



## WELCOME DR. RON MURRAY, INTERIM PASTOR



*Pictured with Dr. Murray is his wife, Freddie*

Dear Members of the FBC Family,

Based upon your vote to call me as your interim pastor, I humbly accept your invitation to serve you in that role. The Lord has brought us together to accomplish His purpose during this chapter of your congregational life together.

I encourage you to use this interim period, not as a time of passive waiting for the next pastor, but as a time of active growth in your spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible study, worship, and service. The future of the church is bright with God's promise to be with you, in you, and for you. We can move forward together with the assurance that "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)

I look forward to serving Him with you.

In Christ,  
Ron Murray

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### FBC TALENT SHOW & AUCTION

Our 3rd Annual FBC Rome Talent Show & Auction will take place in the Sanctuary on Sunday May 16th at 2:00 p.m., followed by a snack reception on the front steps. The auction will open that evening and will be available all week for items to be viewed and to place bids. If your child would like to participate in the talent show, sign them up today! If you have items, services, or an experience to contribute to the auction, contact Kristen directly by phone or email. Sign-up can be found on FBC Children's Ministry social media pages and in our most recent newsletter.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration for Vacation Bible School this summer is OPEN! It will kick-off with a welcome event on Sunday July 11th from 3-5 p.m. and continue Monday-Wednesday July 12-14th from 9-11:30 a.m. If you are able and willing to volunteer for VBS, please contact Kristen. The link to register can be found on FBC Children's Ministry social media pages and in our most recent newsletter.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERHEROES

We are in need of some new folks to step into children's Sunday School teaching roles beginning June 6th. This would be a ONE-year commitment, at the end of which you could decide whether you wanted to continue. The curriculum is easy to follow, the kids are a delight, and this is a great opportunity to give back to FBC by serving its youngest members! Please contact Kristen if you would be willing to serve, the plan is to have three teachers per class to accommodate vacations, sickness, etc.

## YOUTH NEWS

### PASSPORT YOUTH CAMP

JUNE 28 - JULY 3

FURMAN UNIVERSITY

Trip cost: \$300 per student

\$100 deposit due by April 13

All balances due before June 15

### SAVE THE DATE

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH IN WORSHIP

8:30 am - Celebration breakfast for graduates & immediate family

10:00 am - Worship walk through with graduates

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER  
ONLY 6 FEET APART

### PEW SIGNS TAKE THE GUESS WORK OUT OF SPACING

As many are returning to Worship Services in person in the Sanctuary, you may notice the signs in the pews. These signs mark a perfect six feet of distancing between family units (whether a family of one or many). Under this system, when you find your seat, slide the guide down the pew. This will indicate what space remains for the next family unit. 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 makes finding a seat for worship even easier—especially as we have increased our seating capacity.

### PRAYER BREAKFAST

The 2021 Rome Area Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Coosa Valley Fairgrounds Community Building on May 6, 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. The speaker will be Sujo John, a 911 survivor, speaker and founder of YouCanFreeUS, a humanitarian organization that fights human trafficking around the world. Complimentary tickets are available through April 26 in the church office or call 706.676.8050 or email [april@romeprayerbreakfast.org](mailto:april@romeprayerbreakfast.org).

### 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](mailto:dakins@fbcrome.org), or calling the church office. Weekly menus are listed on the back page of the Spire as well as on the church website.

### PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS TO RESUME

This mid-week series has become a noontime tradition and will resume on Wednesdays in June. Chef Greg will serve a light lunch (packaged individually) to be served in the Fellowship Hall which will allow for plenty of spacing. A minister will guide prayers for the church and a devotional. Unlike other years, reservations will be necessary to help us prepare. Watch for more complete details.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### WELCOME BACK, YAGO CLASS!

As we transition to "In Person" Bible Study, the YAGO Class will begin gathering face-to-face on Sunday, May 2 in the Community Room.

### CURRICULUM OPTIONS

The Adult Faith Formations Committee has explored curriculum options for Sunday Morning Bible Study. Starting in May, some classes will be using Formations curriculum, published by Smyth and Helwys, while others continue to learn from the lessons in Nurturing Faith Journal. Both offer excellent resources to learn and grow in faith. Based on the choice of your class, please pick up your copy from the NewsBox at the Community Room entrance.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:  
Daniel Fincher

## MISSIONS

### MEDICAL DEBT CAMPAIGN

First Baptist Church of Rome plans to join together with First Baptist Church of Dalton, Heritage Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Marietta in a medical debt campaign. RIP Medical Debt (<https://ripmedicaldebt.org>) will help us locate medical debt in each of our counties and in the state of Georgia that is available to be eliminated with our financial help. The debt that RIP has access to is on the secondary market, which means it is at least two years old.

