

# THE SPIRE

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## TOGETHER, WE

SHARE

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### FROM OUR PASTOR

If it is true that without a vision [no redemptive revelation of God] the people will perish, then perhaps the inverse is also true. With a God-given vision, the people of God will find new life! That is the deepest hope of our Discovery Team that has worked so faithfully and so well to bring this proposed vision to our church. We feel like this is a faithful articulation of what we heard through our conversations, what we discerned were our strengths, as well as the opportunities for ministry that we see around us.

Starting already, and for the next month and a half, we will be talking in detail about “Together We”. I will be preaching about the different areas of the vision, and we will spend each Wednesday night talking in greater detail about these areas of the plan. We want to make sure you understand it and have opportunities to ask questions, and most importantly, we want you to find your place in this vision.

For “Together, We” to have the most success, our entire church body needs to commit to find their place to be a part of this vision. I am excited to share with you that those who were nominated by our Deacons to be our Together We Leadership Team have committed to this vision and were voted on in our Church Conference on the 9th of January. These leaders who will make up our Together We Leadership Team along with our ministers and deacon chair and chair-elect are:

Together We Share: Otis Raybon and Steve Conrad

Together We Worship: Chris Jackson and Betty Holland

Together We Connect: Beth Smith and Laurie Douglas

Together We Serve: Kate Barron and Bob Hortman

Together We Disciple: Allison Brooks and Brian Inman

Please be in prayer about how you will offer your gifts as we Share, Worship, Connect, Serve and Disciple together. With hopeful anticipation,

## WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

### 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

It's almost time to register for the 2019-2020 school year! Registration for those currently enrolled begins on January 28. FBC members not yet enrolled may register on February 4th and registration will open to the community on February 6th. We would love to have your child be a part of our Weekday Preschool! Contact Melissa Wood, Preschool Director, at [mwood@fbcrome.org](mailto:mwood@fbcrome.org) or 706.295.1150 for more information or to schedule a visit.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### 5TH & 6TH GRADE RETREAT

February 1st-2nd will be our 5th & 6th grade retreat! Cost is \$50 and will cover food, lodging & a fun outing. Email Kristen at [kpope@fbcrome.org](mailto:kpope@fbcrome.org) to reserve your spot!

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday, February 16th, we will have a Family Movie Night to go see *Lego Movie 2*. Tickets can be purchased through Kristen, please email [kpope@fbcrome.org](mailto:kpope@fbcrome.org) with the number of adult and kids tickets needed. We will not know exact movie times until the week before, but we will plan on an early afternoon showing.

## YOUTH NEWS

### BBQ TICKETS AVAILABLE!

Get YOUR BBQ tickets! Youth selling them from now thru Jan 27th. Pick up day is February 2nd from 3:00-5:00 pm.

### WEDNESDAY'S CONNECTION SCHEDULE

January 23	Together We...Share
January 30	Together We...Worship
February 6	Game Night
February 13	Together We...Connect
February 20	Together We...Serve
February 27	Together We...Disciple
March 6	Ash Wednesday Service

### MARCH MISSION MADNESS

March 15-17, 2019 - Save the Date! \$100 per person  
Register online at: <https://fbcromemmm2019.eventbrite.com>

## SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

### GO WEST INFO MEETING IS JANUARY 23!

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. You can pick up an information packet and sign up now or you can wait until our information meeting with the Collette representative, provided there is space left! (More than half of the spaces for the trip have already been reserved.) The meeting is January 23 at 3:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. Contact Keith Reaves with questions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHURCH CALENDAR ON WEBSITE

You can now see an up-to-the-minute church calendar on the church website. No more waiting for the paper calendar to appear each month! Simply go to the website ([www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org)) and click on calendar to check upcoming events at the church.

## ADULT CHOICES

Wednesdays, 6:20 p.m.

- “The Children of Abraham: A Study of Three Monotheistic Religions” Led by Brian Inman in the Community Room, this seminar will look at the three Abrahamic Religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.
- “Together, We Vision in Detail” Led by Matt DuVall in the Dining Room, this seminar will walk us through the Together, We visioning plan. Each week, one of the specific areas in the plan will be discussed in detail, beginning with an overview and proceeding through, Share, Worship, Connect, Serve and Disciple.

### WHOSE LAND IS IT ANYWAY?

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

12:00 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Dr. Maxwell Miller, retired professor of Old Testament at Emory, spends nearly half of his time in the Middle East leading study groups. He will join us and help answer a question often asked about Israel and Palestine, “Whose land is it anyway?” looking at a historical timeline of the land, and those who have occupied it through the centuries. This Adult Faith Development seminar will be helpful to those who are travelling to the Holy Land later this year, and also to anyone who wants to better understand the historical and political significance of the Holy Land. Feel free to invite friends. Reservations for lunch are needed no later than Thursday, January 24th. No childcare will be offered, however, children are welcome to eat lunch with their family. Contact Tamara Smathers with questions.



### GET ACQUAINTED LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Dinner with Friends groups are forming for the spring. These short-term dinner groups encourage connections with others in the church. Groups are formed so that newcomers, longer-timers, younger and older families mix. Once groups are organized, they usually choose to meet once a month for 4 months either in homes, restaurants, or even by reserving the Dining Room at FBC.

