

FIRST CHOICE

Wednesday Activities

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS
4:45-5:45 P.M. (RESERVATION ONLY)

FBC KIDS CONNECT – 6:00-7:00 P.M.

YOUTH WEDNESDAY'S CONNECTION
6:00-7:00 P.M.

PRAYER MEETING, ZOOM – 6:00 P.M.

ADULT SEMINAR, ZOOM – 6:20 P.M.

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL, SANCTUARY
6:45 P.M.



FROM DR. TERRY ELLIS

About fifteen percent of American adults suffer from addiction, and each one affects 6-8 family members and friends. The concentric circles of crisis and pain extend through every level of our society, for addiction cuts across all demographic lines. Churches and people of faith are not exempt. The alcoholic is almost certainly not in the services on Sunday morning, but the hurting family members are. And they need help.

At the core of all addiction lies a spiritual void. The drug or alcohol has entered into the space that only God can fill. Consequently, the addict feels estranged from God. That means the church is uniquely qualified to provide guidance and support.

On the next three Wednesday evenings, March 17, 24, and 31st, I will be addressing these topics related to addiction, intervention, and recovery:

A Brain on Drugs: Why Is Addiction So Chaotic?

Pushing the Button on the Addiction Elevator: How to Help Someone Get Help

Recovery: I Once Was Lost, but Now I'm Found

In every church where I'm asked to speak, family members come forward and ask for help for a loved one. Occasionally, the actual sufferer comes forward to begin recovery. People get well when a church provides a platform to pull back the curtain of shame and silence surrounding addiction.

I hope you'll make time to join me virtually. Please reach out directly to ask any questions or explore ways to get help for yourself or a loved one. You are my calling now.

Grace and peace,

Dr. Terry Ellis

CHILDREN'S CORNER

"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!

EASTER EGG COLLECTION

FBC Family Ministry will have our Eggstravaganza on Wednesday, March 31st, and there are 2 ways you can help!

- (1) Bring eggs already stuffed with goodies OR
- (2) Bring bags of Easter candy and we will do the stuffing

Bins for collection will be outside the front office, in the sanctuary narthex and available for drop-off during Wednesday Curbside.



LENT BOXES - PICTURES NEEDED

Send Ms. Kristen photos of the ways you have been digging into your Lent boxes as a family. If you haven't started, it's not too late!

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 ARE MEETING

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 get your **Micropractices** packet from the church to participate in the Lenten journey together.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to donate flowers for Easter in honor of loved ones or as a memorial, please fill out the form below. Cost per plant is \$15.00. The deadline for placing your order is **Monday, March 29**.

Make check payable to the *FBC Flower Fund* and mail to First Baptist Church Attn: Karen Garrett, P.O. Box 1189, Rome, GA 30162 or drop off at the church office. Plants may be picked up after the Easter service on April 4. Thank you for your order!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SPRING FORWARD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 13.

NEW PEW SIGNS IN WORSHIP

Watch for the new signs that are on the pews in the Sanctuary. Under this system, you will move the guide down the pew between yourself and anyone from another household. Large families are asked to sit on one pew and place the guide on the empty pew behind them. Seating will now be on every other row. This should make finding a seat for worship even easier!

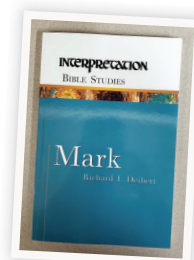


REGISTERING FOR WORSHIP

Registering to attend worship has never been easier. Just go to <https://fbcrome.com/register-for-in-person-worship> and enter your information. We are now able to seat at least 125 for worship each week and look to expand that number soon. Registering helps us to have a list of names in case we learn that a worshipper is sick and we need to do contact tracing. Thanks for your understanding. Kristen continues to provide child care/worship for children birth through fourth grade each week.

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.



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.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number of Plants: _____

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE DINNER

Served Wednesdays between 4:45 and 5:45. Make your reservations (or changes to your reservations by noon on Tuesday) by contacting Debbye Akins at dakins@fbcrome.org, or calling the church office.

ADULT CHOICES

“Understanding Addiction—Its Effect on Individuals and Families” Wednesdays, March 17, 24, and 31, 6:20 p.m.

