

# THE SPIRE

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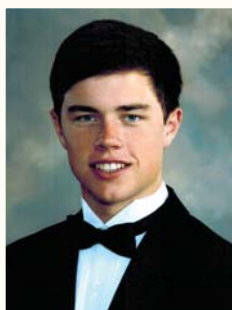
## Congratulations TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



**SUNDAY, MAY 5**  
Graduate Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come by and see the graduates' display tables as we celebrate their accomplishments!



Olivia Barfield - Darlington



Griffin Burgess - Model



Reid Finnegan - Cornerstone Prep



Anna Fitzpatrick - Armuchee



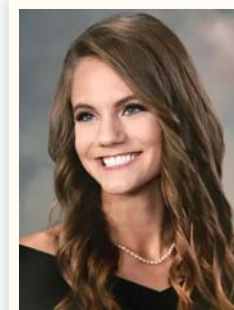
Sawyer Hernandez - RHS



Maggie Inman - Darlington



Garrett Parker - RHS



Kyla Reynolds - Model



Sydney Seymour - Darlington



Emma Warren - RHS



Roth Wilcox - Darlington

## FROM OUR PASTOR

As I have listened to much of the commentary about the tragic fires at the three black churches in Louisiana and at Notre Dame cathedral, one of the most consistent points made has centered around what does and doesn't define a church. While it is true that the church is the people and not the building in which they meet, that isn't very helpful for those who are mourning the losses of their sacred spaces. Our sacred spaces are important to us. They are connected to some of the most significant moments we experience in life. They are places of refuge and safety and are places to grow and learn how to be more like

Christ. To date, I have been a part of eight different congregations as either a member or a minister. Each of those places holds a different part of my story and I can picture every one of those spaces of worship and discipleship vividly in my mind.

What stays with me more than that though, are the people who have influenced my journey thus far. I think about the Sunday school

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## WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL



**THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased a Goo-Goo Carwash Gift Card for our fundraiser! Once again, our church came through to support the ministry of the Weekday Preschool! We

are so appreciative of the backing we always receive from our church family. Proceeds will provide new resources, toys and furniture for the classrooms enabling us to keep the children engaged and actively learning each day. We still have a few gift cards left, so please let us know if you need one (or 5!).

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### CHILDREN'S YEAR-END CHOIR PROGRAM

On Wednesday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, all children's choirs will sing & Keith's Choir (2nd-6th grade) will perform a musical.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration is open! VBS is June 3-5, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and you can register on the website or through the link provided on the church Facebook page. You can register children through this link as well as register yourself as a volunteer.

### PASSPORT KIDS CAMP

We have very few spots left for camp this summer, July 20-23! Please email me ASAP if you have not let me know that your child plans to go. Cost is \$175 and scholarships are available.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

If you or your Sunday School class would like to sponsor a child to go to Passport Kids camp this summer, please bring donations to the office or give them directly to Kristen. We want every child to have the opportunity to go!

## YOUTH NEWS

### SAVE THE DATES

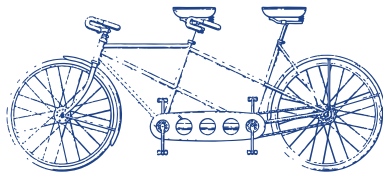
#### YOUTH MISSION TRIP IN AMERICUS

June 8 - 14  
\$300 per 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>

### SUMMER CALENDARS AVAILABLE SOON



## TANDEM

FBC ROME YOUTH | SUMMER 2019

I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST AND I NO LONGER LIVE, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME.

THE LIFE I NOW LIVE IN THE BODY, I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD,

WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.

GALATIANS 2:20

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ART EXHIBIT

"New Life" an exhibit in the Gallery on the Third Floor of the Education Building opened on Easter.

This show includes artwork of church members reflecting both new life found in Christ, and new life as a gift of creation.

### PRAY FOR OUR HOLY LAND PILGRIMS

A group of 24 adults from our church will depart on April 25 to spend 15 days walking in the footsteps of Jesus, Moses, the Disciples of Christ who have journeyed there through the centuries.

The group is being led by Tamara Smathers. Please pray for these pilgrims—that during these days the Bible will come alive, that our interactions with people of other faiths will awaken our sensitivity to their lives, and that our hearts will be ready to receive the surprises that God has in store for each one.

### PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

Each year after the regular Wednesday night events conclude, we continue meeting on Wednesdays at noon to pray, to hear a reflection of faith, and to eat (of course!).

