



PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON
BEGINNING JUNE 2

FELLOWSHIP HALL
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

(MORE DETAILS INSIDE)

FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

Every morning, I create a “To Do” list. This list reminds me of what I need to accomplish during the day, and I enjoy checking each item off as it is completed. Most of us stay busy with multiple commitments, tasks and responsibilities. There never seems to be enough time to get everything done.

But there is a more important list which often gets neglected as we remain focused on our “To Do” list. That more important list is our “To Be” list. Too often, we mistakenly view the day as a success if all our “To Do” items are checked off. In measuring our value by what we do, we neglect the more important issue of who we are. After all, we are not human doings. We are human beings.

Our outer life of multiple activities can never fulfill us if we neglect our inner life of attitudes, values and perspectives. So, take some time each morning to think about who you are going to be during the day.

Then, make your list of what you intend to do. Your being must be the inspiration for your doing.

In Galatians 5:22-23, we find the list of the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. All nine “fruits” are about being, not doing. If our inner life is filled with this work of God’s Spirit, our outer, active life will be Christ-like.

Each day, I hope that you will focus on two lists: your “To Be” list and your “To Do” list. And, remember that who you are is more important than what you do.

Blessings on you as you focus daily on your being and your doing.

Grace and Peace,

CHILDREN'S CORNER

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration for Vacation Bible School this summer is OPEN! It will kick-off with a welcome event on Sunday, July 11, from 3-5 p.m. and continue Monday-Wednesday, July 12-14, 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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Our annual summer series returns to an "In Person" format. We will gather with plenty of room in the Fellowship Hall to pray for the needs of our church family and hear from one of our ministers. Lunch, prepared by Chef Greg, will be served in individual containers. \$6.00 per person. Make your reservation by noon each Tuesday by contacting Debbye Akins at dakins@fbcrome.org or calling the church office.

WEEKLY PRESENTERS INCLUDE:

June 2, Keith Reaves	June 23, John Uldrick
June 9, Kristen Pope	June 30, Gwen Stephens
June 16, Tamara Smathers	

SENIOR ADULTS

The Senior Adult Committee will meet June 2 at 1:30 p.m. and will discuss ways to fellowship together and look at detailed plans for an extended trip in 2022. Please contact Keith Reaves with any suggestions or ideas.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

A ROLLING RETURN TO BIBLE STUDY

On Sunday, June 6, many of our Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study classes will resume in-person meetings. Classes will gather throughout the building. Please pay attention to your class's emails for information about your class's decision about returning. August 15 has been designated as "Together, We Return" with a celebration of Bible Study Promotion Day. At that time, all Adult Classes will be meeting in person.

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.

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 and article by Jon Roebuck, son of Ann and Floyd Roebuck.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Alyssa Austin



Sue W. Gresham



Susan Carter

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

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 23, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Payne by Mary Louise Payne, Kevin, Chad and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 23, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edd and Bea Richards by Sharon Baker.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 30, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of his birthday by Marsha, Wright, Kristin, Jason and Jennifer Dempsey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 30, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Shirley Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

seeking His heart | *Being His* hands

May 22 - June 4

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, May 22

Minister on Call

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

Sunday, May 23

Covid Task Force Team Mtg., Zoom 8:30 am
Missions Committee Mtg., Zoom/Comm.Rm. 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-Small Group Party &
Cookout, Hood Home 5:00-8:00 p.m

Monday, May 24

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am
Committee on Committees, Conf. Rm./Zoom 5:30 pm

Wednesday, May 26

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am
Sound Booth Training, Sanctuary 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 27

Getting Ahead Team (Bridges Out of Poverty),
Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

Friday, May 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen 8:00 am

Saturday, May 29

Minister on Call

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

Sunday, May 30

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

Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day)

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, June 2

Prayers & Reflections, FH (*Reservations Only*) 12:00 pm

Thursday, June 3

Getting Ahead Team (Bridges Out of Poverty),
Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

Friday, June 4

7th Graders' Transition Event, Meet in John's Office 11:30 am

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed \$1,210,519.38
Support Received \$1,209,965.02

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

THIS WEEK: MAY 23

PENTECOST SUNDAY (WEAR RED!)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Poured Out"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21

ANTHEM: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God...
arr. Lloyd Larson

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MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

NEXT WEEK: MAY 30

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Here Am I"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 6:1-8

ANTHEM: Come to the Table ...arr. Joseph Martin

ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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JUNE 2 AT NOON IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
PRESENTER: KEITH REAVES

MINISTER ON CALL:

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

NEW GUIDELINES FOR FBC

The Centers for Disease Control recently issued new recommendations that apply to non-health care settings. The recommendation that specifically applies to worship and other meetings at First Baptist Church of Rome says that fully vaccinated people can now resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing. The CDC says people are considered fully vaccinated: 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

The following guidelines, as recommended by the CDC, will be in place for worship and other gatherings at First Baptist Church of Rome:

1. Masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated. Masks should be worn by those who are not fully vaccinated. If an attendee has a concern about non-vaccinated attendees not wearing a mask, they are encouraged to wear a mask or to worship/attend meetings virtually.
2. Following CDC guidelines, children and youth who are not fully vaccinated will continue to be required to wear masks.
3. Seating will still be on every other pew. Fully vaccinated individuals are no longer required to maintain social distance from each other.

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

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