

THE SPIRE

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MID - WEEK PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

“WRITING OUR WAY”

Wednesdays at Noon in the Chapel
followed by Lunch in the Dining Room
(prepared by Chef Greg - \$6.00/person)

No Reservation Necessary

May 15 June 12

May 22 June 19

May 29 June 26

We will *not* meet on June 5 during VBS Week!



FROM OUR PASTOR

Change can always be a challenge for us in our lives. In the beginning of the year we commit to a different diet or eating habits and we realize that change is going to be more difficult than we thought. A family goes from two to three or from three to four and the difference between how life was and how life is now seems like another lifetime ago.

Change can also be invigorating. We drive the same way to work for ten years and one day we take a different route or we ride with someone instead of driving and suddenly we see things we never saw before. Those things were always there. We just changed our perspective or our rhythm or our attention to what was happening around us.

We are about to change our rhythm of our midweek gathering from our Wednesday night program to lunch-time Prayers and Reflections. We will gather in our chapel at noon for three Wednesdays in May and three Wednesdays in June, we will listen to some of our church members who have gifts in writing reflect on how their faith connects with what and how they write. At 12:30, we will gather in the dining room for a light lunch. As always, you needn't make reservations ahead of time, but it would be great to be together for these weeks for fellowship and prayer and learning from one another.

Who knows? Maybe the change in rhythm and content and timing will help you see some things in your life that you hadn't seen before but were always there. As always, I look forward to being with you and learning and growing together.

Grace and peace,

CHILDREN'S CORNER

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS Registration is open! Through the link on the church website under Announcements or the Facebook page you can register as a child or a volunteer. We are also collecting donations of silver/gray duct tape which can be brought to the office. Any other space-themed décor is also welcome!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you would like to help with decorations for our "Mars & Beyond" VBS, the gym will be open on Thursdays (5/23, 5/30) and Fridays (5/17, 5/24, 5/30) from 12:00-5:00 p.m. to color, cut and create. Come join us when you are available. Also mark your calendar for the weekend before VBS for all-day workdays. If you have questions, contact VBS Decorating Coordinator Karen Foss at 706.766.5495.

PASSPORTKIDS CAMP

Last call for campers! Please email Kristen ASAP if your child has not signed up and would like to go. We are also in need of one male chaperone. Email Kristen for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you or your Sunday School class would like to sponsor a child to go to 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.



Eggstravaganza

SENIOR ADULTS

SENIOR ADULT TRIP TO SAN ANTONIO

The Senior Adult Ministry is sponsoring a trip to San Antonio February 16-20, 2020. This exciting trip will feature one hotel stay with side visits to The Alamo, River Walk, LBJ Ranch, Fredericksburg, The Stock Show & Rodeo and more. An informational meeting is being planned now. Watch for details!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY FOR OUR HOLY LAND PILGRIMS

A group of 24 adults from our church is currently walking in the footsteps of Jesus, Moses, and 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.

MISSIONS MINISTRY

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY - CONTINUED CONNECTIONS

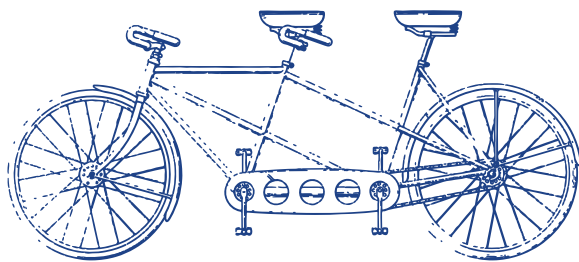
The workshop on April 6 was a huge success, but we understand that all who were interested weren't able to participate. Anyone wishing to learn more about our long term emphasis, is welcome to register for a lunch and learn. Sessions are currently scheduled for:

May 16 at St. Peter's Episcopal

June 6 at FBC Rome

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

YOUTH NEWS



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FBC ROME YOUTH | SUMMER 2019

SUMMER CALENDARS AVAILABLE!

John has some available in print or download one from the church website in the Important Documents or Announcements areas.

SAVE THE DATE

PASSPORT CHOICES IN GREENSBORO, NC

June 30 - July 5 | \$399 per participant

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



Youth Messy Game Night Fun!



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MUSIC MINISTRY

THANKS, CHILDREN'S CHOIRS!

Many thanks to all of our children for a terrific year-end program. Special thanks to our teachers: Diane Lumpkin, Karen Foss, Kira Austin, Janice Dismuke, Kay Bratton, Jennifer Kearns, Dianne Dobson, Betty Holland, Mary Donahue, Jennifer Bagby and Keith Reaves. Thanks, also, to all of the parents who make sure the children are here each week. We will see you all in the fall!

AVA GIRARD'S LIFE VERSE:

“Though you have not seen him, you love him;
and even though you do not see him now,
you believe in him and are filled with
an inexpressible and glorious joy.”

1 Peter 1:8

SUNDAY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 12, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Alice Davies and John and Etsie Johnson by the Davies Family.

Flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 12, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emmelyn C. Harrison on the occasion of her birthday and in loving memory of Thomas I. Harrison and all mothers by J. Mark Harrison and Family.

Flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 19, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Hazel Hay Dowd, Doris Dellinger Dowd and Edward Dowd by their Children.

Flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 19, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stevens, Sr. by the Dewey Stevens, Jr. Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,083,789.43
Support Received	\$1,076,060.29

World Vision, Meals & More and CBF World Hunger Relief	\$1,212.00
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2018-2019 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,222,054.00

seeking His heart | Being His hands

May 11 - May 24

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, May 11

Minister on Call

Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

Sunday, May 12

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am

Monday, May 13

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm.	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Missions Group, Comm. Rm.	11:00 am
Final First Baptist Ringers	5:15 pm
Women's Small Group, Comm. 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, May 14

Men's Bible Study, Comm. Rm.	12:00 pm
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Wednesday, May 15

Prayers & Reflections, Chapel/DR	12:00 pm
Committee on Committees Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:15 pm

Saturday, May 18

Minister on Call

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, May 19

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
Rome High Baccalaureate Service, Sanctuary	3:00 pm

Monday, May 20

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm.	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
Disciple Leadership Team Mtg., DR	5:15 pm
Women's Small Group, Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 21

Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
<i>Together, We Serve</i> Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm

Wednesday, May 22

Prayers & Reflections, Chapel/DR	12:00 pm
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Thursday, May 23

Weekday Early Education	
Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	6:00 pm

THIS WEEK: MAY 12

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Jesus Says I Know My Sheep"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: John 10:22-30

ANTHEM: The King of Love My Shepherd Is...
arr. Ryan Murphy

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Joan Goss and Faye Evans

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

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

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

MAY 15 AT NOON IN
CHAPEL/DINING ROOM
DR. COLEMAN FANNIN, SPEAKER

MINISTER ON CALL:

Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

MAY 15

Prayers and Reflections

JUNE 3-5

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 8-14

Youth Mission Trip in Americus

JUNE 20-23

PassportKids Camp

JUNE 30 - JULY 5

Youth Passport Choices

NEXT WEEK: MAY 19

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Jesus says Love One Another"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: John 13:31-35

ANTHEM: Visions of You...arr. Cindy Berry

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Janie Smith and Reid Finnegan

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

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

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

MAY 22 AT NOON IN
CHAPEL/DINING ROOM
MERRILL DAVIES, SPEAKER

MINISTER ON CALL:

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