

THE SPIRE

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FROM OUR PASTOR

This past Wednesday night, we were talking about how our Baptist identity finds its particular expression at FBC Rome. I suggested Baptist Theologian, E.Y. Mullins, might have a helpful insight for us—that the most important point for Baptists is Soul Competency, or what we were calling “the priesthood of the believer”. He argues that every other part of Baptist identity emanates from the point of Soul Competency. Soul Competency doesn’t just affirm that we are unrestricted in our access to God, but that we also have a deep responsibility to work out what we believe in community with each other. What’s more, that wrestling with scripture and with God doesn’t just happen within our church, but it takes us out beyond our local church and into the world.

Soul Competency even sends us on mission with God in the world. The freedom that we have to engage the presence of God in our lives and in this world isn’t something we can or should be passive about—we cannot take it for granted. We actually have a responsibility to pursue and to follow the spirit’s leading as it calls us out in the world, for that activity and work is a part of what forms our soul and our spirit to make us more like Christ. We do that work together at FBC Rome. Our downtown churches do that work in their own context and in their own ways and with their own theologies. Churches who are of different denominations and have different belief systems and worship styles and cultures all do this same work too. Together, we all make up a part of what it means to be on mission for God in the world. Every church is a vital part of this tapestry, and the spirit is calling all of us to work together. What a gift to be a part of God’s work in this world! I’m so glad we do this together. Blessings,



PRAY FOR OUR PERU MISSION PARTICIPANTS OCTOBER 4-13, 2019

Jennifer Pope, Kristen Pope and Lori Barfield

Another team will travel to Peru in the spring.
Let John know if you are interested in serving that week.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

CHURCH-WIDE FAMILY PICNIC

We will have our Church-wide Family Picnic on October 20th at Heritage Park from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Bring enough food for your family, plus a few, and enjoy free rides aboard the Roman Holiday, fellowship and a brief vespers service to close our time together.

TLC WORSHIP CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SINGING ON OCTOBER 20TH

Mr. Keith's Choir will sing in worship on October 20th.

YOUTH NEWS

5TH QUARTER FELLOWSHIP

Friday, October 4th from 10:30 p.m. - Midnight
Join us as we ride the mechanical bull & enjoy time together!

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

MEN'S MINISTRY

FBC Men's Golf Tournament

Thursday, October 24th, 2019
12:30 p.m.

Coosa Country Club

\$60 for Coosa non-members

\$10 for Coosa members

Tee times starting at 1:00 pm.
Eat lunch prior to arriving.

Call the Church office on or before
October 22nd to register to play.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOGETHER, WE SERVE

Anyone wishing to get a copy of the information flyer handed out at the TW SERVE luncheon on September 8 can pick one up in the church office. It has great information about the initiatives we have identified as well as future educational opportunities.

WEEKDAY SMALL GROUPS

Are you looking for a small group that meets during the week? Several groups are beginning new studies and are ready to welcome others.

MONDAYS:

5:30-7:00 Women in Community (Contact Gwen Stephens)

TUESDAYS:

11:30-1:00 p.m. Young Women's study (Contact Kelly Sanker)

12:00-1:00 p.m. Men's Lunchtime study (Contact Jason Sanker)

WEDNESDAYS:

3:00-5:00 p.m. Faith and Women's group (Contact Miriam Peterson)

5:45-6:45 p.m. Women's group (Contact Gwen Stephens)

5:45-6:45 p.m. Young Women's Group (Contact Catherine Jackson)

ADULT CHOICES

All seminars begin at 6:15 p.m.

BEGINNING OCTOBER 2:

Strengths-Based Parenting

3rd Floor Education Bldg., Room. 302

Put your God-given talents to work as a parent, grandparent, or teacher.

Learn to spot strengths in young children as well as teenagers to encourage each one as God's unique creation.

Dr. Mary Reckmeyer's "Strengths-Based Parenting" will be available to borrow or to purchase (\$20). Please register by contacting Tamara Smathers at ttsmathers@fbcrome.org

Writing our Way – Conference Room

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 helpful: dakins@fbcrome.org

Wonder Upon Wonder

A Bible study led by Matt DuVall in the Dining Room

RETURN YOUR SEEDS AND POTS TO WORSHIP

Remember to bring your seed projects that have been handed out in worship and on Wednesdays back to the Lord's Supper table for worship on October 13 or October 20! There is still time for you to pick up a kit from the church!

BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS TRAINING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:30-9:30 a.m. | Dining Room

"Tools at Your Fingertips: Lesson Planning Resources Made Easy"



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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Doris Schmick

SENIOR ADULTS

SENIOR ADULTS TO THE ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER/CYCLORAMA

Departing at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 10. Cost per person is \$35, which includes transportation, access to the Atlanta History Museum, a private show at the newly renovated Cyclorama, the 1860s era Smith Family Farm property, the 1928 Swan House mansion, and 22 acres of gardens. Lunch on your own in the History Center Café. Limited tickets available. Your payment ensures your reservation.

BARBARA RAYBON'S LIFE VERSE:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

John 14:27

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 29, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Daniel Hanks, Sr. on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Dr. and Mrs. J. Daniel Hanks, Jr.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 29, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Quinette Harbin by Buford Harbin and Family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 6, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Milton Tippin, Jr., Jennette Todd Tippin and Todd Tippin by Jenny and Joe Walter.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 6, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernest, Doris and John Rudert by the Edward Rudert Family and the Bob Rudert Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,736,882.69
Support Received	\$1,671,041.70
Disaster Response – Hurricane Dorian	\$3,145.00
2018-2019 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,222,054.00

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September 28 - October 11

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, September 28

Minister on Call
Foster Care Respite Night
Kristen Pope 502.693.5644
6:00-9:30 pm

Sunday, September 29

Extended Family Committee Mtg., DR 8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
Family Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am

Monday, September 30

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm. 9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Rm. 5:15 pm
Women in Community, Comm. Rm. 5:30 pm

Tuesday, October 1

Men's Bible Study, DR 12:00 pm

Wednesday, October 2

Flu Shots, Comm. Rm. 4:00-6:00 pm
First Choice Dinner, FH 5:00 pm
Women's Small Group, 3rd Flr.Education Bldg. 5:45 pm
Young Women's Bible Group, Rm. 300 5:45 pm
Youth Hangout, YR 5:45 pm
Children's Choirs 5:45 pm
Prayer Time, FH 6:00 pm
Youth - Wednesday's Connection, YR 6:15 pm
Adult Choice Seminars: 6:15 pm
 Strengths-Based Parenting, Rm.302 (Led by Tamara Smathers)
 Writing Our Way, Conf. Rm. (Led by Merrill Davies)
 Wonder Upon Wonder, DR (Led by Matt DuVall)
Children on Mission 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm. 6:45 pm

Friday, October 4

Mission Team departs for Peru
Youth 5th Qtr. 10:30 pm-12:00 am

Saturday, October 5

Minister on Call
Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

Sunday, October 6

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Youth Choir, Choir Rm. 9:00 am
Youth Parent Panel, YR 9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Youth Small Group, YR 5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, October 7

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm. 9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Rm. 5:15 pm
Women in Community, Comm. Rm. 5:30 pm

Tuesday, October 8

Men's Bible Study, DR 12:00 pm

Wednesday, October 9

First Choice Dinner, FH 5:00 pm
Women's Small Group, 3rd Flr.Education Bldg. 5:45 pm
Young Women's Bible Group, Rm. 300 5:45 pm
Youth Hangout, YR 5:45 pm
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Thursday, October 10

Senior Adult Trip to Atlanta History Center 8:45 am

Friday, October 11

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm

THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 29

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Re-worked by Hand"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 18:1-11

ANTHEM: Create in Me...arr. John Purifoy

SPECIAL MUSIC: Women's Ensemble

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Joanne Owens and Pat Bagby

1'S & 2'S: Caroline DuVall and Stephanie Lewis

3'S & 4'S: Beth and Anne Scott Smith

FIRST CHOICE MENU

OCTOBER 2

Creole Jambalaya

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Hot Dogs with Chips

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

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OCTOBER 20

Join us at Heritage Park on October 20 for the annual church picnic from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Free rides will be available on the Roman Holiday cruise boat beginning on the hour and half hour (limit 40 people per trip). The church will provide water and paper goods. Bring a covered dish and enjoy connecting with your church family. Dinner will begin at about 5:00 p.m. and a brief vespers service will close our time together. Guests welcomed!

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

SEPTEMBER 28

Foster Care Respite Night

OCTOBER 20

Children's Choir will sing in worship
Church-wide Family Picnic

FEBRUARY 16-20, 2020

Senior Adults head to San Antonio

JUNE 21-27, 2020

Youth International Mission Trip
to Eleuthera, Bahamas

NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 6

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Is there a balm in Gilead?"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

ANTHEM: Room at the Table...

David Lantz/Pamela Martin

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Kate Barron and Alice Clements

1'S & 2'S: Jennifer and Annalise Uldrick

3'S & 4'S: Julia Pollard

FIRST CHOICE MENU

OCTOBER 9

Country Fried Steak

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Cheese Quesadillas

MINISTER ON CALL:

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