

# THE SPIRE

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## ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17 (SEE DETAILS BELOW)



### A MESSAGE FROM KEITH REAVES

Several creative and meaningful worship experiences await our church family as we approach the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 17 and marks the first day of this holy season of reflection and introspection.

On this day you can participate in an interactive, self-guided, come-and-go experience in the Sanctuary from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Several stations will be set up around the room where you will be directed to think about how you can prepare for Lent. The entire experience should take 20-30 minutes.

The stations are tactile and will be COVID and family-friendly. If you have been longing to spend some time in the Sanctuary, but have not felt that Sunday morning was the best time to do that, this is your opportunity. To ensure safety, please reserve a time to participate by going to a link on the home page of the church website or you may call Karen Garrett in the office. Participants will come through at 10-15 minute increments. I hope that those who do not work during the day can come earlier so that families who have working parents can use the time slots later in the afternoon and early evening.

It would be perfect for those working downtown to take part during your lunch hour. Regular precautions (temperature checks, masks, etc.) will be observed.

Our Sunday worship theme for Lent is "Holy Vessels." Each week we will explore ways that Jesus offered healing in the Bible and still offers healing to us today. Tamara, John and Kristen will rotate preaching duties. More information on these services is inside this edition of the Spire.

Finally, we will celebrate Baptism and Communion in worship on February 14. For those of you worshipping at home, be sure to have your bread and cup ready to participate.

I thank you for your continued prayer for the church and for the staff. Please know that we continue to be here to help you in any way possible.

Keith Reaves  
*Senior Associate/  
Minister of Worship*



## WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

### IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR 2021-2022!

Our Christian-based preschool plus our experienced and nurturing staff make the Weekday Preschool a perfect place for your child's early learning experience. Contact us to set up a virtual tour of the preschool. Visit [fbcrome.org](http://fbcrome.org) for information on classes offered, registration forms and more. I'd love to hear from you! Melissa Wood, Director, 706.295.1150 or [mwood@fbcrome.org](mailto:mwood@fbcrome.org).



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### LENT BOXES

Each of you should have received a Lent box for your family. Look out for weekly videos that will accompany the devotions & activities to work through. It starts with a pancake dinner on February 16th. Yum!

### FBC KIDS CONNECT GROUPS

Wednesday night FBC Kids Connect groups will resume on February 24th. We can't wait to see your faces on a weekly basis again!

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 17th. The ministers have planned this worship opportunity to include rotations through FAMILY-FRIENDLY stations, so you won't want to miss out! Sign up for a time slot on the church website.

## YOUTH NEWS

### FAMILY SUPPORT

Anxiety among teens and families is at an all time high. DO NOT suffer in silence. If you or your teen need someone to talk to in confidence, reach out to me. I don't have all the answers, but we will work together on a plan that walks all toward physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional health. I'm praying for each of you as you parent your children. — John

### BBQ THANK YOU

Thanks to all who ordered BBQ and/or donated money to support future youth events. COVID changed our ordering, preparation and delivery method, but all was still a success. We continue to be grateful for the ways FBC supports our Youth program!

## MISSIONS

The desire of the Hands of Christ Christmas Committee is to enhance the connections formed between our church and the families we supported at Christmas. We plan to continue to provide a monthly update on some of the families we sponsored. If there are needs, we plan to share those with the congregation and each of you an opportunity to sign up to fulfill them. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Barron, Amy Cox, or Jennifer Uldrick.

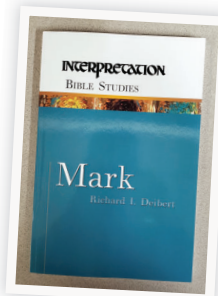
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LORD'S SUPPER

We will observe the Lord's Supper in worship on Sunday, February 14. If you are worshipping from home, please have your bread and cup ready.

### JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF MARK ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday morning Bible Study groups will focus their attention on the good news of Christ through the Gospel of Mark. This study will culminate on Easter Sunday. Books are available in the Narthex and the FBC News Bin near the Community Room. Classes continue to meet remotely through Zoom.



### OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

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FBC Rome is committed to sharing the Gospel as instructed by Jesus. We have a rich history of participating in missions in our community as well as in global mission involvement. We enable those who are equipped with the local languages and culture to serve on our behalf while we support them financially and undergird them with prayer. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is our primary partner in Global Missions as it carries out the Great Commission through our support. Please support the Offering for Global Missions as we seek to reach:  
Goal Of: \$35,000  
Given To Date: \$18,674

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the Sanctuary Narthex, Office Lobby, and the Community Room Lobby or can be mailed upon request.

## ADULT CHOICES

### 👤 "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White"

**Wednesdays, 6:20 p.m. by Zoom – Facilitator, Jennie Cook**

A book published 13 years ago offers timely lessons for us today. Join us as we read and respond together. Rev. Adam Hamilton writes, "Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us."



