



FROM OUR PASTOR

What comes to your mind when you think about the word Resist? Some of us might think about strong willed children and the ways they resist. Others of us might think about a particular movie series where the good guys are The Resistance. Still others might feel the soreness in their muscles where they have recently used resistance bands to challenge their bodies. I hope that by Easter Sunday, the word Resist will also make you think about your Lenten preparation for Easter.

During these weeks of Lent, we are invited to consider what we need to resist in our lives in order to better orient our life as followers of Jesus. This isn't an exercise in adding more to your life, but instead you are invited to focus on resisting what has already become a part of your life. Just as our bodies can get out of shape by practicing poor health choices over a period of time, our spiritual lives can become stuck by the lack of attention given to our own spiritual growth.

We began this journey by recognizing that God desires relationships with all of us and that God wants to be first in our life because God knows best how to shape our lives. Yet there are things in our life that become "other gods" and those things distract our attention from focusing on God. We can resist those distractions. Over the next few weeks we will focus on resisting other things as well: Want, Coercion, Exclusivism, Multitasking, and Anxiety. I am sure that there is at least one of these that is a challenge for every one of us as Christians, and I hope that you might challenge yourself to practice some resistance so that you might experience some new growth in your life. I look forward to resisting together.

Together in Christ,

LENT AS RESISTANCE: SAYING NO TO THE CULTURE OF NOW

Resistance to Want

Resistance to Coercion

Resistance to Exclusivism

Resistance to Multitasking

Resistance to Anxiety

Old Names and New Life

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

We would love for your child to experience all that our Weekday Preschool has to offer. Our experienced, nurturing staff makes learning fun! Our preschool friends LOVE our Enrichment Activities which include Tumblebus, Music, Creative Movement, Storytelling & weekly Chapel. Come see why FBWP has been in our community over 50 years! Contact Melissa Wood (mwood@fbcrome.org or 706.295.1150) today to schedule a visit.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

TALENT SHOW & SILENT AUCTION

It's time to gear up for our annual fundraiser on March 31st from 5-7PM. Sign-ups are at the preschool welcome desk. There are several ways you can help:

- Your child can participate in the talent show
- Ask a local business to donate to the auction
- Sign up to sell tickets on a Sunday or Wednesday
- Volunteer to work in the kitchen the afternoon before the event, or bring in pre-made spaghetti sauce.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

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

YOUTH NEWS

SAVE THE DATES

YOUTH MISSION TRIP IN AMERICUS

June 8 - 14 - \$250/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

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

In a culture that says we can have everything we want whenever we want, should Christians practice a different rhythm? What would a rhythm look like that not only gives us space for God in our lives, but also helps us to live in better and more balanced relationships with our self, with our loved ones, and with the things in our lives?

Let's discover that together.

March 20 - Resistance to Want

March 27 - Resistance to Coercion

April 3 - Resistance to Exclusivism

April 10 - Resistance to Multitasking

April 17 - Resistance to Anxiety

📌 "Living Your Strengths" Led by Tamara Tillman Smathers Wednesdays, March 20-April 17

6:00-7:10 p.m. in the Education Building, Third Floor

Using the CliftonStrengths assessment, we will discover our God-given talents, and work to discern how to combine our talents, knowledge and experience into joy-filled service. Registration is required ahead of time. Please contact Tamara Smathers with any questions or to sign up.

NURTURING FAITH JOURNAL

If you have been receiving (via mail) the Nurturing Faith Journal containing Sunday's Bible study material, these will now be available for you to pick up at the church (starting with the May-June issue). Your Bible Study classes will have copies available. This change allows us to save money and to not waste materials. Please ignore any renewal notices that you may receive. Please contact Tamara with any questions.

LIVING PROOF CHILDCARE HELP NEEDED

There is a need for help with childcare at Living Proof during their recovery meetings. Anyone interested, please email the office and we will put you in touch with those in charge. Most needs are during evening hours.

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!

MISSIONS MINISTRY

RUTH AND NAOMI SHELTER The Ruth and Naomi Shelter is opening soon! This is an opportunity to serve our community and help with food insecurity. They are sourcing a list of people willing to serve a meal at 6:00 p.m. (with preparation beginning at 5:00 p.m.) and anticipate serving 15 people. Reach out to them at 706.802.6300 or email theruthandnaomiprojectrome@gmail.com to coordinate.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND MEN'S MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE!

STEAK DINNER AND VARIETY SHOW

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 | 6:00 P.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Women of the Church and Men's Ministry will work together on this event featuring the talents of FBC Interns and other talent.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 17, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Winston and Annie Self by Duanne Walton, Susan Seagraves and Families.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 24, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Wydelle Clark on the occasion of her 99th birthday by Larry and Kathy Osborn and Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed \$840,597.66

Support Received \$864,893.07

CBF Global Missions Offering \$32,987.00

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

seeking His heart | *Being His* hands

March 16 - March 29

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, March 16

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, March 17 - Second Sunday in Lent

Adult Faith Development Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 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, March 18

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm. 9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am
Women of the Church Book, Conf. Rm. 1:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers 5:15 pm
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm. 5:30 pm
The Edge (HS Seniors), Uldrick Home 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 19

Men's Bible Study, DR 12:00 pm
Family Fundraiser Mtg., Conf. Rm. 5:00 pm

Wednesday, March 20

Foundation Mtg., Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm
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. Education Bldg. 6:00 pm
Lenten Session, Dining Room 6:20 pm
Children on Mission 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

Saturday, March 23

Minister on Call John Uldrick 706.766.0430

Sunday, March 24 - Third Sunday in Lent

World Hunger Sunday

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
Food on the Fourth (College Ministry) 12:00 pm
Youth Small Groups, YR 5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, March 25

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, Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm

Tuesday, March 26

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am
Men's Bible Study, DR 12:00 pm
FBC Serves Meals & More, FUMC 3:00-6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 27

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am
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. Education Bldg. 6:00 pm
Lenten Session, Dining Room 6:20 pm
Children on Mission 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

Thursday, March 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am

Friday, March 29

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am

THIS WEEK: MARCH 17

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Resistance to Want"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Luke 12:22-31

ANTHEM: Psalm 23...Heather Sorenson

SPECIAL MUSIC: Mark Bost

TLC VOLUNTEERS:

BED BABIES: Robin Phillips and Joanne Owens

1'S & 2'S: Betsy & Brian Richie

3'S & 4'S: Lauren & Marc Sklar

FIRST CHOICE MENU

MARCH 20

Chicken Monterey

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Beef & Macaroni

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

NEXT WEEK: MARCH 24

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Resistance to Coercion"

PREACHER: Rev. Kristen Pope

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 5:12-14

ANTHEM: I Choose Love...Mark Miller

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Alice Clements and Pat Bagby

1'S & 2'S: Carolyn & David Brearley

3'S & 4'S: Jennifer and Annalise Uldrick

FIRST CHOICE MENU

MARCH 27

Ragu Alla Bolognese

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Spaghetti & Meatballs

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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 to host this event. You can register as a participant here: <http://tinyurl.com/Bridges-Rome> or VOLUNTEER to help host our community here: <https://hoc19bopoverty.eventbrite.com>
Make plans to attend this IMPACTFUL event!

Please visit us for more information:
www.fbcrome.org

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