



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE PRESENTS: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL LISTENING SESSION

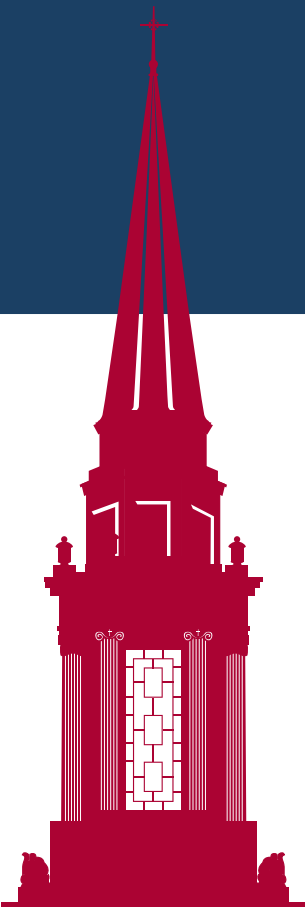
Sunday morning,  
September 12, 2021  
8:30 - 10:30 a.m., FH

Zoom Option for First Congregational Listening Session  
Monday evening, September 13, 2021  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### LISTENING SESSIONS

The First Baptist Church Pastor Search Committee will conduct the first congregational listening session Sunday morning, September 12, at 8:30 a.m. Dr. David Hull from the Center for Healthy Churches will facilitate this meeting. At this meeting, we will discuss where we are as a church, where we want to go as a church and give members the opportunity to talk and share their dreams for our church. A Zoom option of this meeting will be held Monday night, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. and will also be led by Dr. David Hull. An email with the Zoom link will be

sent. Please plan to attend one of these meetings. If you plan to attend the Sunday morning session, please email Melinda by Thursday, September 9, to let her know you'll be attending. [mduke@fbcrome.org](mailto:mduke@fbcrome.org). The information we gather from this meeting will be used at our Second Congregational Listening Session to be held Tuesday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m. (in person) with a Zoom option Wednesday, October 20 at 6:00. At this meeting, we will determine our new pastor profile based on the information gathered from the First Congregational Listening Session.



## FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

### THE BEATITUDES

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is found in Matthew chapters 5-7. He begins the sermon with an illustration and concludes with one (the parable of the wise and foolish builders, 7:24-27).

Speaking to a large crowd outdoors, perhaps on a hillside near the north shore of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus used an opening illustration which we call, The Beatitudes. This eight-part introduction to His sermon assures you that if you apply all of them to your life, you will be blessed.

The word, "Blessed", opens each of the eight beatitudes (Matthew 5:3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-11) and that word refers to the ultimate well-being and distinctive spiritual joy of those who share in the salvation which God offers us through His Son. Together, the beatitudes represent a spiritual path for you to follow, a path which is both demanding and inspiring. If you live by them, you will experience an abundance of spiritual blessings and rewards.

Perhaps you can better apply the Beatitudes to your Christian life by calling them "The Be-Attitudes", because all eight focus on your attitudes, your inner self. They are meant to be internalized, deep in your soul, which is the source of your values and your identity as a follower of Christ. Jesus knows that if your inner self is Christ-like, your outer self will be Christ-like through your words and your behavior.

I encourage you to read each of the Beatitudes thoughtfully and prayerfully. Allow them to give shape to your spiritual identity by resolving to apply them more fully to who you are and who you want to be.

Jesus opened His sermon with the Beatitudes because He knew how important they are for every believer. If you will live by them, you truly will be "Blessed".