Every \$1 raised can wipe out approximately \$100 of medical debt. The churches listed above will work together to raise \$50,000 to wipe out \$5 million of accessible debt in our counties and in Georgia. I'd love to answer questions and work alongside you, as members of FBC Rome, to help us toward this cooperative goal.  
John

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### ORGAN UPDATE

Approximately 450 pipes were removed by the organ builder recently as work has begun on our renovation. The pipes will be reinstalled in new chests on either side of the baptistry. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by late June.

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 25, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Harold Smith by Helen and Children.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 2, are given to the glory of God through the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

**The Sanctuary and Narthex flower calendar has several openings in May, July and September. If you are interested in placing an arrangement on a Sunday to honor or memorialize someone special, please contact Karen Garrett in the church office for available dates.**

## GIVING TO GOD

### Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,095,962.37
Support Received	\$1,109,084.52

2020-2021 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,156,490.48

seeking His heart | Being His hands

April 24 - May 7

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, April 24

Minister on Call

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

### Sunday, April 25

Covid Task Force Team Mtg., Zoom	8:30 am
Adult Teacher's Meeting, Zoom/Chapel	9:00 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (Adults), Zoom	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 (Register on FBC Website)	11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel	
Youth Girls' Small Groups, YR	5:00-7:00 pm
Youth Boys' Small Groups, YR	5:00-7:00 pm

### Monday, April 26

<b>FBC Serves Community Kitchen</b>	8:00 am
Women's Bible Study, Chapel	10:00 am

### Wednesday, April 28

<b>FBC Serves Community Kitchen</b>	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
Adult Bible Study, Zoom	6:20 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	6:45 pm

### Thursday, April 29

Women's Small Group, Zoom	5:45 pm
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### Friday, April 30

<b>FBC Serves Community Kitchen</b>	8:00 am
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### Saturday, May 1

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

### Sunday, May 2

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (Adults), Zoom	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 (Register on FBC Website)	11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel	
Youth Girls' Small Groups, YR	5:00-7:00 pm
Youth Boys' Small Groups, YR	5:00-7:00 pm

### Monday, May 3

Women's Bible Study, Chapel	10:00 am
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### Wednesday, May 5

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 Study, Zoom	6:20 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	6:45 pm

### Thursday, May 6

Women's Small Group, Zoom	5:45 pm
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### Friday, May 7

Finance Committee Mtg., Zoom	12:00 pm
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## THIS WEEK: APRIL 25

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "The Sacrificial Shepherd"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: John 10:11-18

ANTHEM: Psalm 23...Heather Sorenson

SOLO: Ashley Garner

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

### FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS (RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

APRIL 28

Ambrosia Salad

Creole Jambalaya

Dirty Rice

Fried Okra

Banana Pie

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

## NEXT WEEK: MAY 2

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Connected"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: John 15:1-8

ANTHEM: Nearer My God to Thee...  
arr. Dan Forrester

SOLO: Leeanna Allen

CELLO: Tara Suswal

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### FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS (RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

APRIL 21

Caesar Salad

Chicken Alfredo

Penne Pasta

Sautéed Vegetables

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

# THE SPIRE

## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

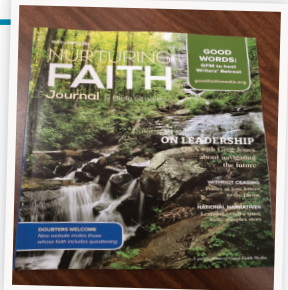
### ADULT CHOICES

#### Looking Toward Sunday, First Choice Bible Study, Wednesdays, 6:20 p.m.

The old adage, "You reap what you sow" is true as it relates to coming prepared for corporate Worship. A richness and depth is discovered that we may not have experienced otherwise. Tamara Smathers guides a conversation each Wednesday following Prayer Time reading the upcoming Sunday's Scripture. Together we explore how it speaks to us. The Zoom link is sent each week along with the weekly prayer list. You can find the weekly Scripture on the back page of the Spire under "Sunday Worship."

### NURTURING FAITH JOURNAL

Copies of May-June issue of the Nurturing Faith Journal are available for pick up from the FBC NewsBox located outside the Community Room Entrance. You may have noticed in the last issue an article by John Roebuck, son of Ann and Floyd Roebuck.



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