



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY A NEW START

MONDAYS BEGINNING OCTOBER 4TH  
10:00 A.M. IN THE DINING ROOM

LED BY TAMARA TILLMAN SMATHERS

This is a wonderful time to invite FRIENDS from  
the community to join in Bible Study!

### FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

#### THE GIFT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS – PSALM 32

Do you sometimes feel that your prayers do not connect with the heart of God? Do you need help expressing what you want to say to Him in prayer? Most of us have that need, especially regarding our prayers for the forgiveness of our sins.

When you want to confess your sins to God and experience His forgiveness and His guidance, Psalm 32 is a great resource for you. This Psalm is in two sections: verses 1-5, which focuses upon your confession of your sins and God's forgiveness of them, and verses 6-11, which assures you that God is ready to instruct, teach, counsel, and guide you as His forgiven child.

Confession is a deeply relational practice, in that sin is a break in relationships – with God and with one another. Confession is an admission that we have broken the sacred trust that binds us to one

another, and it is the beginning of the process of healing, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

In verses 3-5, the Psalmist tells of the heavy burden of his sins, and of the relief which he experienced as he confessed them to the Lord. Then, in verses 6-9, he welcomes the protection and guidance of the Lord who is ready to lead him in a better path than he had travelled before. And, in verse 10, he rejoices in the unfailing love which God gives to all who trust in Him.

With a repentant heart, pray through Psalm 32, and feel the joy of a restored relationship with God, and all whom you have sinned against.

Praise God for His forgiveness, His guidance, and His grace!

In Him,

## 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](mailto:mwood@fbcrome.org).



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### FALL FAMILY PICNIC

Mark your calendars for a Family Picnic & Fall Festival at Morrison Campground, on October 24th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

### FAITHFUL FAMILY CHATS

Monday, October 4th, will kick-off our Faithful Family Chats series. Each Monday there will be a resource released that will have 4 parts: a Bible character, story, faith concept & verse for your family to focus on together. This will require that you find 5-10 minutes each week to have an intentional time of faith talks as a family. This will be a 2 year rotation that will help you navigate talking about faith as a family on a consistent basis.

### FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Nights & Sunday mornings are back in swing. Our prayer is that you will make time to be present for these important times of faith formation & fellowship.

## YOUTH NEWS

### FIFTH QUARTER – GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH - 10:30 UNTIL MIDNIGHT

Games, games, games

### WEST VIRGINIA SKI TRIP

DECEMBER 27-30

\$400 Per Participant

\$100 Deposit due by September 30

### HUNTSVILLE - WINTER RETREAT

JANUARY 14-16, 2022

\$125 Per Participant

\$50 Deposit due by December 1

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP PREVIEW

One of the "Together, We Worship" initiatives was to provide a worship preview each week. On Thursday, Keith Reaves emails an order of worship along with some things to look for and to help you prepare for Sunday's service. More than 100 people are receiving this each week. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Keith.



### 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.**  
**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 NIGHT SEMINAR 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. (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.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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## MISSIONS

### 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 Salvation Army for assistance with bills or 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

### BECKY MCCORD'S LIFE VERSE

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:4-7

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 26, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Millie Lockley on the occasion of her birthday by David Strain.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 26, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Quinette Harbin by Buford Harbin and Family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 3, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Milton Tippin, Jr., Jennette Todd Tippin and Todd Tippin by Jenny and Joe Walter.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 3, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernest, Doris and John Rudert by the Edward Rudert Family and the Bob Rudert Family.

## GIVING TO GOD

### Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,713,023.02
Support Received	\$1,690,672.56
Disaster Response - Haiti	\$5,470.00
Disaster Response - Hurricane Ida	\$300.00
Medical Personnel Meals	\$6,479.50
2020-2021 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,159,490.48

seeking His heart | Being His hands

September 25 - October 8

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, September 25

Minister on Call

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

### Sunday, September 26

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	

### Tuesday, September 28

Pastor Search Cmt. Mtg., 3rd Flr., Rm. 302	5:30 pm
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### Wednesday, September 29

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
Prayer Meeting/Adult Seminar (Zoom)	6:00 pm
Youth Wednesday's Connection	6:00 pm
FBC Kids Connect	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	6:30 pm

### Thursday, September 30

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	8:30 am
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### Friday, October 1

FBC Serves Community Kitchen	8:30 am
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### Saturday, October 2

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

### Sunday, October 3

Extended Family Ministry Team Mtg., DR	8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 (Baptism)	11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel	

### Monday, October 4

Women's Bible Study Resumes, DR	10:00 am
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### Tuesday, October 5

Pastor Search Cmt. Mtg., 3rd Flr., Rm. 302	5:30 pm
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### Wednesday, October 6

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

### Friday, October 8

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
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## THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 26

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Radical Surgery"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:38-50

ANTHEM: To Love Our God...arr. Mark Hayes

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

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

### FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAYS)

#### SEPTEMBER 29

Coleslaw

Fried Catfish with Hushpuppies

Rice Pilaf

Buttered Lima Beans

Mixed Berry Cobbler

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

## NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 3

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "WWJD"

PREACHER: Rev. Kristen Pope

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:13-16

ANTHEM: Sing to the Lord A New Song...Franz Joseph Haydn

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### FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAYS)

#### OCTOBER 6

Potato Salad

Fried Chicken Breast

Macaroni and Cheese

Fried Okra

Key Lime Pie

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

# THE SPIRE

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### ORGAN RENOVATION UPDATE

The 450 pipes are in place! 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 photo shows the progress made as of September 17.



## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

### OCTOBER 4

Women's Bible Study

### OCTOBER 24

Family Fall Picnic

### OCTOBER 29

Youth Fifth Quarter

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[www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org)

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