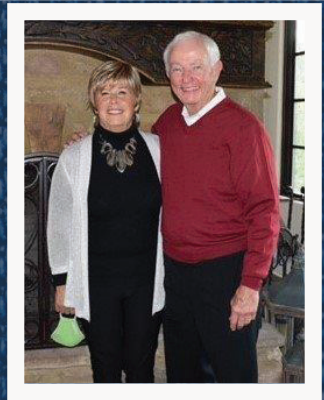
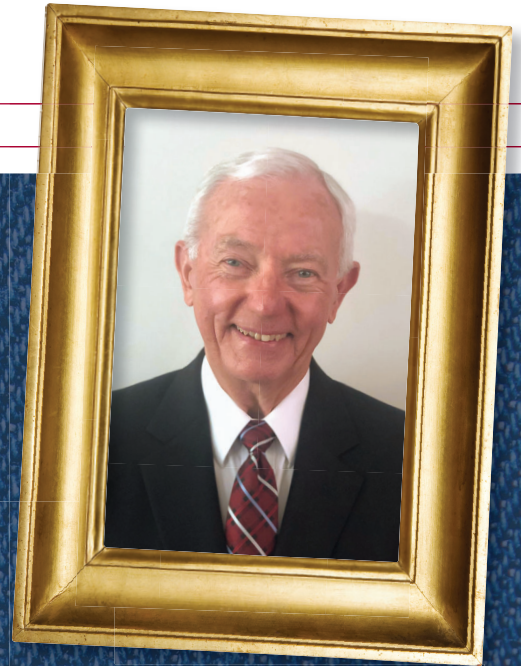


MEET OUR CANDIDATE FOR INTERIM PASTOR

DR. RON MURRAY

Dr. Ron Murray has over four decades of experience as a pastor and has served Baptist churches in Kentucky, North Carolina, Louisiana and Tennessee. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Baylor University and his Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Ethics. After retiring from the full-time pastorate in 2015, Dr. Murray has focused on supporting churches in an interim capacity. A native of Kentucky, Ron and his wife Freddie currently live in Griffin, Georgia. His interests include mission work, photography, travel and spending time with his children and grandchildren. The Personnel Committee is recommending that Dr. Murray be called to serve as Interim Pastor and looks forward to these opportunities for all members to get to know him:



Wednesday, April 7 — 6:00 p.m. Virtual Q&A via Zoom (bit.ly/RonMurray)

Passcode: 787184 Meeting ID: 852 7598 9330 We will hear from Dr. Murray and you will have an opportunity to ask him questions to learn more about him.

Sunday, April 11: Dr. Murray preaches in worship

Sign up to attend in person at <https://fbcrome.com/event/april-11-in-person-worship/>

Wednesday, April 14 — 6 p.m. Virtual church conference to vote on Dr. Murray as Interim Pastor via Zoom (bit.ly/RonMurray) Passcode: 787184 Meeting ID: 852 7598 9330

Watch for an email or letter with more details.

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

NEED A PRE-K CLASS FOR YOUR CHILD FOR 2021-2022?

We have a couple of openings in our Pre-K 4/5 class. Contact us at mwood@fbcrome.org or 706-295-1150 for a Registration Form and more information. Our Pre-K teachers, Diane Armstrong and Susan Bagwell, have early education degrees, tons of experience and taught in elementary school. They know what your child needs to learn in order to prepare for kindergarten. We would love to have your child in our preschool!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

FBC TALENT SHOW & AUCTION

A sign-up has been created for our 3rd Annual FBC Rome Talent Show & Auction, which will take place in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 16, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., followed by a snack reception on the Sanctuary front steps. The auction will open that evening and will be available all week for items to be viewed & bid on. 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 3:00-5:00 p.m. and continue Monday-Wednesday July 12-14th from 9:00-11:30 a.m. If you are able & 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



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

COVID VACCINES

As chair of the Health Committee and part of the FBC's Covid Task Force, I am writing to urge EVERYONE to get vaccinated. If you are unaware of how to make an appointment, please call the church office at (706) 291-6850 for a list of sites providing the vaccine, and the phone numbers or web sites to make an appointment. If transportation is an issue, there are individuals who have volunteered to drive you to your appointment. If you can assist with driving, please call the church office to volunteer.

