

THE SPIRE

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CALLIE HUNT'S LIFE VERSE:

“Guide me in your truth and
teach me, for you are God
my Savior, and my hope is
in you all day long.”

Jeremiah 26:14



FROM OUR PASTOR

In his book *Reality, Grief, and Hope: Three Urgent Prophetic Tasks*, the scholar Walter Brueggemann talks about the challenge of living into a new future when we have been through trauma and loss and are stuck in denial. He suggests that at least part of the reason that we get stuck in our grieving and don't make a way forward is that we get exhausted and it is easier to think backward toward what was than to imagine a new way forward to what might be. We might think about it in this way: when you get a joint replacement, your body has been through a certain amount of trauma already, but the work is just beginning because you still have to do the rehab to fully recover. However, sometimes people never recover because they don't have the energy or will to do the rehab.

It is so energizing to see families bringing kids to the church and people engaging with ministries whether in-person or virtually during this ongoing pandemic. We have been through some loss already, and it can be wearying some days to think that we have more to go before we are on the other side of this. We have all been adjusting and shifting and pivoting, and all of that takes energy and emotional capital. There is still more to go.

The good news is that we do faith together as a community! We are here to help carry each other's burdens and lift one another up and help bear one another through even though the road is long. We are getting through this because we are doing it together. I urge you to stay connected with each other and to keep praying for one another and seeking to help in any way you can, for as we serve one another, we also serve Christ our Lord.

Gratefully,

CHILDREN'S CORNER

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR CHILDREN HAVE

RESUMED! Please be sure to read/listen to all the information that has been sent out about how Wednesday nights are working & look out for updates.

DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS COMING

Beginning in October, there will be short age-graded devotional videos for your kiddos to watch/listen to on Sunday mornings, links will be sent out via Remind and on Facebook.

REMIND APP

Make sure you sign up for our Remind texting app. This will be Kristen's primary mode of communication since the coming months will be so flexible & text gets to you most quickly. If you did not receive an invitation to your child's Remind class, please let Kristen know.

NO CHILDCARE DURING WORSHIP

Currently, there is NO childcare during worship, but there will be worship bags available for younger and older kids.



YOUTH NEWS

WEDNESDAY'S CONNECTION SEPTEMBER 23 FROM 6:00 - 7:15 PM

Enter the building from the outside ball court door (to left of sanctuary off 4th Avenue).

Meet in the Youth Room.

We will shoot temps of all who arrive, wear masks at all times, and keep social distance while together.

Join us tonight as we reconnect and talk about our theme - NORMAL.

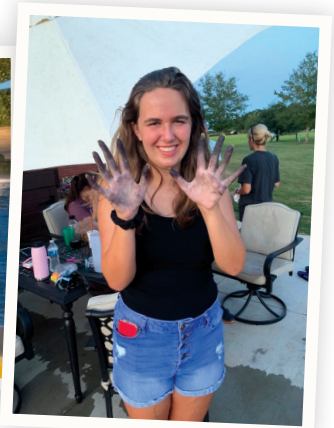
A Zoom option still exists for students currently under quarantine or for families who would still prefer that mode of connection. To join via Zoom, please contact John.

REMIND TEXT GROUPS

We communicate mostly through two REMIND text groups. Please make sure YOU and your teenager are signed up for the latest information about FBC Youth Ministry!

TO JOIN PARENTS - TEXT @JULD TO 81010

TO JOIN STUDENTS - TEXT @FBCRYTH TO 81010



ANNOUNCEMENTS

"YOU ARE WHAT YOU LOVE"

A FIRST CHOICE BOOK STUDY

WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 P.M. IN THE CHOIR ROOM

"Christians are called to transform society, but often culture shapes us. How can we shift our focus from secular gods to the One who made us? Using illustrations from film, literature, and music, author James K. A. Smith identifies worship as the "imagination station" that redirects our yearnings to concentrate on God's kingdom as we work to stimulate cultural change." Dr. Coleman Fannin, a member of FBC and who teaches at Berry College, will facilitate a discussion as the group explores each week's reading from *You Are What You Love*. **Registration is required** and secures your spot, a book, and the ZOOM link (if joining remotely). Contact Tamara Smathers to register.

FIRST CHOICE

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE DINNERS

WEDNESDAYS, 4:45-6:15 P.M.

Even though we are unable to sit around tables in the Fellowship Hall, we ARE able to enjoy the yummy mid-week meals prepared by Chef Greg. Each meal includes two adult servings of Salad, Entrée, and dessert and packaged in microwavable containers. Total cost is \$12.00.

FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS:

1. Make a reservation each week (by noon on Tuesday) by calling the church office or emailing Debbye Akins dakins@fbcrome.org. Please identify the time you plan to arrive.
2. Enter the Community Room Parking Lot following the drive thru directional signs.
3. A volunteer will receive your payment (cash, check or square) and place your packaged meal in your car.
4. Return home to enjoy your meal, and then join Matt for Prayer Time at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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MISSIONS MINISTRY

COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

September 28 - October 2 is FBC Rome's normal week for serving at the Community Kitchen. Volunteer teams continue to prepare food daily and are still serving in a to-go fashion. Because many of our regular FBC volunteers are unavailable, we need your help! If you are willing to serve, please email, text, or call John at juldrick@fbcrome.org or 706-766-0430.

HABITAT BUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The FBC build is moving along well, but many hands make light work! Work has turned inside and will keep more folks busy each Saturday & Wednesday. If you have interest or questions about how you can support this IMPORTANT mission connection, contact Bob Hortman to be put on the work crew - rphdmd@aol.com. Please do not just show up.

'TIS THE SEASON

Once again it is time to get your flu shot. The earlier you get the vaccine, the sooner your immune system can begin to provide protection from the influenza virus. Flu season usually begins in October... so wherever you go for your vaccine *do it now*.

Since we are currently dealing with two contagious respiratory viruses, Covid 19 and Influenza, it is more important than ever to protect yourself and others by minimizing the risk from at least one of the viruses. Because of Covid restrictions, we will not be offering the flu vaccine at the church as we have in the past during Wednesday night gatherings.

There are many other options for obtaining the vaccine and it is covered by Medicare. Flu shots are offered at physician's offices, pharmacies, and the health department. Kroger has a sign offering free flu shots and Publix offers a \$10 gift card if you get a flu shot at their location. The Floyd County Health Department, located at 16 E. 12th Street offers the quadrivalent flu vaccine on a walk-in basis. This vaccine offers broader protection against flu viruses and is most effective for individuals over the age of 65.

All places offering flu shots should be following CDC guidance to ensure you have a safe place to get vaccinated. This includes that patients wear a face covering and maintain social distance in areas like waiting rooms. Visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information on how to safely get a flu shot during the pandemic.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 27, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Quinette Harbin by Buford Harbin and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 4, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernest, Doris and John Rudert by the Edward Rudert Family and the Bob Rudert Family.

seeking His heart | Being His hands

September 26 - October 9

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, September 26

Minister on Call John Uldrick 706.766.0430

Sunday, September 27

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study (Adults), Zoom 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website /
Facebook Live 11:00 am
Extended Family Ministry Team Meeting, Zoom 2:00 pm

Monday, September 28

Women's Bible Study will NOT meet
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm. 5:30-7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 30

First Choice Curbside Meals (*Reservation Only*) 4:45-6:15 pm
FBC Kids Connect:
Birth-1st Grade (*Drop off - Playground Entrance*) 6:00-7:00 pm
2nd-6th Grade (*Drop off - Courtyard Entrance*) 6:00-7:15 pm
Youth - Wednesday's Connection
(*Enter through Ball Court*) 6:00-7:15 pm
Prayer Meeting, Chapel/Zoom 6:00-6:15 pm
Churns Bible Study, off-campus 6:00 pm
Book Discussion for Adults, Choir Rm./Zoom 6:00 pm
Adult Bible Study, Chapel/Zoom 6:20-7:00 pm

Saturday, October 3

Minister on Call Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, October 4

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study (Adults), Zoom 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website/
Facebook Live 11:00 am

Monday, October 5

Women's Bible Study, Courtyard 10:00 am
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm. 5:30-7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 7

First Choice Curbside Meals (*Reservation Only*) 4:45-6:15 pm
FBC Kids Connect:
Birth-1st Grade (*Drop off - Playground Entrance*) 6:00-7:00 pm
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Churns Bible Study, off-campus 6:00 pm
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Friday, October 9

Finance Committee Meeting, Zoom 12:00 pm

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed \$1,745,473.39
Support Received \$1,630,744.76

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

THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 27

FAMILY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Regard Others Better"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2:1-13

TOGETHER WE CONNECT: The Steve Hunt Family

SPECIAL MUSIC: Kay Bratton

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

SEPTEMBER 30

Spinach Salad

Chicken Picatta

Duchess Potatoes

Glazed Carrots

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 4

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

FAMILY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Losing in Order to Gain"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:4b-14

TOGETHER WE CONNECT: Sam and Nancy Ratcliffe

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

OCTOBER 7

Mixed Green Salad

Chef's Downhome Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes

Butter Beans

Key Lime Pie

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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



Our youth and kids
have been having fun!

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

SENIOR ADULT VIRTUAL RETREAT

The CBF of Georgia is hosting a virtual retreat online September 27-28. We will begin on Sunday afternoon with a fellowship time, followed by worship featuring Katie Faison, Associate Pastor at Central Baptist in Newnan. A series of breakouts will be launched on Monday morning, September 28. Information on how to connect to the ZOOM fellowship time will be sent to participants a few days before the retreat dates. Registration is free and is now open at www.cbfga.org/senior-adults/. Contact Keith Reaves for more information.

Please visit us for more information:
www.fbcrome.org

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