

THE SPIRE

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ROOTS

LOOKING BELOW THE SURFACE TO DISCOVER OUR SPIRITUAL ROOTS

Who we are as Christians, as Baptist Christians, as First Baptist Christians. Wednesdays 6:15 p.m. Tamara Smathers will be joined by others along the way as we rediscover the roots from which our faith grows. This seminar will be offered virtually through Zoom.

FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

THE MINOR PROPHETS

An important part of your Bible is a section of 12 books often referred to as the Minor Prophets (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi). The term, “minor”, doesn’t indicate the unimportance of these books, but merely refers to the relative brevity of the writings when compared to the writings of the Major Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel). For example, the total number of chapters in the four major prophecies is 178, while the total number of chapters in the twelve minor prophecies is 67.

Though most people read the minor prophets less than other parts of their Bible, these small books contain significant messages which are by no means “minor”. They were written between the years 930-430 B.C., either before, during, or after the Babylonian exile (586-538 B.C.). Basically, the mission of the Minor Prophets focused on three important purposes: To encourage disobedient people to repent from sin; to encourage wayward people to return to God, and to en-

courage the people to remember that God and His people will ultimately triumph.

I encourage you to read the minor prophets, because God will reveal Himself to you in powerful ways. In each book, you will discover a verse or a group of verses which will inspire and challenge you to grow in your faith.

For example, Habakkuk gives you powerful, relevant counsel for your struggles. When nothing seems to be going well for you, those are the moments when you need to “rejoice in the Lord and be joyful in God your Savior”. (3:17-18) In doing so, you will find that “the Sovereign Lord is your strength” (3:19).

May God inspire you with major impact from the Minor Prophets!



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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children's Worship is now offered for children 4 years old-3rd grade. The last Sunday of every month is Family Worship, when children will stay through the entire service with their families. The Worship Helps Cart is right inside the sanctuary on the piano side. I encourage you to utilize those materials.

STAY INVOLVED

Since Wednesday Night activities are postponed for the time being, please look out for information through email and our social media on ways to stay involved throughout the week. It is essential to engage with our faith whether we are inside or outside the church building.



YOUTH NEWS

FALL KICKOFF EVENT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH | 5:00-7:00 P.M.

WILL & CHANDLER BAGBY'S HOME

Youth Families - make plans to attend this night of FUN and information sharing about our upcoming year.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE DINNER!

WEDNESDAYS, 4:45-5:45 P.M.

Even though we are unable to sit around tables in the Fellowship Hall, we ARE able to enjoy the yummy mid-week meals prepared by Chef Greg. **Each meal bag includes two adult servings** of Salad, Entrée, and dessert and packaged in microwaveable containers. Total cost is \$15.00.

Follow these easy steps:

1. Make a reservation each week (by noon on Tuesday) or request a "standing reservation" by calling the church office or emailing Debbye Akins dakins@fbcrome.org. Please specify the number of bags you're ordering... **1 bag=2 adult servings.**
A "Standing Order" may simplify your life!
2. Enter the Community Room Parking Lot following the drive thru directional signs.
3. A volunteer will receive your payment (cash, check or Square) and place your packaged meal in your car.
4. Return home to enjoy your meal, and then to join the virtual option for Prayer Time at 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES POSTPONED

Because of the rapidly escalating number of COVID-19 cases in Floyd County and out of an abundance of caution, First Baptist Church of Rome is postponing the start of Wednesday night activities until at least September 8. Curbside Meals will go on as scheduled and Wednesday Prayer Meeting will be available through Zoom each week beginning at 6 p.m. A Zoom link, along with the week's prayer list is emailed on Wednesday afternoons.

Sunday morning Bible Study and Worship will go on as scheduled. The Sanctuary Choir will rehearse at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays in the Choir Room.

We continue to carefully monitor the health concerns of our community and will make additional adjustments as needed. Please contact any minister for more information or with questions.

