



FROM OUR PASTOR

After a week of being back in school, I am reminded of how good a regular routine and rhythm can be for our health and well-being. There is not only something comforting about it, but a regular rhythm of life can actually make us more productive. If you had to describe the rhythm of your life as it relates to your faith development or your worship practices or your mission and service, what would you say? Do you have a regular prayer time in your day or in your week, or do you just pray when you think about it or when you are reminded about it? Do you read the scriptures and/or other devotional texts that encourage you to think about God and the ways that God guides us each day? Are you making the worship of God a priority in your life each week whether you are in town or somewhere else? Do you have some clarity about the ways that God has gifted you to serve our community and beyond and do you have a rhythm to how you make that happen on a regular basis?

The answers to these and other questions are what we want to help you discover as we get back into our fall rhythms of Bible studies and worship and service. There are multiple Bible study groups on Sunday morning and Wednesday night and at other times during the week that are opportunities to learn and grow alongside other Christians. There are a multitude of Bible study options on Sunday morning for anyone and everyone as we gather together to learn about and to worship God each week. This fall there are mission opportunities to serve both locally and globally as well as daily opportunities with our community partners. I hope you will make one of these things a more regular part of your life this year so that God might do something new in your life and in our life together!

With hopeful anticipation,

FIRST CHOICE

Wednesday Schedule

Beginning August 21

FIRST CHOICE DINNER
5:00 P.M.

YOUTH HANGOUT
5:45 P.M.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
5:45 P.M.

PRAYER TIME / CHURCH CONFERENCE
6:00 P.M.

YOUTH – WEDNESDAY'S CONNECTION
6:15 P.M.

CHILDREN ON MISSION
6:30 P.M.

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:45 P.M.

LOCATIONS PROVIDED ON CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN'S CORNER

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- 1) 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.
- 2) We also need someone willing to do "playground patrol" with Kristen from 6:45-7:15PM on Wednesday nights. An easy job with a lot of gratitude attached!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Children's Choirs & Missions will resume on Wednesday, August 21st. Pre-K children will have choir & missions from 5:45-6:45 p.m. & free play in the gym/playground from 6:45-7:15 p.m. Elementary school will have choir from 5:45-6:30 p.m. and missions from 6:30-7:15 p.m.. Can't wait to see everyone!

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

YOUTH NEWS

INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

Sunday, August 18, at Noon. Meet in the youth room to hear all about our summer 2020 mission trip opportunity!

YOUTH CHOIR AND SMALL GROUPS

Be on the lookout for the full published schedule of Youth Choir & Small Groups for this semester! **Kick-off date is August 25** – Youth Choir will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Choir Room and Small Group Kickball Kickoff will meet off campus from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

MUSIC MINISTRY

HYMN FESTIVAL

Once again our downtown churches will be taking part in a hymn festival! This year's event will be hosted by St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Sunday, September 15 at 3 p.m. All of the choirs will be leading as the congregation joins with us. Make an extra effort to be a part of this beautiful service.

CHOIRS RESUME

All children's choirs will resume rehearsals at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21. Choirs are available for those three years old through sixth grade. We are looking forward to another great year of music making!

The Youth Choir will resume rehearsals on August 25 at 9 a.m. in the Choir Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

TELEVISION BROADCAST

Comcast alerted us about some potential changes they may make in our LIVE broadcast of 11 a.m. worship each week. Please share with others who watch us that we consider this a VITAL ministry of FBC Rome. We hope to have all of our questions answered by the end of 2019. Until then, continue to find us on Channel 44 and if you haven't already, try out our livestream version of the service on the website each week.

Did you know in July 2019, we had 223 LIVE viewers of worship through our livestream? 214 viewers in 13 states from GA to Washington state watched worship. In June, we had viewers in Poland, Colombia, and Morocco! If YOU would like to learn how to watch us via livestream on a Sunday you're away, reach out to one of the FBC staff. We'd love to show you how!

CHURCH CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

6:00 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Agenda items include hearing a review of the 2020 budget, the Committee on Committees, church membership, and other important ministry items.

Together, We do the work of the church!

SHELBYNEXT

Get connected with your FBC family through the ShelbyNext Membership App.

This can be downloaded on your smart phone, or on your home computer.

For access, contact Melinda Duke at mduke@fbcrome.org.

Teenagers will be available after church conference on Wednesday, August 21 to offer one-on-one help.



FIRST CHOICE DINNER MINISTRY TEAM NEEDS YOU!

Yes, serving food and offering fellowship is an important ministry as we CONNECT with each other across generations. Volunteers are needed to help receive money, pour tea, serve children, scoop ice cream (which requires muscle!). Serving even one Wednesday a month is a huge help! Please contact Tamara Smathers or Mary Rolan if you would like to know more.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT CHOICES

All seminars begin at 6:15 p.m.

What's in a Name? | August 28-September 25 (5 weeks)
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.

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

Sacred Wonder | A Bible study led by Matt DuVall.
Discovering something wonderful in God's Word.

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 is August 21 at 3:00 p.m. in the Dining Room.** Contact Keith Reaves or Karen Garrett for more information.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 18, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of our wedding anniversary by Marsha Dempsey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 18, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruland and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wilson on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries by Hal and Debbie Ruland and Family..

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:
Ministry Support Needed \$1,573,697.49
Support Received \$1,543,672.12

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

seeking His heart | Being His hands

August 17 - August 30

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, August 17

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, August 18

Adult Faith Development Cmt. 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
Youth International Mission Trip Interest Mtg., YR 12:00 pm

Monday, August 19

Women of the Church Book Group, Conf. Rm. 1:00 pm
Women's Small Group, Community Rm. 5:30 pm
Together, We Serve Team Mtg., DR 5:30 pm

Tuesday, August 20

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

Wednesday, August 21

(Youth/Children Evening Activities Resume)

Senior Adults-San Antonio Trip
Information Mtg., DR 3:00 pm
First Choice Dinner, FH 5:00 pm
Youth Hangout, YR 5:45 pm
Children's Choirs 5:45 pm
Prayer Time / Church Conference, FH 6:00 pm
Youth - Wednesday's Connection, YR 6:15 pm
Children on Mission 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm. 6:45 pm

Saturday, August 24

Minister on Call John Uldrick 706.766.0430

Sunday, August 25

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
Food on the Fourth (College Ministry) 12:00 pm
Together, We Leadership Team Mtg., DR

Monday, August 26

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

Tuesday, August 27

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:30 am
Men's Bible Study, DR (Contact Melinda for details) 12:00 pm
FBC Serves Meals & More, FUMC 3:00-6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:30 am
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, DR 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, August 29

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:30 am

Friday, August 30

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:30 am

THIS WEEK: AUGUST 18

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Who Are You Honoring?"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:1, 7-14

ANTHEM: Let Us Break Bread Together...
arr. Jay Rouse

SPECIAL MUSIC: Samantha Lester, violin

ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Miriam Peterson and Faye Evans

1'S & 2'S: Scarlet Roberts

3'S & 4'S: Ashley & Jack Smith

FIRST CHOICE MENU

AUGUST 21

Roast Pork Loin

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Breaded Chicken Fingers

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

NEXT WEEK: AUGUST 25

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Rebuild, Raise Up, Repair and Restore"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:9b-14

ANTHEM: O God, Our Help In Ages Past...
arr. Alice Jordan

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Dana Hester and Martha Cates

1'S & 2'S: Ann & Jordan Knight

3'S & 4'S: Genna & Jonathan Harris

FIRST CHOICE MENU

AUGUST 28

Baked Chicken with Rosemary

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Spaghetti & Meatballs

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

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>.

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