

THE SPIRE

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Recommitted TOGETHER

STEWARDSHIP
COMMITMENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 15

FROM OUR PASTOR

On Sunday, November 8th, we will begin our stewardship emphasis at First Baptist Church. This is a part of what we do every year because as Christians we believe that God calls us to be good stewards of our gifts and resources to serve God's church in this world. Stewardship is not something that we only do when we feel like it, but it should be a discipline and a practice that we are regularly and intentionally committed to. We give because God first gave to us. We give because the practice of generosity reflects the generosity with which God has so generously given God's love and grace to us. We give because it is how the ministry and mission of First Baptist Church are accomplished—through our being committed together through our gifts and our time and our talents.

Our theme this year is "Recommitted Together." In the book of Joshua, the prophet asks the people of Israel to once again recommit to follow and be faithful to God. They had gotten

comfortable, and yet they didn't know that they were also about to begin a season of change. In order for the people to stay focused on God and do what God wanted them to do, they needed to commit and actively engage their faith. One of the ways that we can clearly commit to what God wants us to do is to offer back part of our resources to the mission and ministry of the church. We have always had a committed and generous church family, and I want to challenge us to recommit together yet again to be faithful to what God has called us to do in and through this place. Our stewardship materials have been mailed out, and you can return your pledge card in the weeks ahead in the return envelope that is enclosed. As always, if you have any questions about how we steward your generosity, I am always available to answer questions.

With a grateful heart,



CHILDREN'S CORNER

CHILDCARE DURING WORSHIP NOW OFFERED

Beginning November 8th, we will have childcare for children Pre-K and younger. Please try to register for worship early in the week so we know that you are coming and can make sure we have enough volunteers!

FAMILY GRATITUDE DEVOTIONAL

A daily family gratitude devotional will be available in November in several ways: in print for pick-up on Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings as well as in a digital format. I will share the prompts weekly on social media as well for you to do together as a family.

YOUTH NEWS

WEDNESDAY'S CONNECTION

EACH WEDNESDAY FROM 6:00 - 7:15 P.M.

- Enter the building from the outside ball court door (to left of sanctuary off 4th Avenue).
- Wear Your Mask
- Eat Dinner Before You Come Or After Our Session
- Bring A Friend Or 2!

FALL FUN EVENT POSTPONED UNTIL

SATURDAY, NOV 14 7:30-10:30 P.M.

HOOD FARM

486 NEW ROSEDALE ROAD 30105

- All Youth Families Welcome
- Register For A CFA Meal For Dinner
- Socially Distanced Hay Rides, Bonfire & Outdoor Movie - "Signs"

MUSIC MINISTRY

CBF-GA WORSHIP

FBC-Rome provided all of the music for the CBF of Georgia's worship service for the annual meeting to be presented online on November 8 at 5 p.m. Pre-recorded music will be presented by Joan Hill, Beverly Harris, Keith Reaves, the Sanctuary Choir, First Baptist Ringers, and solos by Jamie Barton and Mary Donahue. Watch for the link to worship with us or contact Keith Reaves for more details.

CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST

Our choirs are preparing for a video recording for the 22nd Annual Christmas at First Baptist concert. The Youth Choir, all three children's choirs and Sanctuary Choir will record on Wednesday, December 2, in the Sanctuary. Unfortunately, only the musicians can be in the sanctuary for the recording, but it will be made available to the church and community as soon as the editing is completed. Parents, please be sure to mark this date and have your children and youth here by 6:00 p.m. that evening. More specific details will be coming your way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

ONLY ON MONDAYS NOW

Since mid-March, the ministers have provided a daily reflection online in a way to keep us all connected. Beginning November 2, these will be provided *only* on Mondays. Ministers will rotate providing the weekly reflection. Your response to these reflections has been very positive and the ministers hope that you will continue to be blessed and challenged by these weekly thoughts.

CBFGA FALL ASSEMBLY

Please join us on Sunday Nov. 8th as we help virtually host the CBFGA Fall Assembly. Worship will begin at 5pm with our FBC Rome Choir and Jamie Barton leading the music with Paul Baxley, Executive Coordinator for CBF National, as the guest preacher. You can register at www.cbfga.org/gatherings/.



FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE DINNERS

WEDNESDAYS, NEW LATEST PICK UP TIME 4:45-6:00 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 microwavable containers. Total cost is \$12.00.

FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS:

1. 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. **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.



MISSIONS MINISTRY

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

The ways in which we have served the greater Rome community at Christmas has changed through the years. What began as the Angel Tree Gift ministry became an annual Hands of Christ Christmas breakfast event, and we now look forward to serving our community in a new way this Christmas. Goal two of our Together, We Serve emphasis reads, "Build mutually transformative relationships and partnerships with those who live in our local community," and that is what we wish to do through our Hands of Christ Christmas emphasis in 2020. Many of you as church members already have authentic relationships with families in our community who have needs that are unmet. Our goal is to learn about those families and their needs, including adults and children, and then leverage and combine our individual resources to support them at Christmas and throughout the coming year. This may include clothing, toys, transportation, education, housing, recovery, healthcare, counseling and many other things. We are following a God-sized dream, and we hope you will make plans to join us along the way. More details will be forthcoming soon! In the meantime, anyone with questions or an interest in being a part of the planning team may contact Kate Barron, Jennifer Uldrick, Amy Cox, or John Uldrick.

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.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 8, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Palmer and Chapman Marion by Jason and Margaret, Blythe and Archer Marion.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 15, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Reverend and Mrs. Harry Chafin and Rebecca Maimone by Brad and Catherine Davis and Children.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, November 15, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellis, Sr. by Sylvia Ellis Brierley.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$159,060.70
Support Received	\$146,623.70

Meals & More, World Vision &
and CBF World Hunger Relief \$1,460.00

seeking His heart | Being His hands

November 7 - November 20

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, November 7

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, November 8

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, November 9

Women's Bible Study, Chapel 10:00 am
Women's Small Group, Zoom 5:30-7:00 pm
Deacons' Meeting via Zoom:
Executive Meeting 6:30 pm
General Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 11

First Choice Curbside Meals (*Reservation Only*) 4:45-6:00 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 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
Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7:15-8:00 pm

Saturday, November 14

Minister on Call Kristen Pope 502.693.5644
Youth Fall Fun Event, Hood Farm 7:30-10:30 pm

Sunday, November 15 (Stewardship Commitment Sunday)

Adult Faith Dev. Committee Mtg., Zoom 8:30 am
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
Project Advent-Pick up Amaryllis Bulbs,
Sanctuary Steps 12:00-2:00 pm
"It's OK to NOT be OK", Sanctuary 3:00-5:00 pm

Monday, November 16

Women's Bible Study, Chapel 10:00 am
WOC Book Group, Conf. Rm. 1:00 pm
Women's Small Group, Zoom 5:30-7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 18

First Choice Curbside Meals (*Reservation Only*) 4:45-6:00 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 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
Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7:15-8:00 pm

THIS WEEK: NOVEMBER 8

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Recommitted To God"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

SPECIAL MUSIC: Leeanna Allen

TOGETHER, WE CONNECT: The Scotty Hancock Family

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

<https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS
(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

NOVEMBER 11

Spinach Salad

Roast Pork Loin

Wild Rice Blend

Green Bean Almandine

French Silk Pie

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

NEXT WEEK: NOVEMBER 15

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Recommitted Together"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

TOGETHER, WE CONNECT: Heather Shores

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FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS
(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

NOVEMBER 18 (THANKSGIVING DINNER CELEBRATION)

Cranberry Congealed Salad

Roast Turkey with Gravy

Cornbread, Sausage & Sage Dressing

Candied Sweet Potatoes

Sauteed Fresh Green Beans

Dutch Apple Pie

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

PROJECT ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER
15TH 4:00 P.M.



PROJECT ADVENT

AMARYLLIS ADVENT IS BACK ON NOVEMBER 15TH!

Join us in our 2nd year as a church family in planting amaryllis bulbs that will bloom right around Christmastime, symbolizing the waiting and anticipation we experience in Advent as we look towards the birth of Jesus. This year, you will pick up pre-packaged kits with instructions to plant your bulbs at home, but there will be plenty of opportunities to share photos along the way as your amaryllis grows! Additionally, you will have the option to pick up an extra amaryllis kit to plant and deliver to a church member who is unable to get out themselves. Pick-up will happen on November 15th following worship from 12:00-2:00 p.m. on the front steps of the Sanctuary.

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

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