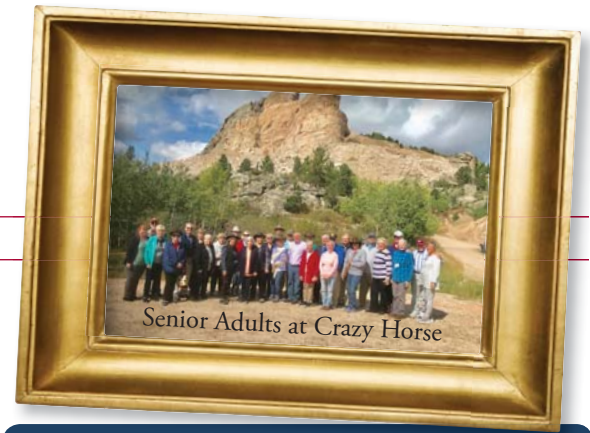


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FROM OUR PASTOR

On the 20th of October, we will have our church-wide picnic. For supper that evening, we are asking everyone to bring a dish—enough to feed their family and maybe just a little bit more. It's called a 'potluck' supper, which is a term that most of us might know. It just means that you take your chances on what people might bring to the meal, and if you like what they brought, then you got lucky!

In some ways church is like a 'potluck'. We all offer our own gifts and talents and resources to the larger community, and everyone's gifts are different. There might be five different plates of deviled eggs that are put on the table but if you taste one off of each plate, each recipe is a little different. Every teacher teaches a little differently. Everyone in the choir sings in their own voice. Everyone who serves one of our community partners serves in their own way. We need everyone's gifts offered all together to the great banquet table of the Kingdom of God in order to have a full meal!

There is a limit to this metaphor when we are talking about church though because the term 'potluck' insinuates that there might be a gift offered to the church that isn't usable or that no one wants. What often happens is that our imaginations about how different gifts might be used are the limiting factor, not how God has gifted us to serve the world in different ways. There is no 'luck' as to how God has created us to offer all of our gifts together to serve the world because God hasn't made mistakes in who we are or how we are created. If that's the case, then what the church might need is a bigger table and a willingness to try something new!

I always look forward to sharing the table with you,



Church Picnic

Sunday, October 20
Heritage Park
(across from Barron Stadium)

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. – Fun/Fellowship in the park and free rides aboard the **Roman Holiday** departing every 30 minutes!

5:00 p.m. – Potluck Supper and a brief Vespers service to close our time together

Bring a lawn chair or blanket!

Paper goods and water provided.

In case of rain, activities will be at FBC.



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 & enjoy free rides aboard the Roman Holiday, games, pumpkin painting & a brief Vespers service to close our time together.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SINGING ON OCTOBER 20TH

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

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 NOW!!!

JOAN GOSS' LIFE VERSE:

"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

Psalm 91:4

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

SHELTER OPPORTUNITY

This year Empty Bowls will benefit the Davies Shelters. The date is Tuesday, November 12, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and are available at Georgia's Rome Gift Shop (formerly Last Stop Gift Shop) at the Visitor Welcome Center, 402 Civic Center Drive.

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

Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

-  **Strengths-Based Parenting**
3rd Floor Education Bldg., Room. 305
Led by Tamara Smathers
-  **Writing our Way**
Conference Room
Led by Merrill Davies
-  **Wonder Upon Wonder**
Dining Room
Led by Matt DuVall

CHURCH PICNIC 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. Potluck Supper will begin at about 5:00 p.m. and a brief Vespers service will close our time together. Guests welcomed!

21ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST

It is hard to believe with the temperatures still in the 90s into October, but Christmas is coming! Be sure to make your calendars for this concert featuring our choirs, handbells and orchestra on December 8 at 4:00 p.m.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S IN YOUR TOOL BOX? BIBLE STUDY TEACHER/LEADER TRAINING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

Your age-group ministers have combined efforts to present quarterly teacher training opportunities designed for each age level of leaders. Those who teach and lead in Bible study and small groups will find these quarterly meetings helpful.

The first session of the series will present tools and resources to support your lesson preparation. Some tools will be familiar to you, while others will be new.

It's always helpful to add an extra tool or two to the tool box!

Childcare is available by reservation. Please contact Debbye Akins with your childcare needs.

CARRIE TWENTE'S LIFE VERSE:

"You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning;
my God turns my darkness into light."

