

THE SPIRE

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FROM OUR PASTOR

One of the most consistent refrains spoken in scripture is to not be afraid. When angels appear, when God speaks, when Jesus' disciples are in the boat in the storm we hear these words over and over: "Do not be afraid." Though we may sometimes be anxious about things in our life or in the world around us, we are encouraged as followers of Jesus to not be afraid. The love that comes to us in Christ is a love that casts out fear. Saint Ignatius said that God's spirit "stirs up courage and strength, consolations, inspirations and tranquility" so anything leading to despair is not coming from God. Be smart, be reasonable, be cautious even, but do not be afraid and do not stoke fear in others. As Christians we know that we are not alone in whatever we face in this world, as individuals and communities, so trust in the presence of God that doesn't lead us to fear but instead leads us to hope.

As we think about what our response to the Coronavirus should be, we want you to know what we are doing at the church. There is soap and paper towels at every restroom like always so you can wash your hands. We have sanitizer stations around the church that you are welcome to use when you are here. We want to encourage you to practice "social distancing" where you can greet and welcome each other without touching or invading personal space or shaking hands. If your immune system is compromised or if you have pre-existing health issues that you are worried about, please don't feel pressured to be here. If you are sick or if you are worried that you may be, please refrain from coming to church until you are well. Use caution and good common sense. We will do the same as we determine how our church continues to respond as things change. Above all, do not be afraid.

Your pastor,

Silent Auction, Dinner, & A Show!

COME SUPPORT OUR
FAMILY MINISTRY & BID ON SOME
GREAT AUCTION ITEMS
TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW:
\$10 EACH or \$30 FAMILY MAX



MARCH 22ND, 5PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

If you have an item/experience/service you would
like to donate for the auction, contact Kristen!
Proceeds from this event will go
to our Family Ministry.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

TALENT SHOW & SILENT AUCTION

Tickets for our 3rd Annual Silent Auction, Talent Show, Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser are available to purchase now! Tickets are \$10 each with a family max of \$30. Sign-up sheets for the talent show & for auction items are on the preschool desk. The event itself is on March 22nd from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and it is SO important that you be present for this special event of fellowship, shared talent and 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.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Mark your calendars on Wednesday April 8th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for our Easter Eggstravaganza. You don't want to miss it!

YOUTH NEWS

MARCH MISSION MADNESS

MARCH 20 - 22 IN CARROLLTON, GA

\$100 per participant – Sign up NOW!

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH WALK

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 4:00 P.M.

Get outside and join the Women of the Church Walk! On April 26, all women (and girls!) are invited to meet at Jackson Hill (Rome Civic Center) and either walk or run the trails or spend time walking the Labyrinth. Those who prefer to sit and visit will find plenty of shade. Good walking shoes are necessary for this natural trail. Water will be provided and refreshments will be waiting at the end of the walk.

Who could you invite to join you?



EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to donate flowers for Easter in honor of loved ones or as a memorial, please complete the form. Cost per plant is \$15.00. The deadline for placing your order is **Monday, April 6**.

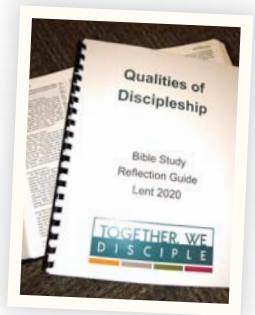
Make check payable to the *FBC Flower Fund* and mail to First Baptist Church Attn: Karen Garrett, P.O. Box 1189, Rome, GA 30162 or drop off at the church office. Plants may be picked up after the Easter service on April 12. Thank you for your order!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES

We are off to a great start! During Lent, we hope you will join in a very focused effort to delve deeply into the meaning of discipleship. The Together We Disciple team produced a Bible Study series, "Qualities of Discipleship" that Adults will use for Sunday morning Bible Study. The weekly scripture readings offer a perfect way for us to incorporate a daily practice of reading the Bible and discovering its application of each of our lives. Copies can be found in your Bible Study classrooms, and also in the church office. Children and youth teachers will also focus their attention during Lent on Discipleship. As a church family, this unified effort is sure to enrich our Lenten journey as a congregation.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS PREPARATION

WEDNESDAYS, 5:15 P.M.

THROUGH 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

About 50 people have signed up to get our weekly worship previews and even more have looked at it on the church website. The preview includes information about the service, a link to the scripture and something to ponder before you come to worship. It will be available by Thursday each week. If you are interested in being on this list please contact Keith Reaves at kreaves@fbcrome.org.

