

THE SPIRE

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FBC HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION

YOU ARE INVITED!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 3:00 P.M.

541 BRANHAM AVENUE, ROME 30161

(More details inside)

< *This is Arthur London, Amelia's step dad, who has given much time to making the concrete projects happen.*

A MESSAGE FROM JOHN ULDRICK

The story of the transfiguration in Mark is one of the clearest examples from Scripture that Jesus wants to be seen and heard. In fact, the very words from God are, "This is my son, my beloved, listen to him." The fact that Jesus is revealed, by himself, in dazzling white and glowing like only the Son of God can, is a testimony in itself! Our challenge then is to realize and remember who Jesus is for each of us and to LISTEN TO HIM!

One of the many ways in which the membership of First Baptist Church has seen and listened to Christ is through our longstanding relationship with Habitat for Humanity. Habitat is one of the local partners we support with our hands, our hearts, and our financial resources. The relationship is both deep and broad. Together, we are providing shelter for those in our community who need it most.

In late May of 2020, Bob Hortman encouraged us to begin the process of building the Habitat house that had originally been

scheduled to begin just before the COVID pandemic. He promised his guidance and leadership, and boy, did he come through! The house on Branham Avenue has risen from the ground thanks to Bob Hortman's organizational and volunteer recruitment skills, Jeff Brooks' expertise in building exceptional homes, and the countless other volunteers who used their own two hands and gave of their time. Relationships have been cultivated with the Marks family, led by the efforts of Diane Wilson, who has served well as the family liaison. In total, 65 volunteers logged 1,525 hours of work on this project.

I believe the house at Branham Avenue will stand as testimony to the ways in which First Baptist continues to SEE and LISTEN to the Spirit of God, alive in Rome and Floyd County!

John Uldrick
Minister of Students & Missions



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 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.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Night activities for children have resumed; we hope you will join us!

LENT KITS

Lent kits are in full swing, be sure to check social media & email for weekly video lessons, book readings & more as we dig into Lent together.

HOW DO I MAKE MY KIDS LOVE CHURCH?

On March 14th, a pre-recorded seminar entitled "How Do I Make My Kids Love Church?" will be available for families. It will be full of great tips & resources, so set aside some time to watch!

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

YOUTH SMALL GROUPS BEGIN

All teenagers should have heard from their small group leader. Parents, please encourage them to PLUG IN! Reach out to John with questions or concerns.

YOUTH LENT MICROPRACTICES

Each youth family is encouraged to use your **Micropractices** resources to participate in the Lenten journey together.

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 is offering timely lessons for today. Join us as we read and respond together. Contact Tamara Smathers for details on each week's topics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY VESSELS

Our Lent worship theme this year, "Holy Vessels" explores "broken things" and how Jesus is the ultimate healer. Tamara Smathers, John Uldrick and Kristen Pope will rotate preaching duties and will read stories in the Bible where Jesus heals all types of diseases and conditions. A piece of "sea glass" serves 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, or at Sunday morning worship.



JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF MARK – ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday morning Bible Study groups have focused their attention on the good news of Christ through the Gospel of Mark. This study will culminate on Easter Sunday. Contact Tamara Smathers if you have not yet received a book. Classes continue to meet remotely through Zoom.



OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REACH OUR GOAL!

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. **OUR GOAL: \$35,000 GIVEN TO DATE: \$35,601!!**

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.

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.



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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Anne Walker Ellington

MISSIONS

FBC HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION

You are invited to the dedication of Amelia's house. This is a beautiful service that is bathed in prayer, appropriate recognition and a turning over of the keys. Thanks to volunteers who have spent time working on this project since last July and we hope each of you can find time to come and celebrate with Amelia and First Baptist.

HANDS OF CHRIST COMMITTEE

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 seek out Kate Barron, Amy Cox, or Jennifer Uldrick.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 28, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don Clements by the Clements Family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, March 7, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hazel Hay Dowd and Wil-lard C. Hay and Edward and Doris Dellinger Dowd by Lucy Hay Vick and Dub and Lyn Hay.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 7, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Adrian Bowers and in honor of the Bowers Family by Gene Bowers.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$762,713.18
Support Received	\$883,519.65

Global Missions Offering to Date \$35,601.00

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

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February 27 - March 12

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, February 27

Minister on Call

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

Sunday, February 28 (Second Sunday in Lent)

Covid Task Force Team 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	
Habitat House Dedication	3:00 pm
Youth Girls' Small Groups, YR	4:00-6:00 pm
Youth Boys' Small Groups, YR	5:00-6:00 pm

Monday, March 1

Women's Bible Study, Chapel	10:00 am
Adult Bible Study Teacher's Lesson Prep, Zoom	5:15 pm

Wednesday, March 3

First Choice Curbside Meals (<i>Reservation Only</i>)	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
Adult Seminar, Zoom	6:20 pm
"Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White"	
Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	6:45 pm

Thursday, March 4

Women's Small Group, Zoom	5:45 pm
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Friday, March 5

Finance Committee Meeting, Zoom	12:00 pm
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Saturday, March 6

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

Sunday, March 7 (Third Sunday in Lent)

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	
Youth Girls' Small Groups, YR	4:00-6:00 pm
Youth Boys' Small Groups, YR	5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, March 8

Women's Bible Study, Chapel	10:00 am
Adult Bible Study Teacher's Lesson Prep, Zoom	5:15 pm
Deacon's Meeting (via Zoom):	
Executive Meeting	5:30 pm
General Meeting	6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 10

First Choice Curbside Meals (<i>Reservation Only</i>)	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
Adult Seminar, Zoom	6:20 pm
"Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White"	
Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	6:45 pm

Thursday, March 11

Women's Small Group, Zoom	5:45 pm
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THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 28

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – “HOLY VESSELS” SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: “Stories”

PREACHER: Rev. Kristen Pope

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:27-33

ANTHEM: In His Hand...arr. Marty Parks

SPECIAL MUSIC: Lee Ann Head

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

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS (RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

MARCH 3

Fried Catfish with Hushpuppies

Tartar Sauce

Rice Pilaf

Turnip Greens

French Silk Pie

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

ORGAN RENOVATION

A plan was approved last year to expose around 450 of our nearly 4,000 organ pipes on either side of the bare walls by the baptistery. The Finance Committee has approved the expenditure and we have had enough generous donations to bring this project to fruition. The work will begin soon after Easter and will take about six weeks to complete. The organ will still be available for use on Sundays. Joan Hill has worked closely with the organ builder to carefully select which pipes we will use and to be sure that it not only sounds great, but that it is aesthetically pleasing, as well. An artist's rendering of what it should look like is pictured. Each week we enjoy hearing the largest pipe organ in north Georgia. I believe it will enhance our worship and the beauty of the Sanctuary when this project is completed. Please contact Keith with any questions.



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

NEXT WEEK: MARCH 7

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – “HOLY VESSELS” SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: “Treasure”

PREACHER: Rev. John Uldrick

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 8:1-4; 16-17

ANTHEM: Every Road...arr. Dave Williamson

SPECIAL MUSIC: Leeanna Allen

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

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS (RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

MARCH 10

Caesar Salad

Bow Tie Pasta with Shrimp & Pesto

Steamed Broccoli

Tiramisu

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

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