



FROM OUR PASTOR

One of the challenges that we sometimes have in church is understanding how best to communicate our church “words” so that people who don’t understand our insider lingo can know what we are talking about. I remember hearing a preaching professor challenge us to use words that help the gospel touch our skin. That’s why I love one of the phrases that we use all the time, “being the hands of Christ”. To me, that is as simple and as obvious as it gets.

In just a few days, we will have our Hands of Christ emphasis on Saturday, April 6. In recent years, that day has looked like specific short-term mission projects in and around Rome and Floyd County, and we have always had a huge crowd that participates in this day. This year will be a little different. We will have an opportunity to participate in the Bridges out of Poverty training that is the next step in the conversation that Ruby Payne catalyzed a few months ago. Why would this kind of a day be synonymous with being the “Hands of Christ”?

When Jesus encountered people throughout the gospels, he did several things before he actually performed his miracles. He listened. He asked questions. He dialogued with whatever man, woman, or child was in need, and then he offered the best possible help that he could offer that would meet their deepest need. Our time together in the “Bridges out of Poverty” training will help us to be able to respond in ways that mirror Jesus’ approach—to listen, to dialogue, and then to discern how to offer our best help that meets a great need. As we strive to be the Hands of Christ, we want to do our very best to emulate the ways of Christ, and we think this will get us closer to that striving! I look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,



BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

SATURDAY
APRIL
6, 2019

8:00–3:30 Workshop
Fellowship Hall of FBC Rome
Lunch will be provided
Childcare provided by Reservation

This community event will serve as our Hands of Christ emphasis for 2019. We encourage ALL FBC members to attend and learn more or volunteer or to serve as a host. Register as a participant at: <http://tinyurl.com/Bridges-Rome> or Register to VOLUNTEER at: <https://hoc19bopoverty.eventbrite.com>
Make plans to attend this IMPACTFUL day!

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL



It's time for our annual Goo-Goo Carwash gift card fundraiser! We are selling gift cards worth \$15 for ONLY \$10! These make wonderful gifts! Gift cards are available during Wednesday night supper or contact the preschool at

mwood@fbcrome.org or 706.295.1150. Fundraiser goes through April 12. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry of our church!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Eggs Needed! Mark your calendar for our Easter Celebration on Palm Sunday, April 14th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Johnson Farm. This means it is time to start bringing in pre-filled eggs for the hunt! Egg donations can be brought to the office.

YOUTH NEWS

SAVE THE DATES

YOUTH MISSION TRIP IN AMERICUS

June 8 - 14 - \$300/participant

We will work with Together for Hope Georgia

PASSPORT CHOICES IN GREENSBORO, NC

June 30 - July 5

\$399 per participant

Register here - <https://fbcrome-ythpassport-19.eventbrite.com>

FAITH TALKS

FAITH INFORMING LIFE

"THE HEALING EFFECTS OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER"

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

9:45 A.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

FEATURING DR. CHRISTY BERDING

EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to donate flowers for Easter in honor of loved ones or as a memorial, please fill out the form below. Cost per plant is \$15.00.

Make check payable to the *FBC Flower Fund* and mail to First Baptist Church Attn: Karen Garrett, P.O. Box 1189, Rome, GA 30162 or drop off at the church office. The deadline for placing your order is **Monday, April 8**. Thank you for your order!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GALLERY—A CALL FOR ART

In preparation for Easter, we are inviting artwork representing, "New Life". What does this theme mean to you? If you are willing to share your art (framed and ready to hang), please bring it to the Church Office by Friday, April 12th.

ADULT CHOICES

📌 "Lent as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now"
Led by Matt DuVall

Wednesdays, 6:20 p.m. in the Dining Room

April 3 - Resistance to Exclusivism

April 10 - Resistance to Multitasking

April 17 - Resistance to Anxiety

📌 "Living Your Strengths" Led by Tamara Tillman Smathers
Wednesdays, Through April 17

6:00-7:10 p.m., Third Floor, Room 302 (Builder's Classroom)

CHILDREN PROCESS ON PALM SUNDAY

Children and families will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. on Palm Sunday, April 14, to practice processing with palms in worship. Children will be in their Sunday School rooms by 10:00 a.m. Please gather back in the Fellowship Hall at 10:50 to line up. Parents are encouraged to process with their children no matter their ages, but if a child is younger than kindergarten and would like to participate, an adult must be with them. Contact Kristen with questions.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

This service is perhaps the most moving service of the year. It begins at 7:00 p.m. on April 18. It will include communion, special music by the Sanctuary Choir and Tenebrae, a service that helps us to remember the final hours of the life of Christ through readings and music. Many say each year that Easter is not as meaningful if they do not attend this important service. Nursery care will be provided.

