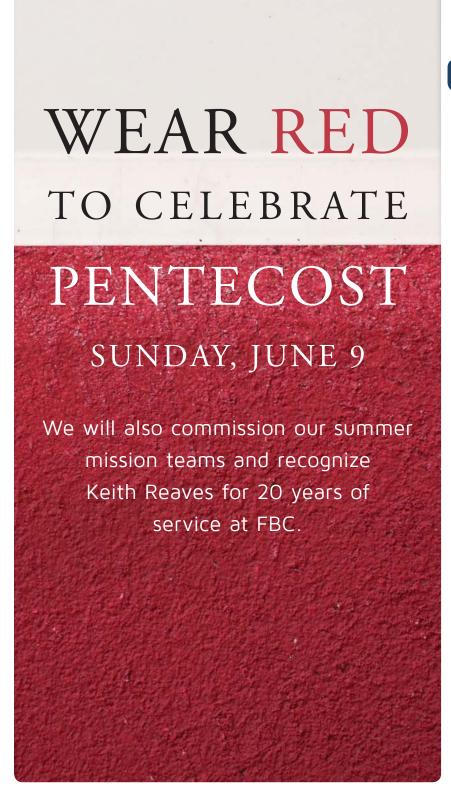
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Have you ever had an experience that began something new for you in your life? I had always considered myself a non-picky eater until I went on a mission immersion trip in seminary to Bulgaria. While on this trip, I had an opportunity to taste and eat some things that I had never tried before in my life and wouldn't have wanted to if given the choice. What drove me to try eating those things was the desire and willingness to connect with my newfound brothers and sisters in Christ in Bulgaria, and what happened for me in my life is that I became much more open and adventurous with what I want to eat even to this day.

Pentecost is an event that happened to the church that began something new. This new thing that happened is the coming of the Holy Spirit to the church to expand the movement of the Good News outward for the rest of the world. This movement of the spirit is still at work today.

For more than a year now our church has done the work of discerning where we sense God leading our church for the future. We named these directions in our *Together*, *We* vision. We are now in the implementation phase of this process and our lay leaders and ministers are working to prioritize which pieces of this vision we begin with first. All of this work is an attempt to continue to follow the spirit's leading that came to the church at Pentecost. This work will not only help support and reinforce some of the things that have been a consistent part of our history, it will also invite us to do some new things and to think about some old things in new ways. I hope you will continue to join me in praying for our willingness to respond to the Spirit's leading as we move forward.

With hopeful anticipation,





WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR SUMMER FUN DAYS?

Summer Fun Days have started and we hope your child will attend! Please help us plan by registering your child (registration form is on the church website). Preschoolers, ages 2 years-5 years old, are invited to join us June 13th, 20th & 27th from 10am-1pm for Bible stories, arts & crafts, playtime & more! Qualified, loving & experienced staff will take care of your children during these fun-filled days. Cost is \$25 per day (\$10 per additional sibling). If you have questions, please contact Melissa Wood at 706.295.1150 or 706.346.6516.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SOME FBC SUMMER FUN

Invite your friends to any of our gatherings and let's make this summer a blast!

JUNE 12TH: Bowling with 4th-6th graders 6-8 p.m.

JUNE 14TH: Snacks at Sweet Frog 3 p.m.

JUNE 23RD: Toy Story 4, Mount Berry Square Theater

JULY 10TH: Popsicles & Play, Forum Water Fountain 6-8 p.m.

JULY 17TH: Pizza at the Playground, Ridge Ferry Park 6-8 p.m.

JULY 20-23RD: Passport Kids Camp

JULY 28TH: Pool Party @ Northside Swim Center 2-5 p.m.

JULY 31ST: Lion King @ Mount Berry Square Theater

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS WEDNESDAYS AT NOON IN THE CHAPEL

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", includes reflections delivered by published authors in our congregation—those who write poetry, fiction, blogs, non-fiction, and even academic works. This year's speakers include: Coleman Fannin, Merrill Davies, Miriam Peterson, Jennifer Collins, Otis Raybon, and Mac Eubanks.

Mark your calendars for Wednesdays, thru June 26. No reservations are necessary for the lunch prepared by Chef Greg.

MID-WEEK Prayers and Reflections

FAITH TALKS

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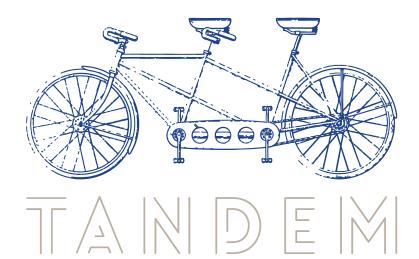
"THE HOLY LAND JOURNEY: HOW SCRIPTURE CAME TO LIFE" SUNDAY, JUNE 30, FELLOWSHIP HALL

A group from our church recently took a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. At the end of each day, we asked the question, "How do you read or view Scripture differently based on your experiences today?"

These stories along with great images of biblical sites will be shared during the upcoming FaithTalks, June 30.

