

# THE SPIRE

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## FIRST CHOICE RESUMES

Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

FIRST CHOICE DINNER  
5:00-5:50 P.M.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC AND MISSIONS

YOUTH GATHERING

PRAYER TIME FOLLOWED BY  
CHURCH CONFERENCE

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL



### FROM OUR PASTOR

For most people, the New Year means making some new commitments that will lead to new ways of living. The gyms are never more full than they are the first few weeks of January. New routines of diets and activities begin, and some are carried out through much of the year. We make plans to attend to more of our spiritual growth or our service in our community or to try and do better by all our relationships. The New Year is an opportunity to begin new growth.

In this new year, we are going to spend about 6 weeks talking about a renewed focus that we want to have as we Serve in our community and beyond. We are calling this emphasis CoMission: A New Way to Serve. We will be talking about how we want to be relational, mutual, and intentional as we Serve in our community and beyond. While there are parts of this emphasis that won't be new to many of us, our commitment to try and be consistent across the board as we serve others is new, and we feel it is very important. We want to help others in ways that lead to long-term transformation in their lives so that we are the best stewards of all of the gifts that God has given to us and those we have been called to serve. This will mean that we need to continue to be humble and open as we listen to our partners share with us about their needs. This will mean that we might need to think creatively about new approaches to long-term issues that our community faces. This will mean that we will need to all work together to find the answers to these opportunities. I am looking forward to having this new conversation together as we are CoMissioned together.

God's abundant blessings to you this new year,

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES** will resume on January 8th. We can't wait to see you there!

**GETTING READY LUNCH:** On January 12th from 12:00-2:00 p.m. directly following worship, 2nd-6th graders who have not yet made a profession of faith are invited to a lunch with Ms. Kristen where we will talk about baptism, the decision to follow Jesus, and answer ALL of the questions they might have. Email Kristen at [kpope@fbcrome.org](mailto:kpope@fbcrome.org) to reserve a spot for your child.

**RETREAT TIME:** February 7th-8th will be our 6th grade retreat! Cost is \$50 and will cover food, lodging & a fun outing. Email Kristen at [kpope@fbcrome.org](mailto:kpope@fbcrome.org) to reserve your child's spot!

## YOUTH NEWS

**YOUTH WINTER SUMMIT**  
**FIRST BAPTIST HUNTSVILLE, AL**  
**JANUARY 17-19**

Pray for our participants as they worship and have fun together!

**BBQ TICKETS AVAILABLE!**

Find any youth to purchase your BBQ tickets for this year. Pick up Saturday, February 1st, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

**CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME**

It is time to look toward Lent, Easter and Spring!

**JANUARY 8:** Sanctuary Choir and Children's Choirs resume rehearsals

**JANUARY 13:** First Baptist Ringers resume rehearsals

**JANUARY 26:** Youth Choir resumes rehearsals

**HAMILTON SOLD OUT**

Tickets went quickly for our trip to see "Hamilton" in April. You may call to have your name added to our wait list.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

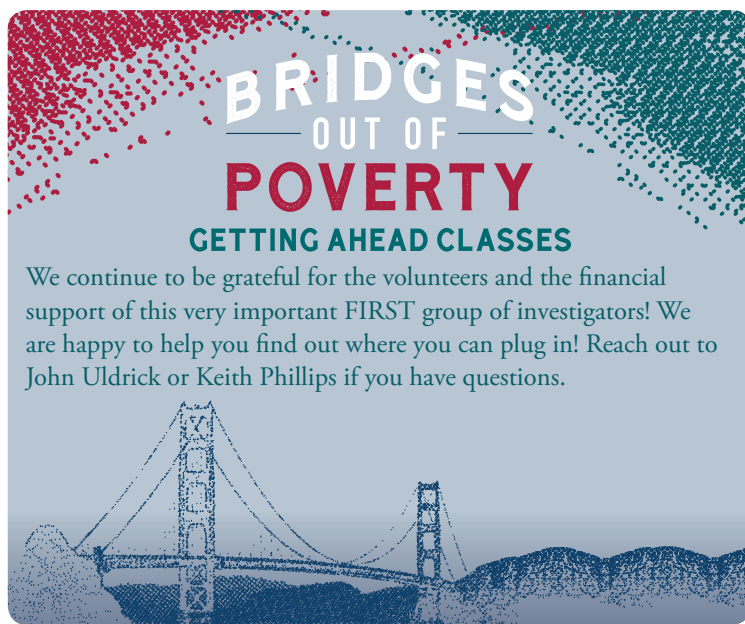
**BIBLE STUDY LEADERS TRAINING**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH**  
**8:30 A.M. IN THE DINING ROOM**

Teachers of all age levels will meet to prepare for the "Together We Disciple" focus in Bible Study.