In Christ,



## WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

### LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

We are having loads of fun at preschool this year! Want your child to join us? Limited spaces available. Call to hear how we are using precautionary measures to keep the preschool safe and healthy for your child. Contact Melissa Wood at 706.295.1150 or mwood@fbcrome.org



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Although regular indoor Wednesday night programming continues to be postponed for the time being, look out for a calendar of fun alternative Wednesday night gatherings! Activities will vary between family-style, age-graded, grab & go, and more. We can't wait to find creative ways to thrive & grow in our faith together.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WORSHIP BOXES

Children's Worship is offered every Sunday for children 4 years-3rd grade, except for the last Sunday of every month, which is Family Worship Day and children remain in worship. Please utilize the worship boxes, books & bibles on the worship cart, but be sure not to take any of it home so it is there for our friends next week.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you are in town, be here at church on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. for Bible Study! Sunday School teachers have lovingly prepared lessons to help your children on their journey to know Jesus.

## YOUTH NEWS

### TAILGATE & CELEBRATE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 7:00 P.M.

#### ULDRICK HOME

Food, games, and football on BIG SCREENS  
\$5 for dinner. Bring a friend and join us!

### THE EDGE MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH FROM 7:30 - 9:00 P.M.

#### SKLAR HOME

### PARENT SURVEY

Have you filled out the parent survey for your family? It's available on our website, [www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org).

### FIFTH QUARTER – GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH - 10:30 UNTIL MIDNIGHT

Games, games, games

### ONLINE DEVOTION OPTION - [WWW.D365.ORG](http://WWW.D365.ORG)

Did you know about d365.org - an online devo produced by Passport? This website is a great resource for you or your teenager's daily devotional life!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT THE CLOSE OF WORSHIP

This brief meeting is called to vote on the 2021-2022 Church Budget

### 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 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](mailto:dakins@fbcrome.org). Please specify the number of bags you're ordering... **1 bag=2 adult servings**.
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 15. Curbside Meals and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal will go on as scheduled and Wednesday Prayer Meeting will be available through Zoom each week beginning at 6:00 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. 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.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEMINAR

**ROOTS:** Who we are as Christians, as Baptist Christians, as First Baptist Christians. Wednesdays 6:15 p.m. (following Prayer Meeting at 6:00 p.m.). Tamara Smathers will be joined by others along the way as we rediscover the roots from which our faith grows. Prayer Meeting and Seminar will be offered virtually through Zoom. A Zoom link along with the week's prayer list is emailed on Wednesday afternoons.

**CHURNS BIBLE STUDY:** The women's small group, known as The Churns, are meeting on Wednesday evenings at 5:15 -6:15 p.m. on the third floor in the Builders' Classroom (Rm. 302). Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Heather Shores or Gwen Stephens. The group is discussing Lysa TerKeurst's book, *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*.

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## MISSIONS

### BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY UPDATE

The current Getting Ahead Cohort are all employed, all have homes of their own, and one has gotten a drivers license along with veteran benefits reinstated. The Getting Ahead program is quietly doing great work with investigators in our community.

**COVID RELIEF FUNDS** (direct impact to families still behind because of loss of employment or sickness related to COVID)

FBC Missions committee voted to give \$100,000 worth of relief funds to the following agencies:

- \$25,000 to Good Neighbor for assistance with bills - immediate need and no cap on assistance amounts
- \$25,000 to Good Neighbor for assistance with housing - immediate need and no cap on assistance amounts
- \$25,000 to South Rome Alliance Early Learning Center - Support for children/preschoolers in a high needs area of town

### MEALS FOR HOSPITAL WORKERS

When a hospital Chaplain's Office wrote describing the exhaustion experienced by hospital staff due to the COVID pandemic, we sought ways to offer encouragement. In addition to prayers and written notes, we found that some workers struggle to leave the hospital for meals. Floyd Medical Center has already receive over 300 individually packaged meals delivered on behalf of our church. Redmond Regional Medical Center suggested that packaged snack items would be most helpful to their staff. So along with notes of encouragement their breakrooms are stocked with power bars and energy drinks. Thanks to the generosity of many who are making this possible.

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 12, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Julia Quigg Dodd on the occasion of her birthday by Gus and Judy Bell.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 12, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William L. Morris on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Betty Zane Morris.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 19, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Mary Morris by Mary Ruth Sikes and Priscilla Barnett.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 19, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Claborn and Ann Bradfield on the occasion of their 63rd wedding anniversary on September 27, by their family.