In Georgia, individuals 16 years of age and over are now eligible to receive the vaccine. We need to be as diligent now as ever. There are reports of a COVID surge occurring in Michigan and expected to spread across the states.

Please do your part to protect yourself and others. As Christians we are commanded to love our neighbors as ourselves. Getting vaccinated is a major way to protect ourselves and demonstrate love for others.

The longer we delay becoming immunized, the more time the virus has to mutate and become even more deadly. Please act now in the race to prevent this while current vaccines are effective. Do your part to improve the health of our community. Call today for an appointment if you haven't already received the vaccine.

Sharon Baker

P.S. Keep that mask and hand sanitizer with you in your pocket, purse or car!

NURTURING FAITH CURRICULUM

Copies of March-April issue of Nurturing Faith are available for pick up from the FBC Newsbox located outside the Community Room Entrance.



PEW SIGNS IN WORSHIP

Signs 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 makes finding a seat for worship even easier!



REGISTERING FOR WORSHIP

Registering to attend worship has never been easier. Go to <https://fbcrome.com/register-for-in-person-worship>. We are able to seat at least 175 for worship each week. 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. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Kristen continues to provide child care/worship for children birth through fourth grade each week.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



CURBSIDE DINNER

Served Wednesdays between 4:45 and 5:45. Make your reservations (or changes to your reservations) by noon on Tuesday by contacting

Debbie Akins at 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.

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. Won't you join us as we partner to show the power of the resurrection?

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 11, are given to the glory of God by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 18, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Adrian Bowers by Gene Bowers.

The Sanctuary and Narthex flower calendar has several openings in April, 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	\$996,921.45
Support Received	\$1,046,294.37

World Vision, Meals & More and CBF World Hunger Relief	\$1,120.00
--	------------

Global Missions Offering To Date	\$40,351.00
----------------------------------	-------------

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

seeking His heart | Being His hands

April 10 - April 23

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, April 10

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, April 11

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
(Register on FBC Website) 11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel

Monday, April 12

Women's Bible Study, Chapel 10:00 am
Deacon's Meeting, Zoom:
Executive Meeting 6:00 pm
General Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 14

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/Church Conference, Zoom 6:00 pm
Adult Bible Study, Zoom 6:20 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:45 pm

Thursday, April 15

Women's Small Group, Zoom 5:45 pm

Saturday, April 17

Minister on Call John Uldrick 706.766.0430

Sunday, April 18

Adult Faith Development 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
(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 19

Women's Bible Study, Chapel 10:00 am
Women of the Church Book Group, Zoom 1:00 pm

Wednesday, April 21

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 22

Women's Small Group, Zoom 5:45 pm

THIS WEEK: APRIL 11

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "The Evidence of Your Commitment"

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-31

ANTHEM: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross...
arr. Fred Mallory

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

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS (RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

APRIL 14

Mixed Green Salad
Pan-Fried Pork Cutlets Hoisin-Katsu Sauce
Steamed Basmati Rice with Almonds
Honey-Ginger Glazed Carrots
Macadamia Cookies

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

NEXT WEEK: APRIL 18

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "How You Can Experience the Presence of
the Living Christ?"

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:13-35

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

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS (RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

APRIL 21

Mixed Green Salad
Smothered Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Broccoli Casserole
Pecan Bourbon Bar

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

APRIL 14

Virtual Church Conference

JULY 11

VBS Kick-Off Welcome Event

MAY 16

Graduate Recognition Service
3rd Annual FBC Rome Talent Show
and Auction

JULY 12-14

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 28-JULY 3

Passport Youth Camp

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

The Spire (U.S.P.S. 613-160) is published bi-weekly.
First Baptist Church of Rome
100 East 4th Ave., Rome, GA 30161-3120
Postmaster: Send address changes to The Spire
P.O. Box 1189, Rome, GA 30162

