stewardship in the life of our church. It is a time where we have an opportunity to covenant together with our family and with God about how we will share our resources—our monies, our gifts and talents, and our time—so that the mission of God might happen through our church. Our commitment to God to be good stewards of what we have been given is an act of worship that we share together as a community. The amazing impact that we are able to make in the lives of individuals and families, whether a part

of our church family or not, is all due to our shared commitment together. The more we give together, the more we can do together.

It is important to remember that we only have the opportunity to be good stewards of our gifts in this place at this time because so many who have come before us have been good and faithful and generous stewards. They built the places where we now stand and they invested in the future that we have now realized. It is our turn to do the same for those whose lives God will change through our faithful and generous stewardship. I look forward to seeing what we can all commit to for the exciting year ahead!

With deep gratitude for your faithfulness,

 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
**ROME**  
*Seeking His Heart Being His Hands*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Don't forget to mark your calendars, the Children's Choir (2-6th grade) will sing in worship on October 28th.

**FALL FESTIVAL:** We will gather at Brandon & Daphne Johnson's home on November 4th from 2:30-5:00 p.m. for hot chocolate, caramel apples, pumpkin painting and plenty of fall fun!

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** Join us November 9th at the Mount Berry Theater to watch the newest rendition of the Christmas classic "The Grinch"! Kristen will pre-purchase tickets. Please sign up to let her know your family is planning to come.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR COOL YULE

on Saturday December 1st from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration will begin sooner than you think!

## YOUTH NEWS

### FBC ROME INTERN MINISTRY

Meet some of the hardest working folks at FBC Rome!

**ASHLYN BALCH**, far left, is a senior at Berry and has served FBC Rome for 3.5 years.

**BRYON SCHIRNER**, middle, is a sophomore at Berry and just started working in Student Ministry.

**ABBY WISEMAN**, far right, is a freshman at Berry and just started working in Student Ministry.



These students serve as mentors, friends, and leaders in our Student Ministry. They do good work, behind the scenes, to make Student Ministry a great place at FBC Rome. If you see one of them in the hallway or in worship, INTRODUCE yourself to them! Each of them is a VITAL part of our life and ministry.

### WINTER RETREAT REGISTRATION OPEN!

**JANUARY 2 - 5, 2019 - TIMBERLINE, WEST VIRGINIA**

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

Balance due by December 15.

Feel free to pay online at [fbcrome.org](http://fbcrome.org) or this Eventbrite link - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/winter-retreat-2019-tickets-50137932907>

### SUMMER CALENDAR IS SET! - SAVE THE DATES!

#### YOUTH MISSION TRIP - AMERICUS, GA

**JUNE 8 - 14**

Available for those who finished 6 - 12 grade

#### PASSPORT TRIP - GREENSBORO, NC

**JUNE 30 - JULY 5**

Available for those who finished 7 - 12 grade

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL FOR ARTISTS

#### "SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT" ADVENT EXHIBIT

The next gallery exhibit will feature the woodwork of Bob Harris, who has been creating uniquely carved Nativity scenes for many years. In addition to Bob's wood carvings, we want to include artwork depicting the Nativity. Please let Tamara know if you are willing to share your art. Pieces need to be framed and ready to hang. Please bring them to the church office by November 18th.

*Note: If you have a piece of art from previous exhibit please pick them up from room 300, on the 3rd Floor of Educational Building. This room stays locked. Stop by the office and someone will unlock the door for you.*

### ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER AND SERVICE

Join us on November 18 at 5:00 p.m. for a Thanksgiving dinner provided by the deacons (no reservations required) with a Thanksgiving service to follow at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Special music will be provided by our younger children's choirs.

### 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST CONCERT

The concert will be Sunday, December 2, at 4:00 p.m. It features the First Baptist Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra with music from the First Baptist Ringers, Youth Choir and Children's Choir. Make sure to be here and invite a friend to one of the favorite events in our church's year.

### CHRISTMAS SHOW

We have sold more than 110 tickets to the Bing Crosby show with Broadway's Jared Bradshaw, son of FBC's Jim and Susan Bradshaw. No more tickets will be available through the church. There are plenty of seats left if you want to buy them on your own. Go to <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3623330> and make your purchase there. The show is Sunday, December 16, at 4:00 p.m. at the Rome City Auditorium.

### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE UPDATE

Only 1 spot remains for the Pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan April 25-May 10, 2019. Participating in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a learning experience, and even more so a spiritually transforming experience. Friends and family of FBC Rome are certainly invited to participate as well. Room pricings range from \$165-\$210. Please contact Tamara Smathers for more information.