NURTURING FAITH JOURNAL

Beginning with the May-June issue, the Nurturing Faith Journal will be available for you to pick up at the Church. Your Bible Study classes will have copies available. This change eliminates waste and saves money. Please ignore any renewal notices that you may receive. Contact Tamara Smathers with any questions.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number of Plants: _____

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____

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SENIOR ADULTS

SENIOR ADULT TRIP TO THE WEST

A few spaces are still available for our trip to Yellowstone, Jackson Hole, the Badlands and more in September. The trip is now open to those who are not members of FBC. Contact Keith for details.

MUSIC MINISTRY

DEAR EVAN HANSEN AT THE FOX

The Music Ministry is sponsoring a trip to see "Dear Evan Hansen" at the Fox in Atlanta on Thursday, April 25. You don't have to be member of the choir to go and the trip is open to anyone! Orchestra level tickets are \$100 and include transportation. We will depart at 4:15 p.m. Your payment ensures your ticket to one of the most popular shows on Broadway! **Sign-up deadline is April 11.**

MISSIONS MINISTRY

UGANDA MISSION EMERSION - LAST CALL!

JUNE 15-28 TOTAL COST - \$3,750

Four participants have booked their flights! Talk to John if you are interested and available. Two spots remain for educators, entrepreneurs, or medical professionals.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND MEN'S MINISTRY

STEAK DINNER AND VARIETY SHOW POSTPONED

Please stay tuned for details of a later date.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, March 31, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Hill by Joan Hill and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 31, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, James Henry Williams and Nell Gilreath Williams, on the occasion of their birthdays, by Kay Williams New and Pamela Williams Leonard.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, April 7, are given to the glory of God and in honor of John Uldrick and the dedication of the youth in our church from a grateful church.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 7, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Emeritus Floyd and Ann Roebuck for their decades of service and devotion to First Baptist Church by Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dollar.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed \$889,940.92

Support Received \$907,717.10

CBF Global Missions Offering \$34,188.00

2018-2019 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,222,054.00

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March 30 - April 12

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, March 30

Minister on Call

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

Sunday, March 31 (Fourth Sunday in Lent)

World Hunger Sunday

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Faith Talks, FH (Featuring Dr. Christy Berding)	9:45 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Family Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Children's Talent Show & Silent Auction	5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, April 1

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 pm

Tuesday, April 2

Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
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Wednesday, April 3

First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
Women's Small Group, 3rd Flr. Education Bldg.	5:45 pm
Youth Hangout, YR	5:45 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Prayer Time, FH	6:00 pm
Adult Choice Seminars:	
Strengths Session, 3rd Flr. Builder's Classroom	6:00 pm
Lenten Session, DR	6:20 pm
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Friday, April 5

Peru Mission Team Departs

Saturday, April 6

Minister on Call	Keith Reaves 706.292.9620
Bridges Out of Poverty, FH	8:00 am-3:30 pm
Childcare by Reservation	
Prayer Group, Prayer Room	11:00 am

Sunday, April 7 (Fifth Sunday in Lent)

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	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, April 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
Women's Small Group, Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm
Deacons' Meeting:	
Executive Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm
Dinner, FH	6:00 pm
General Mtg., DR	6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 9

Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
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Wednesday, April 10

First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
Women's Small Group, 3rd Flr. Education Bldg.	5:45-6:30 pm
Youth Hangout, YR	5:45 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Prayer Time, FH	6:00 pm
Adult Choice Seminars:	
Strengths Session, 3rd Flr. Builder's Classroom	6:00 pm
Lenten Session, DR	6:20 pm
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Friday, April 12

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
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THIS WEEK: MARCH 31

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY WORSHIP
WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

SERMON: "Resistance to Exclusivism"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 56:3-8

ANTHEM: Nothing But the Blood...
arr. Craig Courtney

SPECIAL MUSIC: Mark Bost, solo;
Samantha Lester, violin

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Kathy Cooper and Susan Hortman

1'S & 2'S: Kate & Christian Terry

3'S & 4'S: Katie & Matt Moon

FIRST CHOICE MENU

APRIL 3

Country Fried Steak

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Beefaroni

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

NEXT WEEK: APRIL 7

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Resistance to Multitasking"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Amos 8:4-8

ANTHEM: Come to the Cross...arr. Joseph Martin

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Betsy & Matt Pinson

1'S & 2'S: Beth and Anne Scott Smith

3'S & 4'S: Lauren & Ryals Stone

FIRST CHOICE MENU

APRIL 10

Baked Lasagna

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Breaded Chicken Fingers

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

THE SPIRE

THE GIFT OF SCULPTURE

Several years ago, Frank Murphy completed, *Pieta'*, a marble sculpture he created based on Michelangelo's *Pieta'* at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy. Frank's sculpture captivated our hearts as it remained in the Sanctuary during the season of Lent that year. Earlier this year, a very generous donor purchased Frank Murphy's *Pieta'* as a gift to the church. The Properties Committee and Brooks Construction carefully managed the installation in our Memorial Garden. Final touches will make it ready for Holy Week. Frank offers Isaiah 53:5 as a focus for this work:

*"He was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities: the
chastisement of our peace was upon him;
and with his stripes we are healed."*

SUNDAY SERVICES

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



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