This year's series is entitled "Writing Our Way", and will include reflections delivered by published authors in our congregation—those who write poetry, fiction, blogs, non-fiction, and even academic works.

Mark your calendars for Wednesdays, May 15-June 26 (with the exception of June 5th). No reservations are necessary for the lunch prepared by Chef Greg.

### 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.

## MISSIONS MINISTRY

### LIVING PROOF RECOVERY GARDEN PARTY

Sunday April 28th, 2019 from 1-3pm at Lawrence Plantation. For those wanting to sponsor a table, please reach out to them for more details here -[www.livingproofrecovery.org](http://www.livingproofrecovery.org)

### BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY - CONTINUED CONNECTIONS

The workshop on April 6 was a huge success, but we understand that all who were interested weren't able to participate. Anyone wishing to learn more about our long term emphasis is welcome to register for a lunch and learn. Sessions are currently scheduled for:

May 2 @ Lovejoy Baptist Church

May 16 @ St. Peter's Episcopal

June 6 @ FBC Rome

As always, reach out to John if you have other questions or ways you want to become involved!

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## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:  
Mary Jack Smith

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS YEAR-END PROGRAM

All three of our children's choirs will participate in a concert on Wednesday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The oldest choir will present the musical "The Dogwood Story." This choir will have a special rehearsal immediately following worship on Sunday, May 5, until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

## SENIOR ADULTS

### SENIOR ADULT TRIP TO THE WEST

About six 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.

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, April 28, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Adrian Bowers by Gene Bowers.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 28, are given to the glory of God and in Gratitude to those who have worked on the "Together, WE" campaign and to all those who will make the Dream a reality. First Baptist is proud of you.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 5, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Bosworth and David Bosworth by George and Bess Bosworth.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 5, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Ransom by George and Bess Bosworth.

## GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,020,351.12
Support Received	\$1,022,722.83

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

seeking His heart | Being His hands

April 27 - May 10

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, April 27

Minister on Call John Uldrick 706.766.0430

### Sunday, April 28

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 (Final Night)	5:00-7:00 pm

### Monday, April 29

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, April 30

Men's Bible Study, DR 12:00 pm

### Wednesday, May 1

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 / Church Conference, FH	6:00 pm
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

### Saturday, May 4

Minister on Call Keith Reaves 706.292.9620  
Prayer Group, Prayer Rm. 11:00 am

### Sunday, May 5

Senior Recognition Breakfast, FH	8:30 am
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
Senior Recognition Sunday	
Children's Choir Rehearsal Lunch, FH	12:00 pm

### Monday, May 6

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, May 7

Men's Bible Study, DR 12:00 pm

### Wednesday, May 8

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
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

### Friday, May 10

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm



## THIS WEEK: APRIL 28

### PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Jesus Says Peace"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-31

ANTHEM: Praise Ye the Lord...Cesar Franck

### TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Adel & Matthew Lee

1'S & 2'S: Laurie & Bruce Jones

3'S & 4'S: Kim Higgins & Bobby George

### FIRST CHOICE MENU

#### MAY 1

Fried Catfish with Hushpuppies

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Chicken Fingers with Chips

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

## NEXT WEEK: MAY 5

### EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Jesus says Do You Love Me?"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: John 21:1-19

ANTHEM: Blessed Assurance/I Must Tell Jesus...  
Mary McDonald

### TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Kristen and Marin Kinsey

1'S & 2'S: Ashley & Jack Smith

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

### FINAL FIRST CHOICE MENU

#### MAY 8

Assorted Salads

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Chicken Fingers with Chips

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

*Continued from front* "From Our Pastor": teachers who sacrificed and studied and showed up every week to nurture me as a child and as a youth. I give thanks to the adult leaders who chaperoned mission trips and camp experiences. I remember the men and women who served in the kitchen and who led in worship. Everything that has ever happened in the life of any church has happened because good women and men of faith have given themselves to the work of God in a place.

We are in the season of leadership commitment for the coming years ahead. Please be in prayer for those who will be asked to serve as deacons, as teachers, as team members in our different areas of leadership, and as committee members. Pray for clarity about where they will serve, and pray for God to lead you to use your best gifts for the best and highest use for the Kingdom.

With hopeful anticipation,



## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

### MAY 1

Church Conference

### MAY 8

Children's Choirs Program

### MAY 15

Prayers and Reflections

### JUNE 3-5

Vacation Bible School

### JUNE 8-14

Youth Mission Trip n Americus

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