

THE SPIRE

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FROM OUR PASTOR

I've been thinking about waiting a lot these days. We wait in longer lines in 6 foot intervals in stores. We wait for test results. We wait for the next report to come out regarding what is next. We wait by ourselves. We wait together. A neighbor asked me again the other day if we were still doing church or if we were just waiting.

In the scriptures, waiting happens. It is something that the Psalmist encourages the faithful to do when he says "wait upon the LORD." Abraham struggles with the waiting for a child and he and Sarah take matters into their own hands. Moses and the people of God "wait" in the wilderness as they wander together. Hannah waits for a child to be born, and when Samuel is finally born, she gives him back to God in gratitude for God's answering her waiting.

There is much that has been adjusted and shifted and changed and even paused during this season of "waiting" in church. There are days when I have little patience with the waiting and it doesn't feel as productive as I want it to and I feel this unrelenting urge to produce and make something happen and gain control over what feels very much out of control. But then there are also the days where I can see the work in the waiting. On those days, I push to get past my willful self that wants to take hold of the world around me and I lean into the promise that those who wait upon the LORD will renew their strength. We have been at this for a long time already and we aren't on the other side yet, so we need our collective strength of heart to be continually renewed so we can get there. Let's trust the good work that happens in the waiting which will carry us through.

Grace and peace in the waiting,



FAMILY MINISTRY

- Remember to sign up on the Facebook page or through the newsletter for a social distance picnic or snack with Ms. Kristen.
- Look out for some fun virtual VBS content from Mrs. Karen and Ms. Kristen. Videos will be posted to the Family Facebook page with activities & crafts included!
- Make sure to keep up with newsletters and the FB page for weekly Summer Bucket challenges. If you haven't picked up your family's Summer bucket, text or email Kristen to set up a time.



WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

Weekday Preschool begins on August 17 with procedures in place to keep our children safe and healthy during these unprecedented times. Classes for Toddlers (12 mos. by Sept 1st) through Pre K 5 years are Monday-Thursday from 9am-1pm. Contact us at mwood@fbcrome.org or 706-295-1150 for more information.

HABITAT HOUSE BUILD

Construction has begun on the FBC Habitat House. We need volunteers for multiple tasks such as construction workers, coordinators for manpower, refreshments, landscaping, owner family liaison, and general gopher. Please email Bob Hortman to volunteer at rphdmd@aol.com.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:		
Ministry Support Needed		\$1,419,544.18
Support Received		\$1,361,365.02
2019-2020 Total Budget Commitments to Date		\$1,188,449.48

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The Committee on Committees is completing its work of enlisted people who feel called to serve in various areas of the church.

We are thankful to those who have said "yes" and look forward to the opportunities that are ahead of our church.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

JOIN HUGH PEACOCK ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 A.M. ON WLAQ 1410 AS HE LEADS THE SCRAP IRON BROADCAST.

SUNDAY MORNING VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

If you are looking for a Virtual Bible Study Class, select the class you wish to attend. Please sign in with your name so that the host can welcome you to the group.

Most classes gather at 9:45, teaching begins at 10.

A contact person is also listed for each class.

Use the links provided, and choose to “sign in with video”

NOTE: YAC & JOURNEY CLASSES HAVE COMBINED FOR THE SUMMER & ARE UTILIZING BELOW LINK.

YAC—JASON SANKER

JOURNEY CLASS—ROBERT HORTMAN

<https://zoom.us/j/462711678>

BUILDERS CLASS—STEPHANIE LEWIS*

<https://zoom.us/j/979434301>

CHAPEL CLASS—JANIE SMITH*

<https://zoom.us/j/154349692>

CONUNDRUM CLASS—MIRIAM PETERSON*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82006583282>

DEAN'S LIST—GARY BARTON*

<https://zoom.us/j/967363720>

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary on July 19 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sybil Mann Harrison by Lindsey Sybil Mann Field and Ashley Harrison Mann.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on July 26 are given to the glory of God and in honor of Earl Rolan on the occasion of his birthday by Mary Rolan and Family.

ACCESSING WORSHIP SERVICES

There are now three ways to access our worship service on Sundays at 11 a.m. through the church website at <https://fbcrome.com/live-worship/>, local Comcast Channel 44 or through Facebook Live (to use this “like” the church Facebook page.) Additionally, if you are not able to watch the service live, you can watch the service (and other previously recorded services) on the church website.

WORSHIP FOR JULY 19

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

TOGETHER WE CONNECT: [The Daniel Collins Family](#)

SPECIAL MUSIC: [Diane Lumpkin](#)

MINISTRY STAFF

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SHARE NEEDS AND PRAYER CONCERNS WITH THE MINISTERS.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

Jacob Bowman and Madeline Gallaty on the birth of a son, Fletcher Evan Bowman, who was born on July 7. Grandmother is Holly Bradfield and great-grandparents are Claborn and Ann Bradfield.

SYMPATHY TO

Beth Harrison and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Ronnie Sumner, who passed away on July 7.

Donnie Denson and family in the death of his mother, Cora Denson, who passed away on July 11.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

EXTENDED FAMILY: Brookdale – Bettianne Ware-Harris

OUR MINISTRIES: Action Ministries



WORSHIP FOR JULY 26

PREACHER: [Rev. Kristen Pope](#)

TOGETHER WE CONNECT: [The Jack Smith Family](#)

SPECIAL MUSIC: [Harry Wise](#)

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT: <https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>