



FROM OUR PASTOR

Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship Service

November 18

Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

(No reservations needed.)

Meal provided by FBC Deacons.)

Service: 6:15 p.m.



As I write this column, nearly a dozen of our church members are preparing to go to Hopeful, Georgia to assist in the recovery efforts from Hurricane Michael. We will be working there and we also plan to join other CBF partners in long-term recovery work in Florida. To that end, church members have given financial support, school supplies for an elementary school that was impacted, and their time and energy. As we do that work, we will see new places, meet new friends, form new relationships and partnerships, and also see first-hand the way God can use all of our gifts and energies and efforts to lift up others.

Sometimes this short-term work that is kind of like a sprint can seem more impactful if we aren't careful. We want to be able to make a difference in a crisis. We want to respond when there is a sudden need. We want to put out the fires and be the hero.

Yet we also have to remember that the work of the church is, to quote Eugene Peterson, "a long obedience in the same direction". The mission of the church is to change people's lives in the name of Christ, and we are committed to doing that for the long-haul, and it is the same kind of work as what we will do in less than 24 hours in Hopeful, Georgia. We help people cope with the storms of life through the dollars that you commit to our ministry budget. We help people find hope again and we partner with each other through shared missional endeavors. We help people recover. We feed the hungry. We provide shelter for those without. And we build relationships that reflect the love and grace of Christ. Thanks be to God that we can share in this good work. Please pray about how you might commit to doing this work through your gifts and offerings for the coming year.

Faithfully,

CHILDREN'S CORNER

MANY THANKS TO THE JOHNSON FAMILY for hosting our Fall Festival and to everyone who helped us gather supplies for the Davies Shelter!

COOL YULE

Registration is now open for Cool Yule on Saturday, December 1, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. This event is a day of Christmas fun for ages birth-6th grade while parents check off some holiday errands or take a much-needed nap. You can register online through the FBC Rome website. Cost is \$10 per child with a \$20 family max. Please register no later than November 21st.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Don't forget that Mr. Keith's Children's Choir sings on November 11th!

YOUTH NEWS

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

Youth Ministry will deliver YOUR Family Christmas Cards to other FBC members this season! Drop boxes will be available through the building. How do you participate?

1. Drop your finished cards in a drop box with a donation for our delivery services
2. Watch for an email that your cards were delivered!
3. Emails will be sent to all FBC members who have received mail. and those cards will be available for pick up outside the sanctuary near the elevators.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH FROM 4:00 - 7:30 PM

\$20 per person

Ice skating at The Forum & dinner to follow. Make plans to attend!

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS CD'S

A limited number of the "Christmas at First Baptist" CDs that were produced last year are still available for \$10. Contact Keith Reaves or Karen Garrett to purchase.

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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 16th.

Note: If you have a piece of art from previous exhibit please pick it 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.

20TH 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.

JAMIE BARTON COMES HOME

See FBC's own Jamie Barton in a starring role with the Atlanta Opera on Tuesday, February 5. "Dead Man Walking" is a true and thought-provoking story based on the best-selling book and an Academy Award-winning movie. It is the most performed new American opera of the 21st Century. The opera company says that because of mature subject matter it is not recommended for younger audience members. Tickets are limited and are \$75, which includes the ticket and transportation. Your payment ensures your reservation. We will have a chance to visit with Jamie following the performance. Call the church office to sign up.

EMMA SKLAR'S LIFE VERSE:

"Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life."

Jude 1:21



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

EPIPHANY RETREAT — JANUARY 4-6

Join us for the Second Annual Women's Epiphany Retreat, held at the Benedictine Retreat Center in Cullman, Alabama. This is a great opportunity for women of all ages to rest and worship with friends after the holidays. Gayle Monk will lead yoga sessions (no experience required); we will gather with the sisters twice each day to sing the Psalms, together we will seek to the Light of Jesus. A \$25 deposit holds your space. Total Cost: between \$165-\$210 (based on room). Contact Tamara Smathers for more information.

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 Sanctuary for Sunday, November 11, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Palmer and Chapman Marion by Jason, Margaret, Blythe and Archer Marion.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, November 18, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellis, Sr. by Sylvia Ellis Brierley.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 18, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. Harry Chafin and Rebecca Maimone by Brad and Catherine Davis and Children.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$172,174.01
Support Received	\$123,623.69

World Vision, Meals & More
and CBF World Hunger Relief

\$1,382.00

Hurricane Disaster Relief

\$8,235.00

2018-2019 Total Budget Commitments to Date

\$78,840.00

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November 10 - November 23

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, November 10 (Veteran's Day)

Minister on Call Matt DuVall 706.254.1323
Youth Fall Fun Day, Chattanooga 10:00 am

Sunday, November 11

Final Youth Sunday Evening Activities

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

Monday, November 12

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

Tuesday, November 13

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

Wednesday, November 14

First Choice Dinner, FH 5:00 pm
HOC Christmas Committee Planning Mtg.,
Comm. Rm. 5:00-7:00 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, Sanctuary 6:45 pm

Saturday, November 17

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, November 18

Adult Faith Development Cmt. Mtg., Conf. Rm. 8:30 am
Missions 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
Thanksgiving Dinner, FH & DR 5:00 pm
Thanksgiving Service, Sanctuary 6:15 pm

Monday, November 19

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), Barfield Home 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 21 (No Family Night Activities)

Church Office Closes at Noon

Thursday, November 22 (Thanksgiving Day)

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 23

Church Office Closed

THIS WEEK: NOVEMBER 11

SUNDAY WORSHIP

FIRST STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

SERMON: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:38-44

ANTHEM: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty...
arr. Mark Hayes

SPECIAL MUSIC: Children's Choir
Brass Ensemble

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Gayle Monk and Faye Evans

1'S & 2'S: Robert & Nancy Hortman

3'S & 4'S: Bruce & Laurie Jones

FIRST CHOICE MENU

NOVEMBER 14

Chicken Marsala with Pearl Onions

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Cheese Quesadillas

MINISTER ON CALL:

Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

THE SPIRE

CBF/GA School Supply Drive

CBF/GA is partnering with Parker Elementary School, Parker, Florida (metro Panama City Beach, FL) to provide school supplies for children as the school begins again in the middle of November.

The first collection deadline is **Sunday, November 18.**

Supplies Needed:

- Backpacks
- Pencil pouches
- Pencils/Erasers
- Pens
- Crayons/Markers
- Notebooks
- Folders
- Ruler
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- SOCKS (new, size XS - L)
- Undergarments (new size 4T-16)
- Pants or long shorts (size 4T-16)
- Polo styled shirts (4T-16)
- T-Shirts, appropriate for school (4T-16)
- Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Lowe's, Home Depot)

FBC Rome Membership:

Let's do our part to support this effort led by CBF of GA! Donate now and our supplies will be delivered to the area by our own Brandon Johnson.

NEXT WEEK: NOVEMBER 18

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SECOND STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

SERMON: Rev. Dr. Jody Long

(Executive Coordinator/CBF of Georgia)

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:15-22; Genesis 1:26-27

ANTHEM: Now Thank We All Our God...
arr. Mark Hayes

SPECIAL MUSIC: Youth Choir

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Robin Phillips and Reid Finnegan

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

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

ALL CHURCH THANKSGIVING

DINNER AT 5:00 P.M., FH/DR

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT 6:15 P.M.,

SANCTUARY

NO FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES ON NOVEMBER 21

MINISTER ON CALL:

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www.fbcrome.org

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