

THE SPIRE

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FAITH TALKS

FAITH INFORMING LIFE

“When Scripture
Came to Life:
Our Experiences
in the Holy Land”

Sunday, June 30

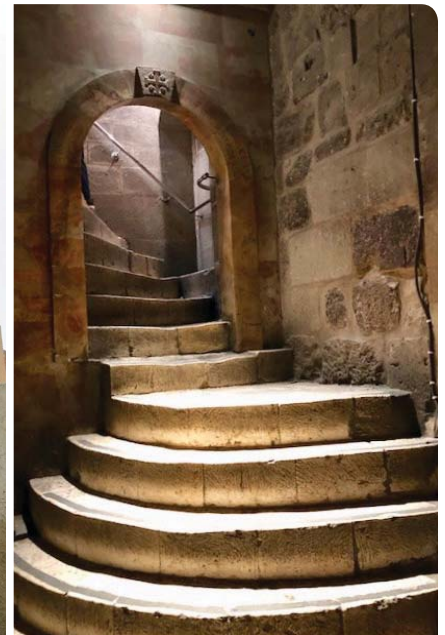
9:45 a.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for fellowship with coffee
and Middle Eastern refreshments.

Hear stories from some of our
Holy Land Pilgrims.

See inside for details.



FROM OUR PASTOR

There is something about connecting a story with a place. At the beginning of this month the Western world gathered in Northwestern France to mark the anniversary of the heroic sacrifice of so many allied soldiers on D-Day. I had read the history before and was fascinated by the scope and complexity and sheer determination and will to win, even knowing the costs. Nothing prepared me for what it would feel like to stand in that cemetery or on those beaches as a young 20-something with my whole life in front of me. Most of the boys who were lost on those beaches were younger than I was at that moment, and the juxtaposition wasn't lost on me. I wondered to myself, "what would it have been like to have been among the company of those who offered their lives for freedom?"

When we gather as a church, we are also connecting a story with a place. Our story is that God loves us and this world and that God uses

humanity to help reflect the presence of a loving God in this world. We learn what that looks like and how to do that together each and every day. Most recently, we practiced doing that with our children through VBS. A fantastic group of adult and youth leaders came together to help demonstrate and teach the love of God to our children. Because of your willingness to serve and support our children, they will know a little more about God's love for them in their life. I am so grateful for a congregation that is passionate about being the church, and I look forward to the ways that God will continue to lead us forward to be faithful to our calling in the days and months ahead.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. B.' or similar.

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR OUR WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL?

Classes for children 1 yr- 5 yrs old start August 12. A few spaces are still available. We would love to have your child be a part of the learning, worship and fun! Registration Forms are on the church website or contact Melissa Wood (mwood@fbcrome.org or 706.295.1150) for more information and to schedule a visit.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

VBS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

A HUGE thanks to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School a success for more than 110 children last week! It was truly a blast and we couldn't have done it without you!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER CALENDAR EVENTS & JOIN US FOR SOME FAMILY FUN!

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



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

JULY 17TH: Pizza at the Playground at Ridge Ferry Park

JULY 28TH: Lunch & (Original) Lion King Viewing in Fellowship Hall, 12-2 p.m.

JULY 31ST: (New) Lion King at Mount Berry Square Theater, Time TBD

AUGUST 4: Pool Party at Northside Swim Center, 2-5 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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"WHEN SCRIPTURE CAME TO LIFE: OUR EXPERIENCES IN THE HOLY LAND" SUNDAY, JUNE 30, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Recently a group from our church and community participated in 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 FaithTalks on Sunday morning, June 30th. We will gather at 9:45 for a time of fellowship and refreshments. Please join us!

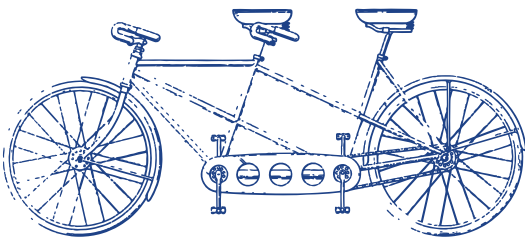


THANK YOU!

Hilary and I are appreciative of your kind words and affirmations as we celebrated 20 years ministering at FBC-Rome. Thank you for your support, encouragement and faith in us!

