

THE SPIRE

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TOGETHER, WE RETURN

BIBLE STUDY PROMOTION DAY

(PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN & YOUTH)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

8:30 A.M. – Breakfast Buffet in the Fellowship Hall

Family photos will be made in the Dining Room/Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study Teachers will be introduced, and it's a perfect opportunity to find your place in Bible Study and Worship.

9:45 A.M. – Bible Study for all Ages

11:00 A.M. – Worship in the Sanctuary

FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

PAUL'S PRISON EPISTLES

Of the thirteen letters of Paul in the New Testament, four of them were written from prison in Rome around 60 A.D. His letters from prison are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.

In Ephesians, he wrote to encourage the believers at Ephesus to walk in accordance with their calling as followers of Christ. This letter combines theological insight about the Christian life (chapters 1-3), and ethical instruction about the way Christians should behave (chapters 4-6).

In Philippians, Paul writes to the believers at Philippi, encouraging them to find peace in their present circumstances and to rejoice because of their shared faith in Christ.

In Colossians, Paul warns the believers at Colossae about the false teaching and heresy that had taken root there. So, in his letter, he refuted this heresy and encouraged the believers to continue in their faith grounded in Christ alone.

In his brief letter to Philemon, Paul asks him to forgive his slave Onesimus for stealing from his master, and escaped to Rome where he sought refuge with Paul and became a Christian. Paul encouraged Onesimus to return to his master with a letter urging Philemon to forgive Onesimus and welcome him back as a brother in Christ.

God inspired Paul to write these four letters from prison which proved to be such a powerful blessing to believers in the first century and ever since then. Paul did not focus on his imprisonment or his impending death at the hands of his Roman captors. He chose to focus on others and to help them in their walk with Christ.

What a powerful lesson his example is to us! I encourage you to read these prison letters and allow God to speak to you through their powerful truth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely of the interim pastor, written in a cursive style.

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WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

THREE YEAR CLASS – SPACE AVAILABLE

It's not too late to register! We have spaces available in our Three Year Class. Children may attend three or four days per week. Contact us at 706.295.1150 or mwood@fbcrome.org for more information.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

JAVA JOY & PRAYER WALK

Meet in the church courtyard Saturday morning August 14th, and bring your backpacks! We will have a backpack blessing and Java Joy will serve drinks & breakfast goodies. Afterwards families will be invited to go on a prayer walk around the church neighborhood.

TOGETHER WE RETURN ON PROMOTION SUNDAY!

Make sure to join us on Sunday, August 15th; we will have a kick-off breakfast, photo booth, and kids will move up to their next Sunday School class if applicable.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Resume on August 18th, and we can't wait to see you there!

ROME BRAVES GAME

We will cheer on the Braves on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. on August 22nd. Look out for a way to reserve your tickets!

YOUTH NEWS

ATLANTA BRAVES GAME

Sunday, August 1st from Noon-7:00 p.m.

Limited tickets available - registration open now!

\$25 + meal money

FALL SCHEDULE FOR STUDENTS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

August 15th - Promotion Sunday

August 18th - Wednesday nights begin again

Small group plans will be announced SOON!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON ORDINATION

The Deacon Ordination service will be Sunday, August 8, at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a time to ordain our new deacon and for returning deacons to recommit to their service to the church. You are invited to be a part of this special time. We will have a regular Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. that morning.

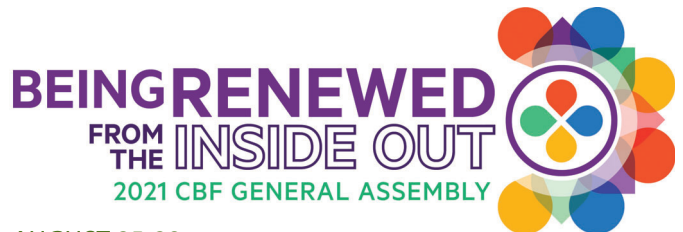
TOGETHER, WE RETURN! BIBLE STUDY PROMOTION DAY | SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Mark your calendars as we reunite for a big day of celebration in Bible Study. Invite friends to join you for this festive day.