A light breakfast will be served at 8:30.

**ORGAN RENOVATION**

Did you know that our sanctuary organ is the largest pipe organ in North Georgia, with nearly 4,000 pipes? Did you even know our organ HAS pipes? A new project is underway to bring exposed pipes to our sanctuary for the very first time. The pipes would be placed in the choir loft in the empty spaces on either side of the baptistery. Watch for more news and how you can have a part to bring this exciting project to fruition!



We continue to be grateful for the volunteers and the financial support of this very important FIRST group of investigators! We are happy to help you find out where you can plug in! Reach out to John Uldrick or Keith Phillips if you have questions.

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

**WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH**  
**10:00 A.M. IN THE DINING ROOM**

## SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

**SENIOR ADULTS TO SUNTRUST PARK**

The Senior Adult Ministry is sponsoring a trip to tour SunTrust Park, home of the Atlanta Braves, on Thursday, March 19. We will depart at 9:00 a.m. The tour will include the Press Box, Hank Aaron Terrace, Monument Garden, Delta SKY360° Club, the dug-out and more. Following the tour we will have time for lunch and shopping at The Battery. Cost is \$35 per person, which includes the tour and transportation. Make your reservation now with Karen in the church office.



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## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:  
Denise Miller  
(not pictured),

Jill & Jeremy Salter (also  
pictured Marlo & Sealy)

Chelsea Losh  
(also pictured  
Bobby Jones &  
Tripp Losh-Jones)



## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, January 5, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Willie and Mary Sue Barron by the Family.

**The Sunday Flower Calendar has availability for families to honor or remember those they love on Sundays during the months of March, April and July. Please contact Karen Garrett in the church office to secure a date.**

## GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$558,479.74
Support Received	\$479,709.73

World Vision, Meals & More and CBF World Hunger Relief	\$1,478.00
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2019-2020 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,177,009.48
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### IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE:

To insure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2019 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax deductible if you file before receiving a written acknowledgement.

*seeking His* heart | *Being His* hands

January 4 - January 17

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, January 4

Minister on Call	John Uldrick 706.766.0430
Prayer Group, Prayer Rm.	11:00 am

### Sunday, January 5

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Women return from Epiphany Retreat	4:00 pm

### Monday, January 6

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm.	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
Together, We Disciple Team Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:15 pm
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm

### Tuesday, January 7

Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
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### Wednesday, January 8

First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
Choir Ladies Small Group, Rm. 305	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 & 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

### Thursday, January 9

Bridges Out of Poverty "Getting Ahead" Class, Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
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### Friday, January 10

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
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### Saturday, January 11

Minister on Call	Keith Reaves 706.292.9620
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### Sunday, January 12

Adult Faith Development Cmt. Mtg., Conf. Rm.	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
2nd-6th Graders-Getting Ready Lunch & Learn	12:00 pm

### Monday, January 13

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm.	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group, Comm. Rm.	11:00 am
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm

### Tuesday, January 14

Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
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### Wednesday, January 15

First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
Choir Ladies Small Group, Rm. 305	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
CoMission Panel Discussion, DR	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.	6:45 pm

### Thursday, January 16

Bridges Out of Poverty "Getting Ahead" Class, Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
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### Friday, January 17

Youth depart for Winter Youth Summit, Huntsville, AL	4:00 pm
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## THIS WEEK: JANUARY 5

### EPIPHANY SUNDAY

SERMON: "Grace upon Grace in the beginning"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-18

ANTHEM: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus...  
arr. John Carter

### TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Kate Barron and Alice Clements

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

3'S & 4'S: Ali & Trip Booker

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

## NEXT WEEK: JANUARY 12

### COMISSION: A NEW WAY TO SERVE (A WORSHIP SERIES)

SERMON: "A New Thing"

PREACHER: Rev. John Uldrick

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 42:1-9

ANTHEM: Let Us Be Your Light...arr. Joseph Martin

### TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Carolyn & David Brearley

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

3'S & 4'S: Adel & Matthew Lee

MINISTER ON CALL:

Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST LIVE ON  
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND  
VIA [WWW.FBCROME.ORG](http://WWW.FBCROME.ORG)

## UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

### JANUARY 8

First Choice Resumes  
Church Conference

### JANUARY 17-19

Youth Winter Summit

### JANUARY 26

Bible Study Leaders Training

### FEBRUARY 1

BBQ Pick Up

### FEBRUARY 16-20

Senior Adults head to San Antonio

### JUNE 21-27, 2020

Youth International Mission Trip to  
Eleuthera, Bahamas

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