We will gather between 9:45-10:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship and refreshments (including some traditional Middle Eastern breakfast foods).

YOUTH NEWS



FBC ROME YOUTH | SUMMER 2019

SUMMER CALENDARS AVAILABLE!

John has printed copies available, or you can download one from the church website in the Important Documents or Announcements areas.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

JUNE 7 & 8 Rising 7th Grade Kickoff & MS Lock-In
June 7 @ noon-June 8 @ 9:00am - \$35
MS joins the fun @ 6:00pm for dinner

JUNE 10-14 In Town Mission Trip

Noon-4:00pm each day - \$10 for lunch

JUNE 20 Diving Into The Word

5:00-8:00pm - free! Sumner home



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME: William (Bill) D. Lyles, Jr.

SENIOR ADULTS

SIGN UP NOW FOR 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 and Rodeo and more. Brochures with signup information are available in the office and people are registering! A meeting to answer any questions will be held in August. Contact Keith Reaves or Karen Garrett for more information.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, June 9, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Reagan Ransom Coker by George and Bess Bosworth.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, June 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane and Hobart Hortman by their Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, June 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Richard Gray by Edith Gray and Family.

The Sanctuary and Narthex flower calendar has several openings in 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

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Ministry Support Needed \$1,191,287.25 Support Received \$1,169,280.49

Meals & More, World Vision, and CBF World Hunger Relief

\$1,227.25

Thursday, June 20

2018-2019 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,2

\$1,222,054.00

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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Saturday June 8

Saturday, June 8				
Minister on Call	Matt DuVall 706.254.1323			
Rising 7th Grade & Middle Sch	nool Lock-In Ends	9:00 am		
Sunday, June 9				
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1	410)	9:00 am		
Bible Study (all ages)		9:45 am		
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	É	11:00 am		
Dr. Jordan Fannin, Preachir	ıg			
Youth Passport Parent Meeting,	YR	12:00 pm		
Monday, June 10				
Youth - In Town Mission Trip	12:0	0-4:00 pm		
Women's Small Group, Comm.	Rm.	5:30 pm		
Deacons' Meeting:				
Executive Mtg., Conf. Rm.		5:30 pm		
General Mtg., DR		6:00 pm		
Tuesday, June 11	12.0	0.400		
Youth - In Town Mission Trip	12:0	0-4:00 pm		
Men's Bible Study, DR	C D	12:00 pm		
Committee On Committees M	tg., Comm. Rm.	5:15 pm		
Wednesday, June 12				
Youth - In Town Mission Trip		0-4:00 pm		
Prayers & Reflections, Chapel/I	OR .	12:00 pm		
Speaker: Jennifer Collins				
Bowling with 4th-6th Graders	6:0	0-8:00 pm		
Thursday, June 13				
Youth - In Town Mission Trip	12:0	0-4:00 pm		
Friday, June 14				
Youth - In Town Mission Trip	12:0	0-4:00 pm		
Children - Snacks at Sweet Frog	r)	3:00 pm		
Saturday, June 15				
Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141				
Sunday, June 16				
Uganda Mission Trip Team dep	arts			
Adult Faith Development Cmt.		8:30 am		
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1	· ·	9:00 am		
Bible Study (all ages)		9:45 am		
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	Ė	11:00 am		
Monday, June 17				
Women of the Church Book G	roup, Comm. Rm.	1:00 pm		
Women's Small Group, Comm.	•	5:30 pm		
Tuesday, June 18		_		
Men's Bible Study, DR		12:00 pm		
Wednesday, June 19				
Prayers & Reflections, Chapel/I	OR	12:00 pm		
Speaker: Otis Raybon		P ¹¹¹		

Youth-Diving Into The Word, Sumner Home 5:00-8:00 pm

THIS WEEK: JUNE 9

PENTECOST SUNDAY (WEAR RED!)

SERMON: "Upside Down and Backward" PREACHER: Dr. Jordan Rowan Fannin

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21

ANTHEM: I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says

Sing...arr. Howard Helvey

COMMISSIONING OF SUMMER MISSION TEAMS

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Carroll & Miriam Peterson

1'S & 2'S: Ryan & Leigh Weldon

3'S & 4'S: Scarlet Roberts

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS
JUNE 12 AT NOON IN
CHAPEL/DINING ROOM
JENNIFER COLLINS, SPEAKER

MINISTER ON CALL: Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

JUNE 12, 19, 26

Prayers and Reflections

JUNE 13, 20, 27

Summer Fun Days

JUNE 16

Uganda Mission Team Departs JUNE 20-23

PassportKids Camp

JUNE 30 - JULY 5

Youth Passport Choices

NEXT WEEK: JUNE 16

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "A God who is Mindful"
PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 8

ANTHEM: Be Not Afraid...arr. Craig Courtney

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Jeff & Tiffany Martin 1'S & 2'S: Brian & Betsy Richie 3'S & 4'S: Marc & Lauren Sklar

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS
JUNE 19 AT NOON IN
CHAPEL/DINING ROOM
OTIS RAYBON, SPEAKER

MINISTER ON CALL: Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

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