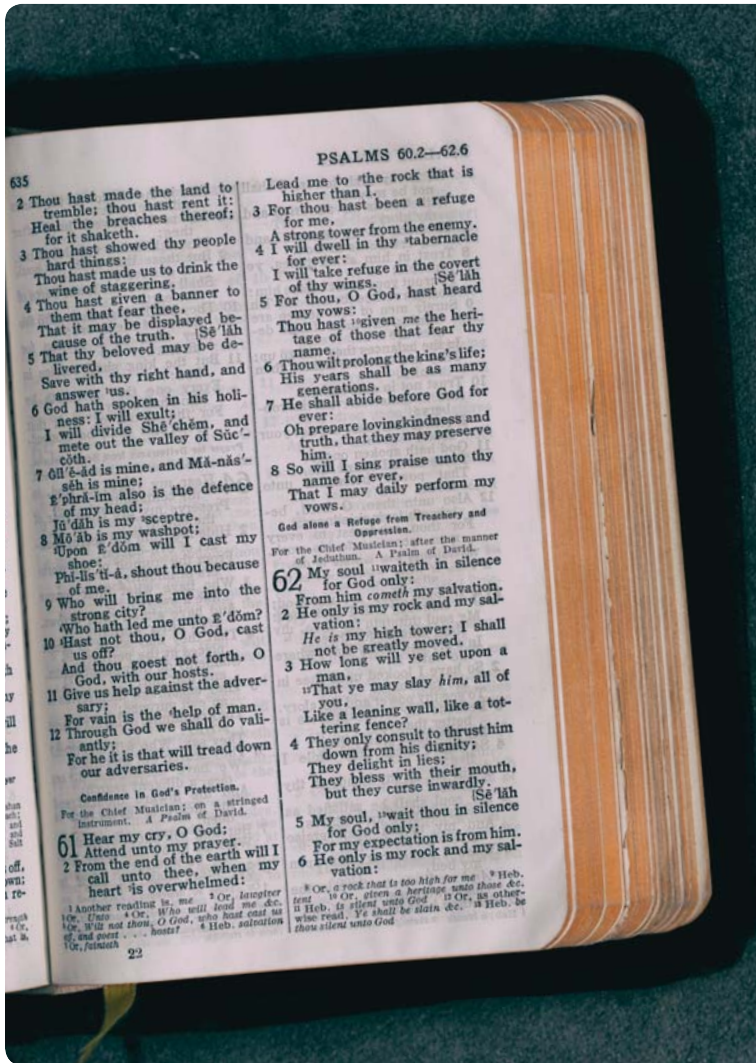


THE SPIRE

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EXPLORE BIBLE STUDY DISCOVER OPPORTUNITIES GROW AS A DISCIPLE

Bible Study Promotion and
Exploration Day – August 11

Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 8:45 a.m.
Bible Study for all Ages 9:45 a.m.

See inside for details

FROM OUR PASTOR

Here we are at the cusp of a new year in the life of our church. New leaders have committed to be a part of teams and committees to share in the work of the church for the coming years. Plans are being made for our rhythms of worship and study and fellowship. In many cases, teachers and families are preparing for new classrooms and new groups to learn and serve and grow alongside. All of this makes me wonder—what are your hopes for your own growth in this coming year?

Sometimes we need a new marker in our life to help us take a step or two forward in our own growth. A new year can do just that. In the same way that we make new resolutions in January of every year, I wonder how this coming year in the life of our church would be different for you and maybe for your family if you put down some goals on paper for how you wanted to grow or what you wanted to be different in this coming year versus last year. Maybe you want to read

more of your bible? Or maybe you want to have a more consistent prayer life? Maybe you want to explore some new ideas or wrestle with questions that you have right now? Or perhaps you want to be more consistent in your participation in the rhythm of church?

This is a great time to set some new goals for you and for your family. As your ministers, we would love to know what those are and how we can help you grow in this coming year. After all, that is what this whole enterprise of church is about! We are called to grow as followers of Jesus so that we can expand our capacity as the church in this world so that God can use us even more effectively in our community and beyond to share the Good News! Let's do that together!

With hopeful anticipation



WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

FEW SPACES AVAILABLE FOR OUR WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

Weekday Preschool classes begin on August 12. Classes are for children 1yr-5yrs old. We have a few spaces available and 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 information and to schedule a visit.



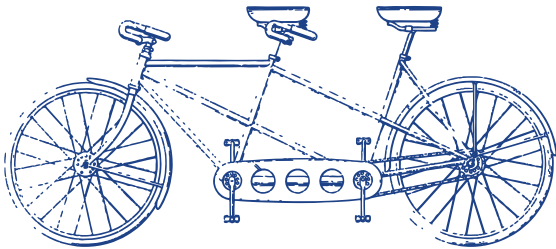
CHILDREN'S CORNER

AUGUST 4TH: Pool Party at Northside Swim Center, 2-5 p.m. Bring your favorite pool toys & start the school year with a splash!



AUGUST 11TH: Promotion Sunday is when children will move to our new classes & each child will receive a "Back to School" button for their backpack. Make sure you're there! A church-wide breakfast kicks off the morning at 8:45 a.m.