Sign up and prepare to meet your “Friends” on Sun., Feb. 3, after the morning worship service. Please call the church office today to sign up to participate. For more information contact Tamara Smathers.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## JAMIE BARTON COMES HOME

See FBC's own Jamie Barton in a starring role in "Dead Man Walking" with the Atlanta Opera on Tuesday, February 5. It is the most performed new American opera of the 21st Century. Tickets are limited and are \$75, which includes the ticket and transportation. Only a few tickets remain. We will have a chance to visit with Jamie following the performance. Call the church office to register.

## GLOBAL MISSIONS BREAKFAST

8:30 A.M. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Meet and greet Dianne and Shane McNary, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel in Slovakia.

## "CONVERSATIONS FOR EVERY COUPLE" MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND— HOLD THE DATE! FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 1ST AND SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 2

Hold the date for this "in house" enrichment event for couples. David and Jane Hull will be our guests for this event. David and Jane are both pastors, parents and grandparents. They get a kick out of talking with couples preparing for marriage, and enjoying conversations with those who have been married for years. We will begin with dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Want a weekend "away"? Make a reservation at a downtown hotel, and arrange for overnight childcare.

Childcare WILL be available at the church during the Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions. The only cost is \$25 per couple for meals. Please call the church office to make reservations. Contact Tamara Smathers for more information.

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, January 20, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jerry Vick by Janice Vick.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, January 27, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim and Jane Phillips by Curt and Jamie Wallace

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, January 27, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ansley Saville on the occasion of her birthday by Dean Saville and Children.

**The Sanctuary and Narthex flower calendar has several openings in the month of July. If you are interested in placing flowers in the church on a Sunday to honor or memorialize someone special, please contact Karen Garrett in the church office.**

## GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed \$611,503.96

Support Received \$607,109.57

2018-2019 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,212,954.00

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January 19 - February 1

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, January 19

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

### Sunday, January 20

Adult Faith Development Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 8:30 am  
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

### Monday, January 21 (MLK, Jr. Day) Church Office Closed

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm. 9:30 am  
Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am  
WOC Book Group, Beverly Harris' Home 11:30 am  
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm. 5:30-7:30 pm  
The Edge (HS Seniors) 7:30 pm

### Tuesday, January 22

Men's Bible Study, FBC Dining Rm. 12:00 pm  
FBC Serves Meals & More, FUMC 3:00-6:00 pm

### Wednesday, January 23

Senior Adult "Go West" Info Mtg., DR 3:30 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

### Thursday, January 24

WOC Souper Women Dinner, FH/DR 6:00 pm

### Saturday, January 26

Minister on Call John Uldrick 706.766.0430

### Sunday, January 27 (World Hunger Sunday)

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  
Holy Land Seminar, FH 12:00 pm  
Youth Small Groups, YR 5:00-7:00 pm

### Monday, January 28

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

### Tuesday, January 29

**FBC Serves Community Kitchen**  
Men's Bible Study, FBC Dining Rm. 12:00 pm

### Wednesday, January 30

**FBC Serves Community Kitchen**  
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

### Thursday, January 31

FBC Serves Community Kitchen  
**Youth Barbecue Sale Ends**

### Friday, February 1

**FBC Serves Community Kitchen**  
5th & 6th Graders depart for Retreat, Mentone

## THIS WEEK: JANUARY 20

### EPIPHANY SUNDAY

SERMON: "Together, We...Share"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: John 3:16-21

ANTHEM: God So Loved the Word...  
arr. Benjamin Harlan

### 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

JANUARY 23

Chicken Parmesan

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Fried Chicken Fingers w/Marinara Sauce, Spaghetti

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

## NEXT WEEK: JANUARY 27

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Together, We...Worship"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 6:1-8

ANTHEMS: Awake the Harp! Awake the String!...  
Andrea Klouse  
My Eternal King...Jane Marshall

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION FOR EMMY LOU ETHRIDGE  
AND FAMILY

### 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

JANUARY 30

Roast Pork Loin with Mushroom Gravy

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Hamburgers

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

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## MUSIC MINISTRY

### CHOIRS RESUME REHEARSALS

Youth Choir Resumes January 27 at 9 a.m.

First Baptist Ringers Resumes January 28 at 5:15 p.m.

### MUSIC MINISTRY TO THE FOX

The Music Ministry is sponsoring a trip to see "Dear Evan Hansen" at the Fox in Atlanta on Thursday, April 25. Winner of six Tony Awards, including Best Musical, the hit show tells the emotional and inspiring story of a teenage boy trying to find his way amongst the chaos of high school. Orchestra level tickets are \$100 and includes transportation. We will depart at 4:15 p.m. Please sign up and pay in the church office. Your payment ensures your ticket!

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

### SOUPER WOMEN DINNER JANUARY 24TH, 6:00 P.M.

The Women of the Church will host a gathering of all Souper Women! Please join us for a fun soup and sandwich dinner (prepared by the WOC Committee) on Thursday, January 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker, Dr. Christine Berding, Assistant Professor of Nursing, University of West Georgia, and Certified Health Coach, will keep us on our feet. Just let us know that you are coming so that we can set your place at the table. Who are the "Souper Women" in your life? Invite them to attend with you. For more information, Contact Tamara Smathers.

Please visit us for more information:  
[www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org)

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