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WELCOME BACK TO “IN-PERSON” SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY!

Children – Beginning June 6 | Youth – Beginning June 6
Adults – Most Classes beginning June 6

*Note: August 15 will be “Together, We Return” – A celebration of Bible Study Promotion Day
and ALL Adult Classes will begin meeting in person.*

FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

All of us are encouraged by the gradual opening of our country after a long period of Covid-induced closure and quarantine. We have all grown weary of masks, social distancing, and the deep-seated fear of a dangerous virus. Life is not yet back to normal, but we are making progress toward that end.

God has created us for community, not for isolation. We yearn for a time when we will be able to shake hands and hug and sit close together. We are relational beings, and we need each other as we live out our daily discipleship. Faith is a community project which grows as God's grace flows within and among His people.

Cherish your relationships in the church. Celebrate one another and find creative ways to connect as you share life and joy together. Express your love for other church members through a note, an email, or a phone call.

God has a holy purpose for each of you through His church. He loves to work through you as you commit to His will and join with fellow church members as you accomplish it together. You are a vital part of the Body of Christ. His mission for the church is exciting and expansive, and it will require joint effort for its accomplishment.

An old Zambian proverb says, “When you run alone, you run fast. But, when you run together, you run far.”

I am thankful that we can all serve the Lord together through His church. It is a joy to partner with you.

Grace and Peace,



CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Look out for the schedule of summer events for FBC Family Ministry on social media and in your mailbox as a postcard. Wonderful Wednesdays are every week in June & you don't want to miss out!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Register for Rocky Railway VBS July 11-14th on the church website today, ages 3-finished 4th grade. Let Kristen know if you or your youth-aged child want to help out.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In-person Sunday School is back in full swing! Please remember that since children are not yet able to be vaccinated, masks are still required for them. We can't wait to see you every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.!

JANIE PEACOCK'S LIFE VERSE

"The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalm 27:1

YOUTH NEWS



FBC ROME STUDENTS

THE SCOOP

SUMMER 2021
CALENDARS AVAILABLE NOW!

SUMMER SCHEDULE RISING 7TH GRADE EVENT

Friday, June 4th from 6:00-10:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Rising 8th and 9th graders join the fun for dinner at 7:00 p.m.!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID GUIDELINES FOR WORSHIP AT FBC

The Centers for Disease Control has issued 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 following guidelines, as recommended by the CDC, are 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.
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.

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

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 9 – Kristen Pope
- June 16 – Tamara Smathers
- June 23 – John Uldrick
- June 30 – Gwen Stephens

LAKE DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH

\$15 per student pays for fun and food

Grab lunch, meet in the Community Room Parking Lot at 1:15 p.m.

We will return to FBC by approximately 9:00 p.m.

MYSTERY LUNCH

JUNE 10TH FROM 11:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

Bring money for lunch!

DIVING INTO THE WORD

TUESDAY, JUNE 15TH FROM 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Dinner and Bible study provided

Bring a towel and change of clothes to swim



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MISSIONS

MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF UPDATE

Because of FBC ROME'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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

A ROLLING RETURN TO BIBLE STUDY

On Sunday, June 6, most of our Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study classes will resume in-person meetings. Classes will gather throughout the building. Please pay attention to your classes 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.

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.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, June 6, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Bosworth by George and Bess Bosworth.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, June 6, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Bosworth and Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Ransom by George and Bess Bosworth.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, June 13, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane and Hobart Hortman by their Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, June 13, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Richard Gray by Edith Gray and Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,253,877.08
Support Received	\$1,259,351.46

Meals & More, World Vision, and CBF World Hunger Relief	\$790.00
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2020-2021 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,159,490.48
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June 5 - June 18

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, June 5

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

Sunday, June 6

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Baptism of Anne Walker Ellington & Alyssa Austin	
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel	
Youth Summer Kick-Off - Lake Day	1:15-9:00 pm

Monday, June 7

Committee on Committees, Conf. Rm./Zoom	5:30 pm
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Wednesday, June 9

Prayers & Reflections, FH (<i>Reservations Only</i>)	12:00 pm
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Thursday, June 10

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

Friday, June 11

Finance Committee Mtg.	12:00 pm
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Saturday, June 12

Minister on Call	Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141
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Sunday, June 13

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, June 14

Committee on Committees, Conf. Rm./Zoom	5:30 pm
Deacon's Meeting, Zoom	
Executive Meeting	6:00 pm
General Meeting	6:30 pm

Tuesday, June 15

Youth - Diving into The Word	6:00-8:00 pm
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Wednesday, June 16

Prayers & Reflections, FH (<i>Reservations Only</i>)	12:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	5:15 pm

Thursday, June 17

Getting Ahead Team (Bridges Out of Poverty), Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
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seeking His heart | Being His hands

THIS WEEK: JUNE 6

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "His Light for Our Darkness"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

ANTHEM: A Vision of You...arr. Cindy Berry

BAPTISM OF ANNE WALKER ELLINGTON AND

ALYSSA AUSTIN

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

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

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

**JUNE 9 AT NOON IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

PRESENTER: KRISTEN POPE

MENU:

Quiche Lorraine

Fresh Fruit Salad / Spinach Salad

Blueberry Muffins

Key Lime Pie

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

NEXT WEEK: JUNE 13

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Amazing Growth"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Mark 4:26-34

ANTHEM: Hymn of Promise ...Natalie Sleeth

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PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAY)

**JUNE 16 AT NOON IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

PRESENTER: TAMARA SMATHERS

MENU:

BLT Club Sandwiches

Pickle / Chips

Potato Salad

Brownies

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

JUNE 4

Rising 7th Grade Event

JULY 11

VBS Kick-Off Welcome Event

JUNE 6

In-Person Bible Study for Children,
Youth, and Many Adult Classes
Youth Lake Day

JULY 12-14

Vacation Bible School

AUGUST 15

"Together, We Return"

JUNE 28-JULY 3

Passport Youth Camp

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www.fbcrome.org

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