YOUTH NEWS



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FBC ROME YOUTH | SUMMER 2019

**END OF SUMMER LAKE DAY
AUGUST 3 AT WEISS LAKE
FROM 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 AT 5:30 P.M.

The Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 7 at 5:30 p.m. with a covered dish dinner in the Dining Room (Church will provide paper products). We are always looking for new choir members and this would be a great time to join us. Following dinner, we will have a short rehearsal to look at new music for the fall and for Christmas! Contact Keith Reaves for details or with questions.

BIBLE STUDY PROMOTION AND EXPLORATION DAY SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

"Seeking the Heart of Christ" is one way we express our desire to grow and nurture disciples of Jesus. We are committed to providing opportunities for all ages to explore, discover, and grow in faith. One of those ways is Sunday morning Bible Study. Children and youth have traditionally "promoted" to new classes. Adults have wondered, "what options were available for me?". On Sunday, August 11, the doors are wide open! Explore your options and discover where you might want to connect in Bible study.

A list of all classes, their locations, and their teachers can be found on the church website. Guides will be available in the hallways to help you navigate the building.

Come early—at 8:45 for a big breakfast prepared by Chef Greg, as we kick off this New Year. Please contact Tamara Smathers if you have questions.

FIRST CHOICE IS BACK! WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

First Choice Dinner resumes on Wednesday, August 14, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and will be followed by a worship service ordaining our new deacons.

Prices for dinner are:
Adults and Teenagers: \$7
Children (ages 3-12): \$4
Household Maximum: \$22



This is the first increase of prices in over 10 years. While this increase will not cover the cost of meals, our budget continues to include this ministry as an important aspect of connecting with others. Make First Baptist Church your First Choice—as Together, We Connect, Disciple, Worship and Share.

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

MEET ShelbyNEXT

Have you discovered the ShelbyNEXT Membership App? There you will find a directory of church members and an up-to-date calendar.

If you are the leader of your Bible Study class, you can easily check roll, and contact your class directly from the app.

Here's how: First, on your smart phone, search and download the "ShelbyNEXT Membership" app.

Next, contact Melinda Duke in the church office, mduke@fbcrome.org, and she will give you permission to join. This simple tool allows us to connect easily with our FBC Rome family.



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 and to sign up 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 4, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Miriam Talley and O.M. and Kathryn Cates by Martha Cates.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 4, are given to the glory of God through the Jo Huffman fund.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 11, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sam and Ruth Talley by Jim, Jennifer, Jack and Sam Talley.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 11, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Stanley Self and Bill Self by Patricia Self and Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,512,018.43
Support Received	\$1,478,908.12

Meals & More, World Vision, and CBF World Hunger Relief	\$1,122.00
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2018-2019 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,222,054.00
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August 3 - August 16

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, August 3

Minister on Call	John Uldrick 706.766.0430
Youth - End of Summer Lake Day, Weiss Lake	10:00 am-6:00 pm
Prayer Group, Prayer Room	11:00 am

Sunday, August 4

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Church Wide Pool Party, Northside Swim Center	2:00-5:00 pm

Monday, August 5

Women's Small Group, Community Rm.	5:30 pm
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Tuesday, August 6

Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
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Wednesday, August 7

Sanctuary Choir Dinner & Rehearsal, DR/Choir Suite	6:00-8:00 pm
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Friday, August 9

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
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Saturday, August 10

Minister on Call	Matt DuVall 706.254.1323
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Sunday, August 11 (Promotion Sunday)

Bible Study Kickoff:	
Breakfast and Fellowship, FH	8:45 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am

Monday, August 12

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, August 13

Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
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Wednesday, August 14

First Choice Dinner Resumes, FH	5:00 pm
Prayer Time, FH	6:00 pm
Deacon Ordination Service, Sanctuary	6:15 pm

Thursday, August 15

Women of the Church Salad Supper, FH	6:00 pm
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THIS WEEK: AUGUST 4

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Clothed with a New Self"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:1-11

ANTHEM: Take the Name of Jesus with You...
arr. Jay Rouse

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Sharon Baker and Joan Goss

1'S & 2'S: Julie Waguespack and Holly Amerman

3'S & 4'S: Mary & Ty Ethridge

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH SUMMER SALAD SUPPER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

"THE ROLE OF ROSIE THE RIVETER"

Bring a salad to share and join other women from the church to hear the stories of our very own "Rosies", Jane Tucker and Bettianne Ware Harris. These FBC members, now in their 90's, advanced the role of women serving in World War II.

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

AUGUST 4

Deacon Election

Pool Party at Northside
Swim Center

AUGUST 7

Sanctuary Choir Dinner
& Rehearsal

AUGUST 11

Bible Study Promotion Day

AUGUST 14

First Choice Dinner Resumes

Deacon Ordination Service

AUGUST 15

Women of the Church Salad Supper

NEXT WEEK: AUGUST 11

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Hoping in God's Love"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 22:12-22

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

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Kristen, Marin and Kallan Kinsey

1'S & 2'S: Laurie & Bruce Jones

3'S & 4'S: Bridget & Jarrett Gray

First Choice Menu

August 14

Chicken Alfredo or Marinara

Children's Option

Sliced Pizza

MINISTER ON CALL:

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