Psalm 18:28

SENIOR ADULTS

SPACE AVAILABLE FOR SAN ANTONIO TRIP

Unbelievably, the trip to Tuscany planned for October 2020 filled in less than 48 hours! Space has become available for the trip to San Antonio in February and people are still signing up for that adventure. Contact Keith Reaves for more information.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 13, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Garland Dickey by Dr. Ouida Dickey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 13, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jo and William Huffman by their Family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 20, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Higgins on the occasion of her birthday by Marty, Len, Chad, Hanna and Johanna Willingham and Tripp, Jennifer, Will and Chandler Bagby.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$23,793.75
Support Received	\$37,592.25

Meals & More, World Vision, and CBF World Hunger Relief	\$1,314.10
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Disaster Response – Hurricane Dorian	\$4,405.00
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2018-2019 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,222,054.00
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October 12 - October 25

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, October 12

Minister on Call

Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

Sunday, October 13

Missions Committee Mtg., DR

8:30 am

Peru Mission Participants return

9:00 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

Together, We Leadership Mtg., DR

2:30 pm

Youth Small Group, YR

5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, October 14

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm.

9:30 am

Women's Bible Study, DR

10:00 am

Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group, Comm. Rm.

11:00 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

Small Groups, DR

6:30 pm

General Mtg., DR

7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 15

Men's Bible Study, DR

12:00 pm

Wednesday, October 16

First Choice Dinner, FH

5:00 pm

Women's Small Group, 3rd Flr. Education Bldg.

5:45 pm

Youth Hangout, YR

5:45 pm

Children's Choirs

5:45 pm

Young Women's Bible Group, Rm. 300

5:45 pm

Prayer Time, FH

6:00 pm

Youth - Wednesday's Connection, YR

6:15 pm

Adult Choice Seminars:

Strengths-Based Parenting, Rm. 305 Led by Tamara Smathers

6:15 pm

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

Saturday, October 19

Minister on Call

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, October 20

Adult Faith Development Cmt. Mtg., Conf. Rm.

8:30 am

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 (Baptism)

11:00 am

Church-Wide Family Picnic, Heritage Park

3:00-6:00 pm

Youth Small Group, YR

5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, October 21

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

The Edge (HS Seniors)

7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 22

Men's Bible Study, DR

12:00 pm

FBC Serves Meals & More, FUMC

3:00-6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 23

First Choice Dinner, FH

5:00 pm

Women's Small Group, 3rd Flr. Education Bldg.

5:45 pm

Youth Hangout, YR

5:45 pm

Children's Choirs

5:45 pm

Young Women's Bible Group, Rm. 300

5:45 pm

Prayer Time, FH

6:00 pm

Youth - Wednesday's Connection, YR

6:15 pm

Adult Choice Seminar, FH

6:15 pm

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Writing Our Way, Conf. Rm. (Led by Merrill Davies)

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6:30 pm

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6:45 pm

Thursday, October 24

Men's Ministry Golf Tournament,

Coosa Country Club

12:30 pm

THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 13

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Healing in Surprising Places"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15

ANTHEM: On Jordan's Stormy Banks...
arr. Sheldon Curry

SPECIAL MUSIC: Kay Bratton

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Carolyn & David Brearley

1'S & 2'S: Kate & Christian Terry

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

FIRST CHOICE MENU

OCTOBER 16

Blackened Tilapia

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Spaghetti & Meatballs

MINISTER ON CALL:

Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 20

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:9b-14

ANTHEM: The Father of Light...arr. Craig Courtney

SPECIAL MUSIC: Children's Choir

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Beth and Anne Scott Smith

1'S & 2'S: Leigh & Ryan Weldon

3'S & 4'S: Kim & Bobby George

FIRST CHOICE MENU

OCTOBER 23

Pecan-Honey Glazed Chicken

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Hamburgers with French Fries

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!

OCTOBER 20

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

OCTOBER 24

Men's Ministry Golf Tournament

OCTOBER 27

Bible Study Teachers Training

FEBRUARY 16-20, 2020

Senior Adults head to San Antonio

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2020

HOLD THE DATE! | JANUARY 3-5

This year's Women's retreat will once again be held at the beautiful Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Cullman, Alabama. Mark your calendars and make your reservations now. \$25 holds your place.

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www.fbcrome.org

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