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FALL TOTAL TOT

OCTOBER 28TH, 6-7:15PM

JOIN US ON THE OUTDOOR BALLCOURT FOR PUMPKIN PAINTING, CRAFTS, POPCORN, COTTON CANDY & MORE, ENDING WITH A HALLOWEEN EGG HUNT ON THE PLAYGROUND!

*ALL ACTIVITIES
WILL FOLLOW
COVID SAFETY POLICIES



FROM OUR PASTOR

As I walked through the church on this past Wednesday evening, I could hear the laughter of children and it did my heart so much good. Every time we have ever gathered on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights, we have always been coming together to discover more about who God is and what God has called each and every one of us to do and be in our community. I am so grateful for all of the adults who have committed themselves to be here at the church and scattered all across the building to love on our kids and help them continue to grow in their faith. We cannot do church without all of you!

These recent weeks have reminded me of our adaptive capability. This certainly isn't the landscape that any of us want to have to navigate, but we have continued to commit ourselves to the importance of helping our children and students grow in Christ, and our adult helpers and teachers have made this a priority in their lives. For me, it is a humbling reminder of the seriousness that we all have for the church and for our own faith journeys and our part to play in them. I am so grateful.

In the days ahead, we will continue to think about how we move forward as a church, even though these days aren't what we are used to. We are working each week to make sure that worship is meaningful for those who are gathered virtually as well as those who are gathered in person. We want to make sure that we are anticipating the changes that our community continues to face, and that we are nimble and responsive. Above all, we want to make sure that all of our decisions and actions represent the gracious love of God.

Grace and peace,





CHILDREN'S CORNER

FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for Wednesday October 28th, because we are going to have a fall festival! Located in the outdoor ball court from 6:00-7:15 p.m. There will be pumpkin painting, a scavenger hunt, crafts, popcorn, cotton candy, cookies & more (all following our COVID safety policies!) The evening will end with a Halloween egg hunt on the playgrounds, to make up for the egg hunt we missed at Easter. Wear your costume and prepare to have a splendid time!

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

We will be collecting bags of Halloween candy to stuff the eggs for our Halloween hunt. If you would like to donate some bags of candy, please email or text me and we can arrange drop-off at the church.



OTIS RAYBON'S LIFE VERSE:

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28

YOUTH NEWS

WEDNESDAY'S CONNECTION WEDNESDAYS FROM 6:00 - 7:15 P.M.

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 as we reconnect, in person, debrief our time apart, 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.

YOUTH FALL EVENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST | 7:00 - 10:30 P.M. HOOD FARM

Join us for a bonfire, socially distanced hay rides, and an appropriately themed movie...all OUTSIDE! Individually packaged dinner will be served to those who sign up early! Our rain out date will be announced closer to time.

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



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 bag includes two adult servings** of salad, entrée, and dessert and packaged in microwaveable containers. Total cost is \$12.00.

FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS:

Make a reservation each week (by noon on Tuesday) or request a
"standing reservation" by calling the church office or emailing
Debbye Akins dakins@fbcrome.org. Please identify the time you
plan to arrive and specify the number of bags you're ordering...

1 bag=2 adult servings.

Note: Those with a standing reservation need only advise if you do not plan to pick up that particular week.

- 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 to join Matt for Prayer Time at 6:00 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY HAS RESUMED! MONDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

Join us on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel, which allows space for distancing. Please enter through the Community Room doors to check in. If you have questions, please contact Tamara Smathers.

SARAH KATE HUNT'S LIFE VERSE:

"As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right."

Jeremiah 26:14



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

MISSIONS MINISTRY

COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FBC Rome serves at the Community Kitchen on the fourth Monday/ Wednesday/Friday of each month. 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.

SHOWER TRAILER HOST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FBC has recently partnered with a sister congregation in Armuchee who has a shower trailer set up in First United Methodist Church's parking lot. Each Saturday, they offer showers to those experiencing homelessness in our area. FBC is now responsible for providing two individuals to greet those taking advantage of a warm shower and provide them a meal on the 4th Saturday of each month from 2:30-4:30. If you would be willing to serve in this important ministry, please email John at juldrick@fbcrome.org or call the church office.

ANNE SCOTT SMITH'S LIFE VERSE:

"Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands."

Psalm 119:73

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 11, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jo and William Huffman by their Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 18, are given to the glory of God and in honor of James Eason by Hannah Freeman and Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-	Date:
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Ministry Support Needed \$32,376.92 Support Received \$22,060.39

Meals & More, World Vision & CBF World Hunger Relief

\$1,035.00

2019-2020 Total Budget Commitments to Date

\$1,188,449.48

Seeking His heart | Being His hands

Saturday, October 10

Minister on Call Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

Sunday, October 11

October 10 - October 23

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MARK YOUR CALENDA

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 12

Women's Bible Study, Chapel

Women's Small Group, Zoom	5:30-7:00 pm
Deacons' Meeting via Zoom	
Executive Meeting	6:30 pm
General Meeting	7:00 pm

10:00 am

Wednesday, October 14

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, Zoom	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 17

Minister on Call Keith Reeves 706.292.9620

Sunday, October 18

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 19

Women's Bible Study, Chapel	10:00 am
Women's Small Group, Zoom	5:30-7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 21

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
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(Enter through Ball Court)	6:00-7:15 pm
Prayer Meeting, Chapel/Zoom	6:00-6:15 pm
Churns Bible Study, Zoom	6:00 pm
Book Discussion for Adults, Choir Rm./Zoom	6:00 pm
Adult Bible Study, Chapel/Zoom	6:20-7:00 pm

THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 11

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Peace for our Hearts and Minds"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4:1-9

TOGETHER WE CONNECT: The Lee Donahue Family

SPECIAL MUSIC: Choral Ensemble

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS (RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

OCTOBER 14

Mixed Green Salad Fried Chicken Breast Macaroni and Cheese Fried Okra Brownies

> MINISTER ON CALL: Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

READY TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO PRESCHOOL THIS YEAR?

Email mwood@fbcrome.org or call 706.295.1150 to ask about the policies and procedures we have in place to keep your child and family safe and healthy. We're having a great year at First Baptist Weekday Preschool and would love for your child to join us!



NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 18

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Give to God What is God's"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:15-22

TOGETHER WE CONNECT: Earl and Mary Rolan

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS
(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)
OCTOBER 21 (CAJUN NIGHT)

Ambrosia Salad Creole Jambalaya

Dirty Rice Fried Okra Banana Pie

> MINISTER ON CALL: Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

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

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