ORGAN RENOVATION UPDATE

We continue to explore the possibility of having exposed pipes in the Sanctuary. The main objective is that the installation be aesthetically pleasing and will add to the beauty of our sanctuary and the worship experience. More details coming soon.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number of Plants: _____

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

PLEASE WELCOME

Fran Jordan

MISSIONS MINISTRY

FBC ROME HABITAT BUILD

First Baptist has initiated a plan to build a Habitat home in 2020! We plan to start mid-April or early May and finish the home, built off Branham, by the end of 2020. Look for ways you can support this HUGE effort in the coming months!

PERU MISSION ENGAGEMENT

OCTOBER 9-18

If you are interested in participating in the fall Peru mission trip, please reach out to John Uldrick or Lori Barfield for more information. Total trip cost is \$1,600. Those with medical, dental, construction, and childcare experience are needed.

FLOYD ROEBUCK'S LIFE VERSE:

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, March 15, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Adrena Delauder Losh by Chelsea, Bobby and Tripp Losh-Jones.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 15, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Winston and Annie Self by Duanne Walton, Susan Seagraves and Families.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, March 22, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Penny Mitchell Burton by Lisa Landry and Sheree White.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 22, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wydelle Clark on the occasion of her 100th birthday by Kathy and Larry Osborn and Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed \$870,581.93
Support Received \$823,798.92

CBF Global Missions \$27,238.42

2019-2020 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,188,449.48

seeking His heart | Being His hands

March 14 - March 27

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, March 14

Minister on Call John Uldrick 706.766.0430

Sunday, March 15 (Third Sunday in Lent)

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Children's Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 3:00-5:00 pm
Youth Small Groups, Host Homes 5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, March 16

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm. 9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, Dining Rm. 10:00 am
WOC Book Group, Conf. Rm. 1:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Suite 5:15 pm
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm. 5:30 pm
The Edge (HS Seniors), Uldrick Home 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 17

Men's Bible Study, DR 12:00 pm

Wednesday, March 18

First Choice Dinner, FH 5:00 pm
Bible Study Teachers Prep, DR 5:15 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
Adult Choice Seminar, DR 6:20 pm
Children on Mission 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm. 6:45 pm

Thursday, March 19

Senior Adults depart for Atlanta to tour Truist Park 9:00 am
Bridges Out of Poverty "Getting Ahead" Class, Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

Friday, March 20

Youth depart for March Mission Madness

Saturday, March 21

Minister on Call Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

Sunday, March 22 (Fourth Sunday in Lent)

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Youth return from March Mission Madness
Food on the Fourth (College Ministry) 12:00 pm
Family Ministry-Talent Show & Silent Auction Fundraiser 5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, March 23

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, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am
First Choice Dinner, FH 5:00 pm
Bible Study Teachers Prep, DR 5:15 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
Adult Choice Seminar, DR 6:20 pm
Children on Mission 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm. 6:45 pm

Thursday, March 26

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am
Final Bridges Out of Poverty "Getting Ahead" Class, Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm
Men's Ministry Steak Dinner, FH 6:00 pm

Friday, March 27

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am

THIS WEEK: MARCH 15

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SERMON: "Encountering Jesus at the Well"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: John 4:5-42

ANTHEM: There Is A Fountain...arr. Howard Helvey

SPECIAL MUSIC: Diane Lumpkin

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Alice Clements and Robin Phillips

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

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

FIRST CHOICE MENU

MARCH 18

Spinach Salad

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Beef & Macaroni

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

IMPORTANT WORSHIP/ MUSIC DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 6-8

Community Holy Week Services

APRIL 9

Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m.

APRIL 10

Good Friday Service at Noon

APRIL 12

Easter

MAY 13

Children's Choirs Year End Program at 6 p.m.

NEXT WEEK: MARCH 22

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SERMON: "Seeing and Believing"

PREACHER: Rev. Tamara T. Smathers

SCRIPTURE: John 9:1-41

ANTHEM: My Faith Looks Up to Thee...
arr. Jeff Wacher

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Betsy & Brian Richie

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

3'S & 4'S: Betsy & Matt Pinson, Caroline Lumpkin

FIRST CHOICE MENU

MARCH 25

Italian (Caesar Salad & Pastas)

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Spaghetti & Meatballs

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

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