8:30-9:30 Chef Greg's Big Breakfast Buffet and Family Photos in the Dining Room and Fellowship Hall. Some tables will be in the Courtyard for those who prefer an outdoor setting.

9:45 Find your Place in Bible Study. Classes are available for all age groups!

11:00 Worship



AUGUST 25-28

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is our "Baptist Family" and gathers annually for what might be called a family reunion. Amid pandemics on a global scale and in our nation, in the midst of exhaustion and uncertainty, and preparing to face new seasons in our congregations and in our mission – there's hope found in Christ Jesus. At the CBF General Assembly, we'll worship and learn together, equipping each other as we go, in service to our calling and to the One who truly calls us, equips us and is the source of the renewal we seek. This year's assembly offers virtual and in-person options. Visit www.cbf.net/general-assembly to register.

SENIOR ADULTS

COLORADO ROCKIES TRIP REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration has begun for our trip next June and the trip is about 2/3 full. You can get a link to register from Keith Reaves or a brochure is available in the church office.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Our first luncheon since the beginning of the pandemic will be Tuesday, August 24, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10 per person. Please make reservations in the office by Friday, August 20. The theme is "School Days." If possible, please bring a photo of yourself from elementary or high school days to the office or email to Keith Reaves by Wednesday, August 18.



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Frances Cole

MUSIC MINISTRY

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME

There's room in the loft for you! The Sanctuary Choir will resume regular rehearsals with a potluck dinner August 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A brief rehearsal, (including some of our new Christmas music!) will follow. Guests are welcomed as we continue to get back to "normal." Remember, following the CDC guidelines, those who are not fully vaccinated are asked to wear a mask for rehearsals and worship.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 1, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bill and Glenda Carroll by Lisa Landry.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 1, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doc and Elizabeth Hicks and Dock and Evelyn Alexander by Danny and Ginger Alexander.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 8, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sam and Ruth Talley by Jim, Jennifer, Jack and Sam Talley.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday August 8, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Stanley Self and Bill Self by Patricia Self and Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,485,526.15
Support Received	\$1,502,982.72

Meals & More, World Vision, and CBF World Hunger Relief	\$665.00
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Children's VBS Offering Designated for Restoration Rome Ministry	\$1,259.70
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2020-2021 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,159,490.48
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July 31 - August 13

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, July 31

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

Sunday, August 1

Covid Task Force Mtg., Conf. Rm.	8:30 am
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	
Youth-End of Summer Braves Game	12:00-7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 3

Pastor Search Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm
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Thursday, August 5

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

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
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Saturday, August 7

Minister on Call

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

Sunday, August 8

Deacon Ordination, Sanctuary	8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Ordinance of the Lord's Supper	
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel	
Stewardship Committee Mtg., DR	4:30 pm

Monday, August 9

Deacon's Meeting:	
Executive Meeting	6:00 pm
General Meeting	6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 10

Pastor Search Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm
Three Rivers Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 11

Sanctuary Choir Dinner & Rehearsal, FH	5:30 pm
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Thursday, August 12

Getting Ahead Team (Bridges Out of Poverty), Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
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THIS WEEK: AUGUST 1

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Unity"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:1-16

ANTHEM: By Our Love...Christy Nockels

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

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

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NEXT WEEK: AUGUST 8

DEACON ORDINATION, 8:30 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SERMON: "Living Bread"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: John 6:35, 41-51

ANTHEM: Let Us Break Bread Together...
Benjamin Harlan

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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. Please note: the Benedictine Retreat Center requires all guests to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (exceptions are made on a case-by-case basis).

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

AUGUST 1

Youth Atlanta Braves Game Trip

AUGUST 8

Deacon Ordination

AUGUST 14

Children & Families-
Java Joy & Prayer Walk

AUGUST 15

Together, We Return
(Children/Youth Promote)

AUGUST 24

Senior Adult Luncheon

AUGUST 25-28

CBF General Assembly

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www.fbcrome.org

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