

THE SPIRE

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Congratulations TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE IS AT 11:00 A.M. ON MAY 16



Cooper Cates – Darlington



Judson Frost – RHS



Finn Hall – RHS



Noah Hood – Armuchee



Lindsey Keith – RHS



Jenna Lawson – Model



Luke Lewis – Darlington



Sean Mullins – Model



Tate Roberts – Darlington



Brinson Sumner – Darlington

— 2021 —
COLLEGE GRADUATES
We honor you!

Anna Katherine Cates – Georgia Tech

William Douglas – Furman University

Henry Fields – Sewanee The University of the South

Molly Finnegan – Samford University

Alan Hester – UGA

Mary Katherine Mason – Georgia College

Mary Jo McCormick – Furman University

Reid Parker – SCAD College

Hannah Shaffett – Spring Hill College

Avery Smith – Auburn University

FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

The phrase “one another” occurs 100 times in the New Testament. Most of those verses are in the form of specific commands from God as He teaches us how to relate to one another. As Christians, our obedience to His commands is imperative, because it forms the basis of all true Christian community. And, it will have direct impact on our witness to the world. Jesus said, “By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:35) As members of His church, we are in relationship with Him and with one another. Together, we are His Body, the church, and we honor Him through the way that we love each other.

In some of the “one another” verses, we are commanded to: “be devoted to one another” (Romans 12:10); “overflow with love for one another” (1 Thessalonians 3:12); “forgive one another, just as in Christ God forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32); “encourage one another and build each other up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11); “carry one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2); “serve one another in love” (Galatians 5:13); “consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds” (Hebrews 10:24);

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WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

We look forward to a much more typical year at the Weekday Preschool for 2021-2022! We have limited openings available in our Toddler and Three Year Classes. Contact Melissa Wood at 706.295.1150 or mwood@fbcrome.org for information on enrollment.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

FBC TALENT SHOW & AUCTION UPDATE

Our 3rd Annual FBC Rome Talent Show will no longer be in-person, but acts will be recorded and shared virtually the week of May 16th. The Auction will open in the Dining Room on the 16th and remain open until the following Sunday, May 23rd. Online bidding will also be available.

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 & 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 in June. 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 3 teachers per class to accommodate vacations, sickness, etc.

YOUTH NEWS

PASSPORT YOUTH CAMP

JUNE 28 - JULY 3

FURMAN UNIVERSITY

Trip cost: \$300 per student

All balances due before June 15

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

YOUTH SUMMER CALENDARS

Final details are being ironed out for the summer. Look for a printed calendar mailed to your home soon!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 19th, 6:00 p.m. following Prayer Meeting
A Zoom link will be sent earlier that day.

WEAR RED MAY 23

Remember to wear red in worship on May 23 as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost literally means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter. Red, the color associated with this day, recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. Red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

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. Weekly menus are listed on the back page of the Spire as well as on the church website.

A HUGE "THANK YOU"

To our First Choice Curbside Volunteers. A faithful group came every Wednesday afternoon to package meals, manage the drive thru traffic, accept payments and be the face of First Baptist Church: Gary Barton, Allison Brooks, Bunk and Vicki Gee, Mary Rolan, Ernie Smith and Danelle Warner created a spirit of joyful hospitality. We may not have eaten at the same table, but we ate the same meal. Behind the scenes, they circled to pray God's blessings on the food and those it would strengthen.

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.

SENIOR ADULTS

The Senior Adult Committee will soon announce some ways to fellowship together and detailed plans for an extended trip in 2022. Watch for details!

FROM OUR PASTOR (continued from cover)

"submit to one another" (Ephesians 5:21); and "pray for one another" (James 5:16).

I hope that you will study the "one another" scriptures in God's Word. They will help you strengthen your relationships with your family, your friends, and other members of this wonderful church.

In Christ,

Dr. Ron Murray, Interim Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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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.

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 Narthex for Sunday, May 9, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Alice Davies and John and Etsie Johnson by the Davies Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 9, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emmelyn C. Harrison on the occasion of her birthday and Thomas I. Harrison by J. Mark Harrison and Family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hazel Hay Dowd, Doris Dellinger Dowd and Edward Dowd by their Children.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stevens, Sr. and Mr. Dewey Stevens, Jr. by Dorothy Stevens and Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

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| Ministry Support Needed | \$1,167,161.66 |
| Support Received | \$1,147,027.80 |

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| Meals & More, World Vision, and CBF World Hunger Relief | \$1,010.00 |
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2020-2021 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,156,490.48

May 8 - May 21

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, May 8

Minister on Call Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, May 9 (Mother's Day)

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
Parent/Child Dedication for The West Family

Monday, May 10

Women's Bible Study, Chapel 10:00 am
Ruble Whitworth Mission Group, Zoom 11:30 am
Deacon's Meeting, Zoom
Executive Meeting 6:00 pm
General Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 12

First Choice Curbside Meals (*Reservation Only*) 4:45-5:45 pm
Final FBC Kids Connect 6:00-7:00 pm
Final 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 13

Final Women's Small Group, Zoom 5:45 pm
Getting Ahead Team, Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 15

Minister on Call John Uldrick 706.766.0430

Sunday, May 16

Adult Faith Development Committee Mtg., Zoom 8:30 am
HS Grads/Immediate Family Breakfast 8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study (Adults), Zoom 9:45 am
Worship walk-through with graduates 10:00 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel
Senior Recognition Sunday (during Worship Service)

Monday, May 17

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

Wednesday, May 19

Final First Choice Curbside Meals (*Reservation Only*) 4:45-5:45 pm
Prayer Meeting/Church Conference, Zoom 6:00 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:45 pm

Thursday, May 20

Getting Ahead Team, Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

seeking His heart | Being His hands

THIS WEEK: MAY 9

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Love Each Other"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: John 15:9-17

SOLO: Mary Donahue

ANTHEM: Praise Him...Craig Courtney

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION FOR LANCE, AMBER AND HUDSON WEST

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

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

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

MAY 12

Mixed Green Salad/Dressings

Baked Salmon with Sauce Hollandaise

Rice Pilaf

Grilled Asparagus

Cherry Cobbler

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

NEXT WEEK: MAY 16

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "The Risen Christ is Praying for You"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: John 17:6-19

ANTHEM: Be Still and Know ...arr. Tom Fettke

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

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

FINAL FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

MAY 19

Spinach Salad

Chicken Salad

Fresh Fruit Salad

Croissants

German Chocolate Cake

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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.

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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www.fbcrome.org

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