

# THE SPIRE

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ALL ABOARD FOR THE LORD! – JULY 11-14

Sunday, July 11 (Welcome!) - 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Monday, July 12 - Wednesday, July 14 - 9:00-11:30 a.m.

There's still room for more volunteers, let Kristen know if you want to climb aboard the VBS Express. *More details inside*

## FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

As you enjoy reading God's Word each day, I encourage you to focus on the Psalms. This book has long been one of my favorites because the psalmist expresses what I often want to say to God.

There are various types of psalms, and each type provides a distinct way of structuring our prayers to our Heavenly Father. I have listed some of these types below, along with the chapter number of a few psalms which reflect that type:

**Praise** – Psalms which express genuine praise to God for His greatness (33, 100, 146-150)

**Lament** – Psalms which are prayers for God's deliverance during times of despair and trouble (6, 13, 60, 79)

**Processional** (psalms of ascent) – Psalms which recall the goodness of God as pilgrims made their way toward Jerusalem and the temple (120-134)

**Penitential** – Psalms which express sorrow for one's sins and a plea for forgiveness (32, 51)

**Wisdom** – Psalms which provide practical guidance for righteous living (1, 37, 49, 73, 119)

**Thanksgiving** – Psalms which express gratitude to God for His character and His blessings (34, 92, 95, 100, 111)

The book of Psalms helps us to understand how our deepest and strongest feelings fit into our relationship with God. In the psalms, we find a ruthless honesty that compels us to look beyond the surface of our life and deeper into our soul. And, in the psalms, we find the inspiration to pray with genuine sincerity and humility. In so doing, we experience the joy of a heart-to-heart connection with the One who created us, forgave us, redeemed us, and called us.

May you be blessed as you read the Psalms and use them in your daily prayers!

In Christ,



## WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

### LIMITED OPENINGS AVAILABLE

Think it may be time for your child to start preschool? We have limited openings available and would love to talk with you about our curriculum, learning opportunities, special days and so much more. Children have fun while they learn at FBWP! Our program serves children one year old by September 1st through 5 years old. Depending on age, they come 2, 3 or 4 days. Call us to set up a tour of the preschool and learn more. Melissa Wood, Director. 706.295.1150 or mwood@fbcrome.org

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### VBS WORK DAYS

**FINAL VBS WORKNIGHT:** Thursday, July 8th, come help us put the finishing touches on VBS! Drop-in anytime 5:00-8:00 p.m. and be a part of final preparations so that during VBS week, children can stay on track and CHOO-CHOOse Jesus! There will be something everyone can do! Please let Kristen Pope or Karen Foss know if you will attend, because we will be ordering pizza for dinner.

### VBS - ALL ABOARD FOR THE LORD!

Say some extra prayers in the coming weeks as we prepare for our Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School, where we will learn all about how Jesus' power can pull us through anything. Each day we will hear a story that teaches us how Jesus' power is even stronger than the BIGGEST steam engine, and can help us be better followers of him each and every day.

Would you like to volunteer? Please let Kristen know if you want to climb aboard the VBS Express.

### MOVIE NIGHT

On Wednesday July 28th we will meet at the theater to watch the newest Hotel Transylvania movie! Time TBD.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING

We are still searching for a team of 3 teachers to teach our kindergarten class beginning on August 15th. This is a 1-year commitment and a great way to serve our family ministry!

### MARY ROLAN'S LIFE VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.." Proverbs 3:5-6

## YOUTH NEWS

### DIVING INTO THE WORD

Tuesday, July 13th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Sumner Home  
Dinner and Bible study provided  
Bring a towel and change of clothes

### MYSTERY LUNCH

July 15th from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Bring money for lunch!