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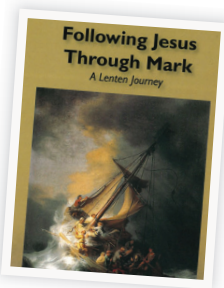
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

*Following Jesus Through Mark*, written and published by our own, Dr. Joe Baskin, is a perfect companion to our Bible study focus in the Gospel of Mark. Joe writes, "*Following Jesus Through Mark*, aims to enable the reader to follow the events of Jesus' life as they unfold in our earliest and most basic gospel: Mark." A limited number of these guides were ordered and available through the church office. \$5.00



### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS LESSON PREP MEETING | MONDAYS AT 5:15 P.M. (ZOOM)

Led by Tamara Smathers, with shared insight from all attendees. Let's help each other prepare to teach!

## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:  
Ava Hall

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, February 14, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ted A. Owens by Joanne Owens and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 14, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Josephine and Hubert Lowe by Dick and Pat Lowe Johnston.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 21, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al and Nell Ansley Briley by Ansley and Dean Saville and Family.

## GIVING TO GOD

### Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$700,604.14
Support Received	\$821,220.99

World Vision, Meals & More  
and CBF World Hunger Relief \$890.00

Global Missions Offering to Date \$18,674.00

2020-2021 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,147,890.48

February 13 - February 26

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, February 13

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

### Sunday, February 14

Covid Task Force Team Mtg., Zoom 8:00 am  
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am  
Bible Study (Adults), Zoom 9:45 am  
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am  
*Baptism and Observance of the Lord's Supper*  
Worship also available on FBC Website / Facebook Live

### Monday, February 15

Women's Bible Study, Chapel and Zoom 10:00 am  
WOC Book Group, Zoom 1:00 pm  
Adult Bible Study Teacher's Lesson Prep, Zoom 5:15 pm

### Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday)

Lenten Experience, Sanctuary  
(Reservation Only) 11:00 am - 7:00 pm  
First Choice Curbside Meals (Reservation Only) 4:45-5:45 pm  
Prayer Meeting, Zoom 6:00 pm  
Churns Bible Study, Zoom 6:00 pm

### Thursday, February 18

Women's Small Group, Zoom 5:45 pm

### Saturday, February 20

Minister on Call John Uldrick 706.766.0430

### Sunday, February 21

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

### Monday, February 22

**FBC Serves Community Kitchen** 8:00 am  
Women's Bible Study, Chapel and Zoom 10:00 am  
Adult Bible Study Teacher's Lesson Prep, Zoom 5:15 pm

### Wednesday, February 24

**FBC Serves Community Kitchen** 8:00 am  
First Choice Curbside Meals (Reservation Only) 4:45-5:45 pm  
FBC Kids Connect 6:00-7:00 pm  
Youth Wednesday's Connection 6:00-7:00 pm  
Prayer Meeting, Zoom 6:00 pm  
Churns Bible Study, Zoom 6:00 pm  
Adult Seminar, Zoom 6:20 pm  
"Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White"

### Thursday, February 25

Women's Small Group, Zoom 5:45 pm

### Friday, February 26

**FBC Serves Community Kitchen** 8:00 am

seeking His heart | Being His hands

## THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 14

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Seen and Heard"

PREACHER: Rev. John Uldrick

SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:2-9

ANTHEM: Walk Worthy... Joseph Martin

BAPTISM AND OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

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

### FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

**FEBRUARY 17**

Fried Chicken

Potato Salad

Macaroni and Cheese

Fried Okra

Strawberry Shortcake

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST LIVE ON  
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND  
VIA [WWW.FBCROME.ORG](http://WWW.FBCROME.ORG)

## HOLY VESSELS

Our Lent worship theme this year, "Holy Vessels" will explore "broken things" and how Jesus is the ultimate healer. Tamara Smathers, John Uldrick and Kristen Pope will rotate preaching duties during the six weeks of Lent and will explore stories in the Bible where Jesus heals all types of diseases and conditions. The website has more information on what we will do each week. A piece of "sea glass" will serve as a focal point each week and will be referred

to and used in each worship service. We have enough for each church member to have one. Be sure to pick yours up at the church in the "paper box" in the back parking lot, on Wednesday night as you come to youth/children activities or pick up dinner, at Sunday morning worship or at the Ash Wednesday service.



## NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 21

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – "HOLY VESSELS"

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Safe Keeping"

PREACHER: Rev. Tamara Tillman Smathers

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 8:5-13

ANTHEM: I Am Thine, O Lord...

arr. Douglas Nolan/Darian Krimm

SPECIAL MUSIC: Ashley Garner

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### FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

**FEBRUARY 24**

Mixed Green Salad

Baked Cod with Lemon-Garlic Butter

Rice Pilaf

Sautéed Green Beans with Almonds

Cherry Cobbler

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

Please visit us for more information:  
[www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org)

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