Keith

YOUTH NEWS

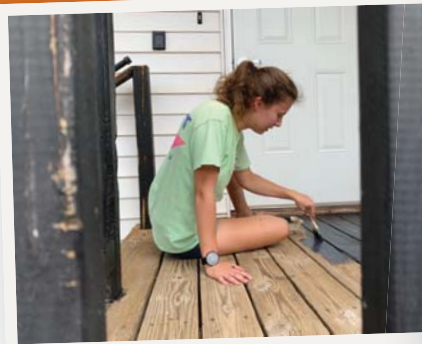


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SUMMER CALENDARS AVAILABLE!

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



Youth In-Town Mission Trip



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

**MYSTERY LUNCH
JUNE 24**

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Bring \$15 for lunch

**DIVING INTO THE WORD
JUNE 27**

5:00-8:00 p.m. each day
Clements Home

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SENIOR ADULTS

SIGN UP NOW FOR SAN ANTONIO TRIP

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 sign-up information are available in the office and people are registering!

A meeting to answer any questions is August 21 at 3:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Contact Keith Reaves or Karen Garrett for more information.

MISSIONS MINISTRY

SUMMER MISSION TEAMS

Please pray for the members of our summer mission teams. Sam and Nancy Ratcliffe and John and Jennifer Uldrick are in Uganda. Kate Barron, Amy Cox, Genna Harris and Kelly Sanker are going to New York City to lead a children's day camp.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, June 23, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Joel and Jean Fletcher on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, June 23, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Robert Cates by Martha Cates and Family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, June 30, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Beverly Harris for her love of music in our lives by Bob, Children and Grandchildren.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, June 30, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al Briley on the occasion of his birthday by Ansley and Dean Saville and their 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

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,214,196.62
Support Received	\$1,238,438.14

VBS Offering Designated for Ruth & Naomi Women's Shelter	\$498.75
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2018-2019 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,222,054.00

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June 22 - July 5

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, June 22

Minister on Call Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

Sunday, June 23

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Children - Toy Story 4, Mount Berry Mall	

Monday, June 24

Youth - Mystery Lunch	11:30 am
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm

Tuesday, June 25

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	8:30 am
Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
FBC Serves Meals & More, FUMC	3:00-6:00 pm
Budget Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:15 pm

Wednesday, June 26

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	8:30 am
Prayers & Reflections, Chapel/DR	12:00 pm
Speaker: Mac Eubanks	

Thursday, June 27

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	8:30 am
PS Summer Fun Days	10:00 am-1:00 pm
Ruth&Naomi Women's Shelter-Ribbon Cutting	4:00-6:00 pm
Youth - Diving Into the Word, Clements Home	5:00-8:00 pm

Friday, June 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	8:30 am
Uganda Mission Team returns	

Saturday, June 29

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, June 30

Youth depart for Passport Camp	7:00 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
FaithTalks, FH	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am

Monday, July 1

Together, We Disciple Team Meeting, Conf. Rm.	5:15 pm
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm

Tuesday, July 2

Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
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Thursday, July 4 (Independence Day)

Church Office Closed

Friday, July 5

Youth return from Passport Camp	5:00 pm
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Youth In-Town Mission Trip

THIS WEEK: JUNE 23

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "A God Who Nourishes"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 42 and 43

ANTHEM: God is our Refuge...Allen Pote

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Joanne Owens

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

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

FINAL PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

JUNE 26 AT NOON IN

CHAPEL/DINING ROOM

MAC EUBANKS, SPEAKER

MINISTER ON CALL:

Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

NEXT WEEK: JUNE 30

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "God Through The Storm"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

ANTHEM: Love Lifted Me...arr. Joseph Martin

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Kathy Cooper and Susan Hortman

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

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

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

– Ashlyn Balch –

Saying "THANKS" to one of the best!

Ashlyn Balch, a May 2019 graduate of Berry College, has served FBC as a Student Ministry Intern for the last 4 years. Her connections to our youth have been tremendous. She's been a quiet and steady presence, doing GREAT behind the scenes work in our midst for 4 years. She starts work at Piedmont Hospital as an RN, on July 8th. Her last official Sunday with us will be July 7th. Make sure to hug her neck and offer your "Thanks" for her good and important work in our midst.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

JUNE 27

PS Summer Fun Days

JUNE 20-23

PassportKids Camp

JUNE 30-JULY 5

Youth Passport Choices

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www.fbcrome.org

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