### ATLANTA BRAVES GAME

Sunday, August 1st from Noon-7:00 p.m.  
Limited tickets available - registration open now!  
\$25 + meal money

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMMISSIONING OF THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

A special time will be set aside during worship on July 18 to commission the Pastor Search Committee. Please continue to remember these people who are serving on the Committee:

Janice Davis, Chair  
John Bennett  
Frank Clements  
Jennifer Collins  
Jennie Cook

Tara Inman  
Bobby Jones  
Bobby Keith  
Mary Rolan  
Heather Shores

### MEALS & MORE

July 6, 2021 marks the restart of Meals & More! Meals are provided each Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, 202 East 3rd Avenue. FBC volunteers on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Please contact Bill Davies for more details or to volunteer.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### ORGAN UPDATE

Plans are for the organ builder to arrive back to the sanctuary the week of July 18 to begin the installation of pipes. Work should be completed by the end of the month.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### TOGETHER, WE RETURN!

Mark your calendars for our big celebration on Sunday, August 15th. Summer vacations will have come to an end. Students will have returned to school. And we will reunite for a big day of celebration. The morning will begin at 8:30 with Chef Greg's Big Breakfast Buffet, family photos, introduction of Bible Study teachers and the opportunity to find your place in Bible Study and Worship.

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

### HOLD THE DATE!

The Women's Epiphany Retreat will be held January 7-9, 2022 at the Benedictine Retreat Center in Cullman, Alabama. More information will follow about deposits, but for now, please put the date on your calendar as we return to our retreat tradition.





## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:  
Macy Lewis (left), Henry Lewis (right)

## MISSIONS

### MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF UPDATE

Because of FBCROME's generous giving, we've already met our cooperative \$50,000 goal to erase over \$5 million in long term medical debt. The four cooperating churches will raise our goal, continue to erase medical debt in our counties and stretch out to contiguous counties as we receive more support! Thank you for all the ways you have supported this effort. Anyone can still give through FBC directly or through the RIP Medical Debt link on our website.

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex on Sunday, July 4, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Nell Coffman by Karen and Peter Jordan and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, July 4, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Annette Smith by Karen and Peter Jordan and Family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, July 11, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joel and Jean Fletcher by the family of Franklin Fletcher and the family of Joellen O'Neill.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, July 11, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James M. Langley by Jimmie Langley and Family.

## GIVING TO GOD

### Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,361,746.88
Support Received	\$1,344,608.45

Meals & More, World Vision, and CBF World Hunger Relief	\$645.00
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2020-2021 Total Budget Commitments to Date    \$1,156,490.48

July 3 - July 16

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, July 3

Minister on Call

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

### Sunday, July 4 (Independence Day)

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel	

### Monday, July 5

**Church Office Closed**

### Tuesday, July 6

VBS Workday	10:00 am-4:00 pm
Budget Preparation Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm

### Thursday, July 8

VBS Worknight	5:00-8:00 pm
Getting Ahead Team (Bridges Out of Poverty), Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm

### Friday, July 9

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
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### Saturday, July 10

Minister on Call

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

### Sunday, July 11

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel	
VBS Welcome Event	3:00-5:00 pm

### Monday, July 12

Vacation Bible School	9:00-11:30 am
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### Tuesday, July 13

Vacation Bible School	9:00-11:30 am
Budget Preparation Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm
Youth Diving Into The Word, Sumner Pool	6:00-8:00 pm

### Wednesday, July 14

Vacation Bible School	9:00-11:30 am
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### Thursday, July 15

Youth Mystery Lunch	11:30 am
Getting Ahead Team (Bridges Out of Poverty), Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm

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## THIS WEEK: JULY 4

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Sent"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Mark 6:1-13

ANTHEM: Jesus Paid It All...Benjamin Harlan

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

JUNE 28-JULY 3

Passport Youth Camp

JULY 28

Children's Movie Night

JULY 11-14

Vacation Bible School

AUGUST 1

Youth Atlanta Braves Game Trip

JULY 13

Youth Diving Into the Word

AUGUST 15

Together, We Return  
(Children/Youth Promote)

JULY 15

Youth Mystery Lunch

## NEXT WEEK: JULY 11

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Chosen"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:3-14

ANTHEM: By the Gentle Waters...Cindy Berry

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MINISTER ON CALL:

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