## GIVING TO GOD

### Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,642,479.32
Support Received	\$1,646,415.01
World Vision, Meals & More, World Hunger Relief	\$2,080.50
Disaster Response - Haiti	\$3,685.00
Medical Personnel Meals	\$3,555.50
2020-2021 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,159,490.48

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September 11 - September 24

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, September 11

Minister on Call	Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141
Deacon Retreat	9:00 am
Youth - Tailgate & Celebrate, Uldrick Home	7:00 pm

### Sunday, September 12

Pastor Search Cmt.- Listening Session	8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Called Church Conference (at close of Worship)	
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel	
Youth - Small Groups Kick-Off (off campus)	

### Monday, September 13

Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group, Zoom	11:00 am
Listening Session with Dr. David Hull (Zoom)	6:30 pm

### Tuesday, September 14

Pastor Search Cmt. Mtg., 3rd Flr., Rm. 302	5:30 pm
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### Wednesday, September 15

First Choice Curbside Meals ( <i>Reservation Only</i> )	4:45-5:45 pm
Churns Bible Study, 3rd Flr., Rm. 302	5:15 pm
Prayer Meeting/Adult Seminar (Zoom)	6:00 pm
Youth Wednesday's Connection	6:00 pm
FBC Kids Connect (Choirs/Bible Study)	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	6:45 pm

### Saturday, September 18

Minister on Call	John Uldrick 706.766.0430
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### Sunday, September 19

Adult Faith Formation Cmt. 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 Small Groups, Off-Campus	5:00 pm

### Monday, September 20

Women of the Church Book Group, DR	1:00 pm
The Edge, Sklar Home	7:30 pm

### Tuesday, September 21

Pastor Search Cmt. Mtg., 3rd Flr., Rm. 302	5:30 pm
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### Wednesday, September 22

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	8:30 am
First Choice Curbside Meals ( <i>Reservation Only</i> )	4:45-5:45 pm
Churns Bible Study, 3rd Flr., Rm. 302	5:15 pm
Youth Wednesday's Connection	6:00 pm
FBC Kids Connect (Choirs/Bible Study)	6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting/Adult Seminar (Chapel/Zoom)	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	6:45 pm

### Thursday, September 23

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	8:30 am
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### Friday, September 24

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	8:30 am
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## THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 12

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Deny, Take Up, Follow"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:27-38

ANTHEM: Come Follow Me...arr. Joseph Martin

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

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

### FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAYS)

#### SEPTEMBER 15

Mixed Green Salad

Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Buttered Beans

Key Lime Pie

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

## NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 19

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Last and Least"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:30-37

ANTHEM: How Firm a Foundation...

arr. Len Willingham

Lord of the Small...Dan Forrest

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### FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAYS)

#### SEPTEMBER 22

Ambrosia Salad

Quiche Lorraine

Blueberry Muffin

Hash Brown Patty

Banana Pie

MINISTER ON CALL:

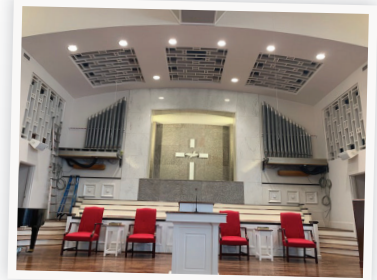
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# THE SPIRE

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### ORGAN RENOVATION UPDATE

We are beginning to see some progress! The organ builders have begun moving 450 pipes to specially-built cases on either side of the baptistery. Cabinetry is being built that will surround the cases soon. The drivers that will actually help the pipes to play are still being manufactured (delayed by COVID) and it may be another month or two before the pipes are fully functional. The project is contracted for \$60,000, all of which has been donated by generous church members, so none of the project has had to come from the church budget! The photo shows the progress made as of September 1.



HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY TO  
GINNY COOLEY!



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