



FROM OUR PASTOR

I've told this story in a different context, but whenever my siblings and I would leave the house during our teenage years, our parents would say something along the lines of "remember your last name." In the Disney movie *The Lion King*, the father Mufasa says to his son Simba, "remember who you are." It is important to know and remember our identity because knowing our identity should give shape to the way we order and live our lives.

If that is true for us as individuals, it is also true for institutions and congregations. We need to remember who we are as well. Knowing who we are and being clear about our identity can help us stay focused on what we are called to do and can keep us authentic to who we are. From time to time, it is important then that we remind ourselves of our identity. We do this in a few ways. When a person is baptized, we read our church covenant together which is a way of affirming and reminding each other of our identity. We conduct ourselves according to our Constitution and Bylaws, which are also ways of clarifying who we are and how we do the work of the church.

We also want people who may not be as familiar with who we are as Baptists, to understand why we still carry that name. For the next 5 weeks, on Wednesday nights, Dr. Rob Nash and I will be working our way through our Baptist identity with the hopes that knowing a little more about who we have been as Baptists might help us have some clarity about how to be faithful and engaged in the world around us. These will be engaging conversations that I hope you will be a part of. I look forward to seeing you.

With hopeful anticipation,



ADULT CHOICES

“What’s in a Name?”
August 28-September 25 (5 weeks)
6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

How many of us understand who we are as a church, as Baptists, and as followers of Jesus? Matt DuVall and Rob Nash join together to lead this important conversation.

- August 28:
“What Makes a Baptist a Baptist?”
Matt DuVall
- September 4:
“Once Upon a Time: When Being Baptist Was Weird!”
Dr. Rob Nash
- September 11:
“Happily Ever After: Being Baptist in a Weird and Wonderful World”
Dr. Rob Nash
- September 18:
“Navigating This World: What Does This Mean for FBC?”
Matt DuVall
- September 25:
“Is There Any Going Back?”
Matt DuVall

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

DOES THIS LOOK LIKE JUST PLAY TO YOU?

To us it's working together, matching, sorting, building, sharing, making friends and so much more! It's a great time to be at our Weekday Preschool! Check out information at fbcrome.org, call 706.295.1150 or email mwood@fbcrome.org.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

TLC WORSHIP CARE VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of just a few more TLC Worship Care Volunteers! Email Kristen to sign up for the 4X/year rotation. It is easy to switch if your assigned Sundays don't work for you.

FOSTER CARE RESPITE NIGHT

We will have our annual Foster Care Respite Night on Saturday, September 28th from 6-9:30 p.m. This event is organized in partnership with Restoration Rome and provides childcare for foster families. If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact Kristen or Jan Hardeman.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO SING SEPTEMBER 8TH

Mr. Keith's choir will sing in worship on September 8th, so be sure to mark your calendars!

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP ELEUTHERA, BAHAMAS JUNE 21 - 27, 2020

\$1,600 per person - all inclusive price (Presently attempting to lower cost. This is the MOST it will cost per person.)

OUR PARTNER: Bahamas Methodist Habitat - methodisthabitat.org

OUR POTENTIAL WORK: We will participate in outside work projects like: roofing, construction, landscaping, etc. We also may host sports camps for children.

FINANCIAL DETAILS: \$250 non-refundable deposit due by October 1

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

THANK YOU The Rome Chapter of the American Rosie the Riveter Association would like to thank the First Baptist WOC for having them recently as their guests. The delicious food was surpassed only by the fellowship. Everyone ate too much but that's what happens when you're entertained by such good cooks! The Rosies enjoyed being asked to tell their stories to the attentive audience. Our sincere thanks to each and every one who participated!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CONFERENCE | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 Voting to approve the Proposed Budget

MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 10:00 A.M.

If you have been looking for a weekday option for Bible study, please consider joining this group. We meet in the Dining Room from 10:00-11:00 and have a great time discovering the truths of Scripture for our lives today.

Tamara Tillman Smathers leads this group, and uses the Nurturing Faith Journal Bible study. For more information, contact Tamara at: ttsmathers@fbcrome.org

TOGETHER, WE DISCIPLE

We have a goal of helping you identify a Bible study class, small group, and other opportunities to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

One aspect of reaching that goal was providing an opportunity for people to explore their options. Visit fbcrome.com/adults/ to view the most up-to-date listing of classes for adults.

