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OFFERING FOR
GLOBAL MISSIONS

Your gift to the Offering for Global Missions will help a person live more abundantly.

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100% of your gift

will send CBF field personnel
to share the Good News of
Jesus Christ around the world.

OUR GOAL: \$34,000
GIVEN TO DATE: \$9,922

FROM OUR PASTOR

It was so good to have Ellen and Rick Burnette here to help kick off our emphasis on the Offering for Global Missions. As they shared about their work and ministry in both the Global Mission Breakfast and during worship, I was struck by some of the similarities between what they are doing in South Florida and what we are doing in Rome, GA. We are both working to try and address the challenges that some of our most vulnerable citizens face, and we both see the importance of having good partners in this work.

Churches cannot do the work of the gospel by themselves. We need other partners to come alongside with whom we can share our gifts and abilities and resources in pursuit of the Kingdom's goal. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is our largest partner in the global scope of our mission work. Our gifts and offerings to the Offering for Global Missions helps keep field personnel (missionaries) in their places of ministry and service and it supports the infrastructure that meets their needs on a daily basis. Above and beyond that, we also support the individual projects of several different field personnel out of our budget lines and through our foundation, and I am proud of our generosity and commitment to the global reach of the gospel.

Please prayerfully consider what you will give to the Offering for Global Missions this month. You can make your gift through electronic means or you can drop a check in the offering plate or by the office. Our goal this year is \$34,000. We reached this goal last year, and with your continued generosity and support, I know we will reach it again this year and continue to make an impact for the cause of Christ around the globe.

With gratitude,



WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL: 2020-2021

It's time for Weekday Preschool Registration! We are excited to announce that we have added an Infant Class (6mos-11mos) on Monday/Wednesday for *next* year (2020-2021)! We would love to have your child join us at FBWP! Registration is now open to the community. Want to schedule a visit? Contact Melissa Wood at mwood@fbcrome.org or 706.295.1150 for more information.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

LENTEN CALENDAR

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. Be sure to pick up a Lenten calendar for your family at the preschool welcome desk. This resource rotates through daily prayers, acts of service, and practices. This is a simple & easy way to put your faith into practice as a family in each day of this special season.

TALENT SHOW & SILENT AUCTION

Tickets for our 3rd Annual Silent Auction, Talent Show, Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser go on sale Sunday March 1st! Tickets are \$10 each with a family max of \$30. Sign-up sheets for the talent show & for auction items will be available at the preschool desk beginning March 1st. The event itself is on March 22nd from 5-7:00 PM and it is SO important that you be present for this special event of fellowship, shared talent & raising money for our kiddos.

If you have relationships with businesses in town, a special service that you could offer, a vacation home or game tickets you would be willing to share, or something else that you would be willing to give to our auction, please contact Kristen at kpope@fbcrome.org or 502-693-5644.

YOUTH NEWS

MARCH MISSION MADNESS MARCH 20 - 22 IN CARROLLTON, GA

\$100 per participant
Sign up NOW!

BBQ FUNDRAISER SUCCESS!

Thanks to all who helped set up, cook, and deliver BBQ. We're grateful to all who made purchases. It's a LOT of work to cook 400+ pieces of BBQ in one 15 hour span and we thank you for your support.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

ALL THAT JAZZ – FAT TUESDAY DINNER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH 6:00 P.M., FH

Join us for a "Mardi Gras" (Fat Tuesday) themed event, complete with a variety of savory and sweet crepes. Traditionally, the day before Ash Wednesday became known as "pancake day" because they were a way to use up rich foods before the season of Lent when many embrace a diet of simpler foods. Please call the church office to reserve a spot, and also let us know by February 20th if you need childcare. Cost per person: \$5.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The *Together, We Connect* Team is hosting a luncheon directly following worship on February 23rd from 12-2PM. We will be presenting several initiatives,

and we need your help to make our ideas a reality, as well as to hear ideas that you have energy around. Email Kristen at kpope@fbcrome.org if you would like to attend!

Together, We Connect is also issuing a church-wide challenge during Lent, called "Giving Up 1 Hour". As you consider what you might give up for the Lenten season, the TWC team challenges you to give up the 1 hour of 9:45-10:45AM on each Sunday morning of Lent, to be at Sunday School for the entire time. The idea behind this is that if we all commit to that hour of learning & fellowship, we will be more connected to one another, because presence & consistency are key!



LENTEN SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

The season of Lent is upon us. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 26, we are invited to consider our commitment to Christ, and to being his disciples.

What does that mean? What does that cost? These questions and others will be the focus of Sunday morning Bible Study during Lent. The *Together, We Disciple* team has designed a study that encourages every age group, from preschoolers through adults, to explore the qualities of discipleship. Please make every effort to be present with your class during these weeks. The adult materials will be available in your classrooms on Sunday, February 16th.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS PREPARATION WEDNESDAYS, 5:15 P.M. FEBRUARY 26-APRIL 1

Teachers of Adults will gather on Wednesday evenings in the Dining Room to collaborate in planning the following Sunday's lesson.

