



## FROM OUR PASTOR

This past week I had the opportunity to hear some lectures by Brian McClaren that were hosted by the McAfee School of Theology and several of our CBF partners. The point of these lectures is to not only hear some insight about preaching and local church ministry, but often times the lecturers give those gathered a greater perspective of the work of the church on a global scale. Brian did not disappoint in that regard.

One of the conversations that churches and denominations like ours have been having for a while now is about the eventual decline of denominations. The numbers show that denominations of all stripes are shrinking from what they were at their peak a few decades ago. Most of the time when I hear writers and futurists talk about that eventual decline is that there will eventually be no denominations—just remnants scattered about in churches. But Brian made a different postulation. He wondered if, instead of remaining in our silos, it might be possible for Christians of every denominational stripe to come together and be a part of one large connecting body of churches. I am sure there are others who have said something similar, but this was the first time I had heard it from someone.

What fascinated me about this conversation was trying to imagine all of the work that would need to go into getting people who have essentially been living in different rooms of the same house into the same room. It is not unlike the work that we will be doing at FBC as we continue to give more shape to the dreams articulated by our Discovery Team. In order to be successful, we will need to have everyone singing off the same song sheet (to use a different analogy). I am excited about the conversations we continue to have and also the fervent prayers of so many of you who are all partnering together to bring these dreams to reality. Stay engaged in the conversations and keep praying for God's work in our midst!



## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH Appetizer Dinner

Small Plates  
And  
Short Stories

Thursday,  
October 25  
6:00 p.m.

Childcare available  
by reservation.

SEE MORE DETAILS INSIDE

## 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 2:00-5:00 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

### WEDNESDAY'S CONNECTION SCHEDULE

- OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> Hot Topics Discussion - Is racism still alive today?
- OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> Hot Topics Discussion - National Anthem Kneeling
- OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> Guest Speaker & Halloween FUN!

### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

#### OCT 26TH 10:30 P.M. UNTIL MIDNIGHT

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the football game to try your luck on the mechanical bull!

#### FALL RETREAT – NOV 10TH

Watch for details about a fun, fall day in Chattanooga!

#### 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.

### ED BOLTON'S LIFE VERSE:

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

The FBC Gallery on the Third Floor of the Education Building features the artwork of Caroline Dempsey. A guide describing each piece is posted on the wall next to the elevator. We are grateful that Caroline graciously agreed to share her artwork with her church.

### FLU SHOTS OFFERED

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

4:00-6:00 P.M., CONFERENCE ROOM

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 by October 12.

### 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.

### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE UPDATE

Only 2 spots remain 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. Please contact Tamara Smathers for more information.

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

### SMALL PLATES AND SHORT STORIES— APPETIZER DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 6:00 P.M. | DINING ROOM

Back by popular demand is our Small Plates and Short Stories appetizer dinner. Bring an appetizer to share and a friend to introduce. Prepare to enjoy a good laugh!

*Childcare is provided with reservations made by October 21.* Please contact Debbye Akins in the church office (dakins@fbcrome.org) and let us know you are coming. If driving after dark is a problem, let us know and the WOC will arrange transportation for you. Contact Tamara Smathers with any questions.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE EVENT IN THE YEAR AHEAD:

- JANUARY 4-6 — Epiphany Retreat, Cullman, Alabama
- JANUARY 24 — Souper Women, Soup Dinner
- APRIL TBA — Steak Dinner and Variety Show



# 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 children's mission groups that meet each Wednesday 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.

### JOHN LANDRUM'S LIFE VERSE:

"But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in him."

Jeremiah 17:7

## SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

### "A BING CROSBY CHRISTMAS"

All aboard for a sentimental journey, as Broadway star Jared Bradshaw celebrates American icon Bing Crosby in "A Bing Crosby Christmas." Jared, son of FBC's Jim and Susan Bradshaw, will be joined by a trio of ladies belting out the infectious harmonies of the Andrews Sisters. The show is Sunday, December 16, at 4:00 p.m. at the Rome City Auditorium. First Baptist has secured some of the best seats in the house! It is expected to sell out quickly. Tickets are \$45. Your payment is your reservation. Tickets are nonrefundable. See Keith Reaves or Karen Garrett for more information.

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 14, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jo and William Huffman by their family.

Flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 14, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Garland Dickey by Dr. Ouida Dickey.

Flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 21, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Higgins on the occasion of her birthday by Marty, Len, Chad and Hanna Willingham, Johanna Willingham, Tripp & Jennifer, Will and Chandler Bagby.

## GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

|                                                           |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Ministry Support Needed                                   | \$29,958.41 |
| Support Received                                          | \$25,806.84 |
| World Vision, Meals & More<br>and CBF World Hunger Relief | \$1,164.00  |
| Hurricane Florence Disaster Relief                        | \$3,850.00  |

seeking His heart | Being His hands

October 13 - October 26

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, October 13

Minister on Call

Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

### Sunday, October 14

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) | 9:00 am      |
| Youth Choir, Choir Suite         | 9:00 am      |
| Bible Study (all ages)           | 9:45 am      |
| Worship - Comcast Channel 44     | 11:00 am     |
| Preacher: Dr. Bert Vaughn        |              |
| Lunch with the Ackers            | 12:00 pm     |
| Youth Small Groups, YR           | 5:00-7:00 pm |

### Monday, October 15

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm.        | 9:30 am      |
| Women's Bible Study, DR             | 10:00 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), Burgess Home | 7:30 pm      |

### Tuesday, October 16

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| Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office | 6:45 am |
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### Wednesday, October 17

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|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Foundation Mtg., Conf. Rm.             | 12:00 pm     |
| Properties Committee Mtg., Comm. Rm.   | 4:00 pm      |
| Flu Shot Clinic, Conf. Rm.             | 4:00-6:00 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, October 20

Minister on Call

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

### Sunday, October 21

|                                                           |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Missions Committee 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     |
| Drop-In Wedding Shower for<br>Ellen Reaves/Logan Wood, DR | 2:00-4:00 pm |
| Youth Small Groups, YR                                    | 5:00-7:00 pm |

### Monday, October 22

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 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 23

|                                          |              |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>FBC Serves Community Kitchen</b>      |              |
| Men's Bible Study, MSP Law Office        | 6:45 am      |
| <b>FBC Serves Meals &amp; More, FUMC</b> | 3:00-6:00 pm |

### Wednesday, October 24

|                                        |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| <b>FBC Serves Community Kitchen</b>    |         |
| 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, October 25

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| <b>FBC Serves Community Kitchen</b> |         |
| WOC Small Plates/Short Stories, FH  | 6:00 pm |

### Friday, October 26

|                                     |                   |
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| <b>FBC Serves Community Kitchen</b> |                   |
| Youth 5th Quarter, YR               | 10:30 pm-12:00 am |



## THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 14

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *Dr. Bert Vaughn*

SCRIPTURE: *Job 23:1-10*

ANTHEM: *By the Gentle Waters...Cindy Berry*

### TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: *Lori and Olivia Barfield*

1'S & 2'S: *Susan Fitzpatrick and Laurie Douglas*

3'S & 4'S: *Lynn Babineaux and Shani Sumner*

### FIRST CHOICE MENU

#### OCTOBER 17

Pecan-Honey Glazed Chicken

#### CHILDREN'S OPTION

Hamburgers with French Fries

MINISTER ON CALL:

*Matt DuVall 706.254.1323*

# THE SPIRE

## SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST LIVE ON  
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND  
VIA [WWW.FBCROME.ORG](http://WWW.FBCROME.ORG)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

#### OCT. 17

Flu Shot Clinic

#### OCT. 21

Drop-in Wedding Shower  
for Ellen & Logan

#### OCT. 25

WOC Appetizer Dinner

#### NOV. 4

Daylight Savings Ends

#### NOV. 4

Children's Fall Festival  
at Johnson's Farm

#### NOV. 18

Church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner

#### DEC. 1

Cool Yule for Birth-6th Grade

#### DEC. 2

Christmas at First Baptist Concert

## NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 21

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *Rev. Matt DuVall*

SCRIPTURE: *Mark 10:35-45*

ANTHEM: *At the Name of Jesus...Cindy Berry*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Youth Choir*

### TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: *Shannon & Lauren Loy*

1'S & 2'S: *Daniel & Maggie Dunagan*

3'S & 4'S: *Kate Barron and Caroline Lumpkin*

### FIRST CHOICE MENU

#### OCTOBER 24

Fried Catfish with Hushpuppies

#### CHILDREN'S OPTION

Fish Sticks

MINISTER ON CALL:

*Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074*

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