Dr. Terry Ellis, founder of Chrysalis Interventions, will lead these three sessions through Zoom. Terry's session several weeks ago was so well received and left us wishing for more time to hear his complete presentation. Prior to becoming an interventionist, Dr. Ellis served as pastor of six churches over his 34 year career. He holds a doctorate in Greek, a Masters in Biblical studies, and a B.A. in Psychology. He's authored many commentaries, articles, and biblical studies, and his blog, GraceWaves, has a wide audience. And he nearly lost his life to alcoholism.

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

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.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 14, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Adrena Delauder Losh by Chelsea, Bobby and Tripp Losh-Jones.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 21, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wydelle Clark on the occasion of her birthday by Kathy and Larry Osborn and Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

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| Ministry Support Needed | \$829,685.28 |
| Support Received | \$943,340.89 |

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| World Vision, Meals & More and CBF World Hunger Relief | \$2,114.00 |
| Global Missions Offering to Date | \$39,311.00 |
| 2020-2021 Total Budget Commitments to Date | \$1,147,890.48 |

seeking His heart | Being His hands

March 13 - March 26

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, March 13

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, March 14 (Fourth Sunday in Lent)

Daylight Savings Time Begins

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| 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 / Youtube Channel | |
| Youth Girls' Small Groups, YR | 5:00-7:00 pm |
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Monday, March 15

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| Women's Bible Study, Chapel | 10:00 am |
| Women of the Church Book Group, Zoom | 1:00 pm |
| Adult Bible Study Teacher's Lesson Prep, Zoom | 5:15 pm |

Wednesday, March 17

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| 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 |
| Adult Bible Seminar with Dr. Terry Ellis, Zoom | 6:20 pm |
| Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary | 6:45 pm |

Thursday, March 18

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| Women's Small Group, Zoom | 5:45 pm |
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Saturday, March 20

Minister on Call John Uldrick 706.766.0430

Sunday, March 21 (Fifth Sunday in Lent)

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| Adult Faith Development Committee Mtg., Zoom | 8:30 am |
| Missions 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 / Youtube Channel | |
| Extended Family Ministry Team Mtg., Zoom | 2:00 pm |
| Youth Girls' Small Groups, YR | 5:00-7:00 pm |
| Youth Boys' Small Groups, YR | 5:00-7:00 pm |
| Youth/Parent Summer Passport Mtg., Zoom | 7:30 pm |

Monday, March 22

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

Wednesday, March 24

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| 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 |
| Adult Bible Seminar with Dr. Terry Ellis, Zoom | 6:20 pm |
| Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary | 6:45 pm |

Thursday, March 25

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| Women's Small Group, Zoom | 5:45 pm |
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THIS WEEK: MARCH 14

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – “HOLY VESSELS”

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: “Restoration”

PREACHER: Rev. Tamara Smathers

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 8:18-27

ANTHEM: Look to the Rose...arr. Joseph Martin

SOLO: Kay Bratton

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

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

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

MARCH 17

Mixed Green Salad

Pecan-Honey Glazed Chicken

Spiced Sweet Potatoes

Steamed Broccoli

Chocolate Cake

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

NEXT WEEK: MARCH 21

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – “HOLY VESSELS”

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: “Different Pictures”

PREACHER: Rev. Kristen Pope

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:18-26

ANTHEM: Beneath the Cross of Jesus...arr. B. Harlan

SOLO: Mary Donahue

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FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

MARCH 24

Mixed Green Salad

Country Fried Steak

White Gravy

Mashed Potatoes

Medley of Vegetables

Apple Cobbler

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

SIGN-UP GENIUS – EDUCATORS AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS

In continuing to imagine how we might support and encourage one another more than a year into our new pandemic reality, the Connect team has put together a sign-up to benefit all the educators and healthcare workers in our congregation. This sign-up can be found on the church website and Facebook page, or you can reach out to Kristen Pope, Beth Smith or Laurie Douglas for the link to sign up. When you choose a person, you are committing to either sending a note, purchasing a small gift card, or bringing a meal/treat to that individual. Thank you for helping us support our educators and

Sign up to support a
healthcare worker or
educator in our FBC
Rome family!

Thanks in advance!
The Connect Team

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