Bring your dinner into the Dining Room as we gather to review the lesson and consider presentation options.



TOGETHER, WE WORSHIP UPDATE

One of the recommendations for *Together, We Worship* was to provide weekly worship previews to help church members be more prepared as they enter the worship service. We have a plan! Beginning March 1 the worship preview will be on our church website, or you can ask to be put on a weekly mailing list to receive it. The preview will include information about the service, a link to the scripture and something to ponder before you come to worship. If you are interested in being on this list please contact Keith Reaves at kreaves@fbcrome.org.



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ORGAN RENOVATION UPDATE

We continue to explore the possibility of having exposed pipes in the Sanctuary. At this point the engineers and construction experts are looking at how the pipes and chambers can be attached to the walls in the choir loft and a graphic artist is working on a professional rendering of what it would look like after the renovation. Once all of these steps are completed we will look at what to do next. The main objective is that the installation be aesthetically pleasing and will add to the beauty of our sanctuary and the worship experience. Watch for more news and how you can have a part to bring this exciting project to fruition!

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

PLEASE WELCOME: Mary Ellen Morris

MISSIONS MINISTRY



SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, NOON
MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES
LUNCH & FORUM

We will provide lunch, a brief program, and an opportunity to connect with ALL our local partners!

PERU MISSION ENGAGEMENT

APRIL 17 – 26 | \$1,600 TOTAL TRIP COST

To anyone interested in participating in the Spring Peru trip, please reach out to John or Lori Barfield for more information. We are looking for medical, dental, construction, and childcare help.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, February 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ted A. Owens by Joanne Owens and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Josephine and Hubert Lowe by Dick and Pat Lowe Johnston.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, February 23, are given to the glory of God and provided through the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 23, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al & Nell Ansley Briley by Dean and Ansley Saville and Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$738,748.86
Support Received	\$725,481.70

CBF Global Missions	\$9,922.00
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2019-2020 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,188,449.48
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February 15 - February 28

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, February 15

Minister on Call	Kristen Pope 502.693.5644
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Sunday, February 16

Adult Faith Development Committee 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

Monday, February 17

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm.	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, Dining Rm.	10:00 am
The Edge (HS Seniors), YR	10:00 am-1:00 pm
WOC Book Group, Joan Goss' Home	1:00 pm
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm

Tuesday, February 18

Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
Health Ministry Team Mtg., Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm

Wednesday, February 19

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
Final CoMission Session, DR	6:20 pm
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.	6:45 pm

Thursday, February 20

Bridges Out of Poverty "Getting Ahead" Class, Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
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Saturday, February 22

Minister on Call	Keith Reaves 706.292.9620
Deacons' Retreat, DR/FH	9:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday, February 23

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

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Food on the Fourth (College Ministry)	12:00 pm
Together, We Connect Team Luncheon, DR	12:00-2:00 pm
Youth Small Groups, Host Homes	5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, February 24

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

Tuesday, February 25

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	8:00 am
Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
FBC Serves Meals & More, FUMC	3:00-6:00 pm
Wedding Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:00 pm
WOC-All That Jazz, Fat Tuesday Dinner, FH	6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 26 (Ash Wednesday)

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	8:00 am
First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
Bible Study Teachers Prep, DR	5:15 pm
Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.	6:45 pm

Thursday, February 27

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	8:00 am
Bridges Out of Poverty "Getting Ahead" Class, FH	5:00 pm

Friday, February 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	8:00 am
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THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 16

COMMISSION: A NEW WAY TO SERVE
(A WORSHIP SERIES)

SERMON: "Commissioned To Serve"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:16-20

ANTHEM: I Have Felt the Hand of God...

arr. Craig Courtney

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Gayle Monk and Faye Evans

1's & 2's: Scarlet Roberts and Abigail Wiseman

3's & 4's: Carolyn & David Brearley

FIRST CHOICE MENU

FEBRUARY 19

Meatloaf

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Hamburgers with Tater Tots

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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



Ash
WEDNESDAY
SERVICE

THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
AT 6 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY
FOLLOWING DINNER.

No other activities for children or youth
are planned so that families may begin
the Lenten journey together. Sanctuary
Choir will follow the service.

NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 23

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

SERMON: "Tell No One...Until"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 17:1-9

ANTHEMS: With A Voice of Singing...Martin Shaw
At the Name of Jesus...Cindy Berry

SPECIAL MUSIC: First Baptist Ringers
Youth Choir

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Sharon Baker and Martha Cates

1's & 2's: Amy & Ryan Cox

3's & 4's: Genna & Jonathan Harris

FIRST CHOICE MENU

FEBRUARY 26

Baked Cod with Lemon-Garlic Butter

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Breaded Chicken Fingers

MINISTER ON CALL:

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