#### JO ANN LOCKLEAR'S LIFE VERSE:

"When I am afraid, I will trust in you."

Psalm 56:3



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## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE EVENTS IN THE YEAR AHEAD:

JANUARY 4-6 — Epiphany Retreat, Cullman, Alabama

JANUARY 24 — Souper Women, Soup Dinner

APRIL TBA — Steak Dinner and Variety Show

### MACY LEWIS' LIFE VERSE:

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change life shifting shadows.”

James 1:17

## SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon is Thursday, December 13, at noon. Come prepared for great food, festive music and lots of laughs and Christmas cheer. (Be sure to wear some gloves or a scarf as a prop for part of the program!) Cost is \$10. Please make reservations with Karen in the church office by Monday, December 10.

### GO WEST!

The senior adults will be traveling west next fall! Our trip to Yellowstone, Jackson Hole and more will be beautiful and memorable. Dates are September 17-24, 2019. More information and opportunities to register for the trip will be available **after** the first of the year.

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 28, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Natalie Reynolds on the occasion of our wedding anniversary by George Reynolds.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 28, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David T. Brown by Ann Brown Ryan and Children.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, November 4, are given in honor of Bettianne Ware-Harris on the occasion of her 90th birthday and in loving memory of Fred Ware by the Ware Children.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 4, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Trixie and Dee Couch by Patsy and Jere Drummond.

## GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed \$89,875.23

Support Received \$81,411.47

Hurricane Disaster Relief \$4,705.00

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October 27 - November 9

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, October 27

Minister on Call John Uldrick 706.766.0430

### Sunday, October 28 (World Hunger Sunday)

Extended Family Committee Mtg., DR 8:30 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  
 Adult Faith Development Committee Mtg., DR 12:15 pm  
 Youth Small Groups, YR 5:00-7:00 pm

### Monday, October 29

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

### Tuesday, October 30

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

### Wednesday, October 31 (Halloween)

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 Seminar, DR 6:20 pm  
 Children on Mission 6:30 pm  
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

### Saturday, November 3

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

### Sunday, November 4 (Daylight Savings Ends)

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  
 Children's Fall Festival, Johnson Farm 2:30-5:00 pm  
 Youth Small Groups, YR 5:00-7:00 pm

### Monday, November 5

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

### Tuesday, November 6

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

### Wednesday, November 7

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 Seminar, DR 6:20 pm  
 Children on Mission 6:30 pm  
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

### Friday, November 9

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm  
 Children/Family Movie Night, Mount Berry Theatre TBA

## THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 28

REFORMATION SUNDAY /  
WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

SERMON: *Rev. Matt DuVall*

SCRIPTURE: *Mark 10:46-52*

ANTHEM: *Mercy Tree...arr. Mary McDonald*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *First Baptist Ringers  
Children's Choir*

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: *Matthew & Adel Lee*

1'S & 2'S: *Ryals & Lauren Stone*

3'S & 4'S: *Bobby & Kim Higgins George*

FIRST CHOICE MENU

**OCTOBER 31**

*Shrimp & Grits*

CHILDREN'S OPTION

*Grilled Cheese with Chicken Noodle Soup*

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

ALL SAINTS DAY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4  
11:00 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

In Loving Memory

*Rev. James Austin*

*Elaine Ferguson*

*John Lanning*

*BeBe Smith*

*Pearlie Barton*

*David C. Hortman*

*Betty Nolen*

*John Stroupe*

*Angeline Bedwell*

*Ann Jackson*

*William Lee Parker*

*Mary Waters*

*Frances Davis*

*Steve Lanier*

*Wilann Powers*

*Wendell R. Womack*

## NEXT WEEK: NOVEMBER 4

SUNDAY WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS DAY

SERMON: *Rev. Matt DuVall*

SCRIPTURE: *Ruth 1:1-18*

ANTHEM: *Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal...  
arr. Mark Hayes*

*Fly Away Home...arr. Mary McDonald*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *First Baptist Ringers*

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: *Kristen, Marin and Kallan Kinsey*

1'S & 2'S: *Jack & Ashley Smith*

3'S & 4'S: *Jonathan & Genna Harris*

FIRST CHOICE MENU

**NOVEMBER 7**

*Baked Lasagna*

CHILDREN'S OPTION

*Chicken Fingers with Chips*

MINISTER ON CALL:

*Keith Reaves 706.292.9620*

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