ADULT CHOICES

All seminars begin at 6:15 p.m. | Beginning in October:

Strengths-Based Parenting

Put your God-given talents to work as a parent, grandparent, or teacher. Learn to spot strengths and encourage each child as God's unique creation. Cost for course materials: \$20.00. Please register by contacting Tamara Smathers at ttsmathers@fbcrome.org

Writing our Way

Express your reflections on Scripture with pen and paper (or computer). Merrill Davies will guide this group, as FBC Rome has been selected as a part of a pilot project to incorporate writing as a creative form of faith formation. Writing expertise is not necessary. However, signing up is: dakins@fbcrome.org

Wonder Upon Wonder | A Bible study led by Matt DuVall.

MUSIC MINISTRY

HYMN FESTIVAL: SING, TOGETHER

This year's event will be hosted by St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Sunday, September 15 at 3:00 p.m. Choirs from First Baptist, First Methodist, First Presbyterian and St. Peter's Episcopal will be leading as the congregation joins with us. Make an extra effort to be a part of this beautiful service.

CHOIRS RESUME All of the children's choirs and the youth choir have had a great start to the New Year, with more than 100 young people participating! Come join the children on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. and the youth on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:

(left): Sam Faulkner, (middle): Lauralei Gafnea, and
(right): Matthew Sanker

SENIOR ADULTS

SIGN UP NOW FOR SAN ANTONIO!

The Senior Adult Ministry is headed 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 much more. Brochures with signup information are available in the office. Contact Keith Reaves or Karen Garrett for more information. Sign up before September 16 to get a \$200 per person discount.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 1, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cornelia Milford and in honor of Miller Milford on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Beverly and Bob Harris.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 1, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Kinney on the occasion of his birthday by Kathy Kinney.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 8, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Claborn and Ann Bradfield on the occasion of their 61st wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 8, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Gaynelle Grizzard on the occasion of her birthday by Jim and Linda Owens.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,635,376.57
Support Received	\$1,582,323.01

Meals & More, World Vision, and CBF World Hunger Relief	\$1,239.00
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2018-2019 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,222,054.00
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seeking His heart | Being His hands

August 31 - September 13

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, August 31

Minister on Call	Kristen Pope 502.693.5644
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Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3

Men's Bible Study, DR (Contact Melinda for details)	12:00 pm
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Wednesday, September 4

First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
Youth Hangout, YR	5:45 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Prayer Time, FH	6:00 pm
Adult Choice Seminar, FH	6:15 pm
Youth - Wednesday's Connection, YR	6:15 pm
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.	6:45 pm

Friday, September 6

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
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Saturday, September 7

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

Sunday, September 8

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Youth Choir, Choir Rm.	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
Together, We Serve Luncheon, FH	12:00 pm
Youth Small Group, YR	5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, September 9

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm.	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Rm.	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, September 10

Men's Bible Study, DR (Contact Melinda for details)	12:00 pm
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Wednesday, September 11

Departure Meeting for Yellowstone Trip, DR	2:00 pm
Flu Shots, Community Rm.	4:00-6:00 pm
First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
Youth Hangout, YR	5:45 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Prayer Time, FH	6:00 pm
Adult Choice Seminar, FH	6:15 pm
Youth - Wednesday's Connection, YR	6:15 pm
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.	6:45 pm

Thursday, September 12

Together, We Serve Team Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm
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THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 1

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "A Watered Garden"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:9b-14

ANTHEM: Proclamation of Service...
arr. Joseph Martin

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Gayle Monk and Carroll Peterson

1'S & 2'S: Elaine Lanier and Hannah Freeman

3'S & 4'S: Nancy & Robert Hortman

FIRST CHOICE MENU

SEPTEMBER 4

Meatloaf

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Hamburgers with French Fries

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

TOGETHER, WE
SERVE

UPDATE LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 8

After worship in the Fellowship Hall

If SERVE was your number one choice, plan to join the conversation during lunch. Call FBC Offices to make your lunch reservation or sign up by scanning to the right or going online at <https://forms.gle/9RPyNcNqggTS7VZV8>.

Scan me



NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 8

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Getting Impatient with God"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 32:7-14

ANTHEM: God and God Alone...arr. Tom Fettke

SPECIAL MUSIC: Children's Choir

BAPTISM

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Janie Smith

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

3'S & 4'S: Ann & Jordan Knight

FIRST CHOICE MENU

SEPTEMBER 11

Baked Salmon

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Breaded Chicken Fingers

MINISTER ON CALL:

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