

THE SPIRE

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Over the last several Wednesday nights, we have been talking about what makes a Baptist a Baptist and how knowing and living into our Baptist distinctives are just what this world needs. One of those distinctives that Dr. Nash emphasized in his first Wednesday with us was the emphasis on religious freedom. Baptists have always fought for religious freedom for ourselves and for all people of any faith as well as for those who choose to practice no faith. Baptists have historically believed that for any of us to be free, all of us have to be free.

Which means that at our best, Baptists are ecumenists. This means that though we have our own particular understanding of faith as Baptist Christians, we wholeheartedly support the faith journeys of our brothers and sisters of other faiths, and we are open to partnering together with them. For many years, FBC Rome has had meaningful relationships with our downtown churches of other denominational stripes, and those relationships continue. In fact, on September 15th, we will participate in a hymn festival at St. Peter's Episcopal Church along with First Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches where we will share a time of community worship and participate in singing some of the great hymns that we all share and that are unique to our traditions. This is just another small way of reminding ourselves and our community that our churches are in the work of the gospel mission together—we aren't in competition!

I hope that you will mark your calendar and will make an effort to be a part of this time of sharing and worshipping together. I know it will be meaningful. What may happen as we sing together is that some of us might be inspired by the spirit to imagine more that we might do Together as the body of Christ in this world. May it be so!

Blessings,



SING TOGETHER!

A Hymn Festival
featuring the choirs from

First Baptist Church
First United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church
St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Sunday, September 15

3:00 p.m.

Hosted By

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
101 East Fourth Avenue
Rome, Georgia

CHILDREN'S CORNER

FALL BALL

Text sports schedules to 502-693-5644 or email to kpope@fbcrome.org so I can come cheer on your kids!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SINGING & FAMILY PICNIC

Mr. Keith's Choir will sing in worship on October 20. We will also have our church-wide Family Picnic that afternoon at Heritage Park from 3:00-6:00 p.m. It's a big day so make plans to be there!

FOSTER CARE RESPITE NIGHT

We will have our annual Foster Care Respite Night on Saturday, September 28, from 6:00-9:30 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.

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.

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

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GALLERY

"FROM FAMILY TO FAR, FAR AWAY"

A new exhibit featuring the artwork of Bob Harris will officially open with a reception on Sunday, September 15th at 4:30 p.m. immediately after the Hymn Sing. Come and celebrate with Bob in the Gallery on the third floor of the Education Building. His exhibit is a remarkable expression of creativity! Enter the church through Sanctuary doors.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MONDAYS AT 10:00 A.M., DINING ROOM

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. Explore your Sunday morning options at fbcrome.com/adults/ to view the most up-to-date listing of classes for adults. In addition, several weekday Bible study groups meet and are open to new members. Contact Tamara Smathers for information on these.

ADULT CHOICES

All seminars begin at 6:15 p.m.

IN SEPTEMBER :

What's in a Name?

How many of us understand who we are as a church, as Baptists, and as followers of Jesus?

Led by Matt DuVall and Rob Nash

BEGINNING OCTOBER 2 :

Strengths-Based Parenting

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

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



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 right on the River Walk with visits to The Alamo, 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.**

SENIOR ADULT TRIPS PLANNED

We will be headed to the new Cyclorama and Atlanta History Center soon. Watch for more details. Also, we will be announcing our next extended trip to take place in October 2020 very soon. More to come!

LYNN WHATLEY'S LIFE VERSE:

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

NOAH HOOD'S LIFE VERSE:

“Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.”

Genesis 6:9

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 15, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Julia Quigg Dodd on the occasion of her birthday by Gus and Judy Bell.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 15, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William L. Morris on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Betty Zane Morris.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 22, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Mary Morris by Mary Ruth Sikes and Priscilla Barnett.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 22, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret and Jim Jarrett by the Rolan and Jarrett Families.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,686,129.63
Support Received	\$1,635,998.20
Disaster Response – Hurricane Dorian	\$960.00
2018-2019 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,222,054.00

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR September 14 - September 27

Saturday, September 14

Minister on Call John Uldrick 706.766.0430

Sunday, September 15

Adult Faith Development Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 8:30 am
 Missions Committee Mtg., DR 8:30 am
 Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
 Youth Choir, Choir Rm. 9:00 am
 Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
 Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
 Hymn Festival: Sing, Together,
 St. Peter's Episcopal Church 3:00-4:00 pm
 Gallery Reception-Bob Harris' Artwork Exhibit 4:30 pm
 Youth Small Group 5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, September 16

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm. 9:30 am
 Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am
 Women of the Church Book Group, Conf. Rm. 1:00 pm
 Together, We Disciple Team Mtg., Conf. Rm. 5:15 pm
 First Baptist Ringers, Choir Rm. 5:15 pm
 Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm. 5:30 pm
 The Edge (HS Seniors), McCormick Home 7:30-9:00 pm

Tuesday, September 17

Senior Adults Depart for Yellowstone Trip 9:15 am
 Men's Bible Study, DR (Contact Melinda for details) 12:00 pm
 Together, We Share Team Mtg., Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm

Wednesday, September 18

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
 Youth - Wednesday's Connection, YR 6:15 pm
 Adult Choice Seminar, FH 6:15 pm
 Children on Mission 6:30 pm
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm. 6:45 pm

Saturday, September 21

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, September 22

New Deacon Orientation, DR 8:00-9:30 am
 Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 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
 Youth Small Group 5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, September 23

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm. 9:30 am
 Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am
 Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm. 5:30 pm

Tuesday, September 24

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

Wednesday, September 25

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 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, 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 26

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am
 Men's Ministry Steak Dinner 6:00 pm

Friday, September 27

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am

THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 15

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Mustard Seeds and Steady Work"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:5-10

ANTHEM: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms...*
arr. Eric Nelson

SPECIAL MUSIC: First Baptist Ringers, Youth Choir
and Tara Suswal, cello

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Jimmye Grimes and Robin Phillips

1'S & 2'S: Catherine & Chris Jackson

3'S & 4'S: Elaine Lanier and Hannah Freeman

FIRST CHOICE MENU

SEPTEMBER 18

Fried Chicken

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Hot Dogs with Potato Chips

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 22

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Suiing Our Own Desires"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

ANTHEM: *Almighty Father...*arr. Benjamin Harlan

SPECIAL MUSIC: Mary Donahue

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Betsy & Brian Richie

1'S & 2'S: Kathy Cooper and Susan Hortman

3'S & 4'S: Jeff Martin and Caroline Lumpkin

FIRST CHOICE MENU

SEPTEMBER 25

Chicken Ala King

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Breaded Chicken Fingers

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

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

SEPTEMBER 15

Downtown Hymn Festival

"From Family to Far, Far Away" Opening Reception

SEPTEMBER 28

Foster Care Respite Care 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



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