HAITI RELIEF

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is requesting gifts for a response effort following a 7.2-magnitude earthquake in Haiti which killed more than 2,000 people on Saturday, August 14. A tropical storm system also affected the country with flash flooding and mudslides.

Funds are essential for the immediate needs of water filtration, food and shelter for those who have survived this disaster, as well as for the long-term rebuilding of communities and livelihoods. Please give generously to CBF's Haiti response efforts by writing a check to FBC Rome and mark Haiti Relief or www.cbf.net/haiti.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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SENIOR ADULTS

HAMILTON AT THE FOX

Three tickets have come available for our trip to the Fox to see the hit musical "Hamilton" on September 9. Price is \$150 per person for transportation and ticket. Please see Keith Reaves for more information.

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).

ED BOLTON'S LIFE VERSE

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not
grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 29, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Karen Foss on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Harry Foss.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 29, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 5, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cornelia Milford and in honor of Miller Milford on the occasion of their wedding anniversary and in honor of Bob Harris on the occasion of his birthday by Beverly Harris and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 5, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Gaynelle Grizzard on the occasion of her birthday by Jim and Linda Owens.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,582,871.23
Support Received	\$1,589,270.94
Disaster Response - Haiti	\$1,490.00
Medical Personnel Meals	\$40.00
2020-2021 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,159,490.48

seeking His heart | Being His hands

August 28 - September 10

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, August 28

Minister on Call

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

Sunday, August 29

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	
Stewardship Committee Mtg., DR	4:30 pm
Youth/Family Fall Kick-off,	
The Tripp Bagby Home	5:00-7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 31

Pastor Search Cmt. Mtg.,	
3rd Flr. Education Bldg., Rm. 302	5:30 pm

Wednesday, September 1

First Choice Curbside Meals (<i>Reservation Only</i>)	4:45-5:45 pm
Prayer Meeting/Adult Seminar (Zoom)	6:00 pm

Saturday, September 4

Minister on Call	Keith Reaves 706.292.9620
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Sunday, September 5

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, September 6 (Labor Day)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

Pastor Search Cmt. Mtg.,	
3rd Flr. Education Bldg., Rm. 302	5:30 pm

Wednesday, September 8

First Choice Curbside Meals (<i>Reservation Only</i>)	4:45-5:45 pm
Prayer Meeting/Adult Seminar (Zoom)	6:00 pm

Tentative:

Churns Bible Study Resumes, 3rd Flr., Rm. 302	5:30 pm
Youth Wednesday's Connection	6:00 pm
FBC Kids Connect (Choirs/Bible Study)	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	6:45 pm

Thursday, September 9

"Hamilton" at the Fox, depart FBC	4:00 pm
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Friday, September 10

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
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THIS WEEK: AUGUST 29

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Cardiac Care"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

ANTHEM: Lord of My Life...Lanny Allen

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

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS
(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAYS)

SEPTEMBER 1

Spinach Salad

Baked Chicken with Rosemary

Roasted Quartered New Potatoes

Glazed Carrots

French Silk Pie

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 5

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Favoritism is Not Allowed"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: James 2:1-10, 14-17

ANTHEM: I Have Felt the Hand of God...
arr. Craig Courtney

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FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS
(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAYS)

SEPTEMBER 8

Baked Salmon with Lemon Butter

Rice Pilaf

Roasted Asparagus

Key Lime Pie

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

THE SPIRE

COVID POLICY

DEACONS APPROVE COVID POLICY

On August 9 the deacons approved the following guidelines:

- Masks are strongly recommended for people who enter the church building, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks are required for children ages 5 through 11 and for anyone working with children younger than 12 years old.

Copies of the complete policy have been sent to church members and are available on the website and in locations around the church.

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

AUGUST 29

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Youth/Families Fall Kick-Off

SEPTEMBER 9

"Hamilton" at the Fox

SEPTEMBER 11

Deacon Retreat

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

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