

# THE SPIRE

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## FAITH TALKS

**Welcomes Missy Ward Angalla, Co-director of Amani Sasa**

Sunday, October 31 | 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Missy is our Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Missions Partner in Uganda and also this year's recipient of the FBC Rome Doris White Grant.

All Adult and Youth classes are invited to hear about our impact on the lives of refugees who find safety and wholeness through the ministry of Amani Sasa

## FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

### THE GIFT OF PRESENCE

Sometimes, the best gift which we can give someone is our presence, as we show compassion by simply listening. One of my seminary professors, Dr. Wayne Oates, the esteemed teacher of pastoral care, once said, "I don't know much about healing by the laying on of hands, but, over and over again, I've seen people healed by the laying on of ears."

We all want to be known and loved. We need at least one person to hear us patiently and tenderly and to share with us in our struggles. We don't need to hear profound truth from their lips as much as we need to feel empathy from their presence.

In Job 2:11-13, we read of the ministry of presence by Job's friends as he struggled with staggering losses and painful sores all over his body. As he sat among the ashes, hurting and lonely, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar decided together that they would go and sympathize with him and comfort him. In verse 13, we read these remarkable words, "Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No

one said a word to him because they saw how great his suffering was." We can all learn from the friends of Job. They offered him the priceless gifts of shared silence, unhurried listening, and untiring compassion. They felt his pain and gave him their ministry of presence.

When you are disheartened, or in pain, or lonely, you don't need advice or sentimental slogans. What you need, without words having to be spoken, is the assurance that your friend is with you, loves you, and understands your struggle.

Who are the people in your circle of relationships who would be encouraged by the "laying on of your ears"? I encourage you to minister to someone else through your gift of presence and your ministry of listening.

In Christ,



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### CHURCHWIDE PICNIC & FALL FESTIVAL

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, kicked 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.

### MARSHA COLWELL'S LIFE VERSE

"Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do:

Forgetting what is behind and  
straining toward what is ahead.

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for  
which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

All of us who are mature should take such a view of things."

Isaiah 40:31

## 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 - an online devo produced by Passport? This website is a great resource for you or your teenager's daily devotional life!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FUNERAL/MEMORIAL SERVICE FORMS

Over the years many of our church members have taken the time to fill out the church's Funeral/Memorial Service pre-arrangement form to make sure that family members know of their wishes for their services by planning ahead. Time and time again, these forms have given families peace of mind and helped make a difficult time less difficult. You can download the form at <https://fbcrome.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Funeral-Prearrangement-Form.pdf> or have a form mailed to you. Fill out as much or as little as you want. Of course you can always make changes. Contact Keith Reaves with questions.

### 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 THANKSGIVING DINNER WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

Chef Greg will prepare his traditional Thanksgiving menu for Curbside pickup on Wednesday, November 17th.

In order to be well-prepared, please place make your reservations as soon as possible. Of course, those with standing reservations will be included as usual.

Thanks to the generosity of our Deacons, the Thanksgiving meal is being delivered as a gift to any of our home-bound members. If you know of a church member who is limited in their ability to attend church, we would like very much to deliver a meal to them.

### 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.





## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

### PLEASE WELCOME

Sim Weldon



## MUSIC MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS RESUME

Our children's choirs have resumed regular rehearsals at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. The older children's choir is working on music for worship and for the Christmas at First Baptist Concert December 5.

**SINGERS NEEDED!** All singers are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir, especially as we begin to work on music for Advent and the "Christmas at First Baptist Concert" December 5. Choir members build lifetime friendships and connections and are a vital part of our worship on Sunday mornings. We meet at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For safety reasons, masks are required for choir members for now, but we hope we can relax those restrictions soon. A singer's mask, which is much more spacious and comfortable than normal masks, will be provided for rehearsal and worship. Please contact Keith for more details.

### CHRISTMAS AT FIRST BAPTIST RETURNS

We are excited that our "Christmas at First Baptist" concert is on the calendar! This year, the concert will be presented during the morning worship time on December 5. The orchestra will be back, the choir is already working on Christmas music and we have every reason to believe that "Immanuel" will be back. Mark your calendars!

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 24, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George and Natalie Reynolds by the Reynolds Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 24, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David T. Brown by Ann Brown Ryan and Children.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 31, are given in honor of Jerrie Jowers and in memory of Dewey Jowers on what would have been their 62nd anniversary given by the Sklar Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 31, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Trixie and Dee Couch by Patsy and Jere Drummond.

## GIVING TO GOD

### Fiscal Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$92,331.00
Support Received	\$76,692.95

seeking His heart | Being His hands

October 23 - November 5

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, October 23

Minister on Call

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

### Sunday, October 24

Missions Cmt. Mtg., DR	8:30 am
Adult Faith Development 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 (Baptism)	11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel	
All Church Picnic, Morrison Campground	4:00-6:00 pm

### Monday, October 25

Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
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### Tuesday, October 26

Pastor Search Cmt. Mtg., 3rd Flr., Rm. 302	5:30 pm
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### Wednesday, October 27

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

### Thursday, October 28

<b>FBC Serves Community Kitchen</b>	8:30 am
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### Friday, October 29

<b>FBC Serves Community Kitchen</b>	8:30 am
Youth - Fifth Quarter Game Night	10:30 pm - 12:00 am

### Saturday, October 30

Minister on Call

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

### Sunday, October 31

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
All Sunday Bible Study	
(FaithTalks with Missy Angalla)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel	

### Monday, November 1

Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
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### Wednesday, November 3

First Choice Curbside Meals ( <i>Reservation Only</i> )	4:45-5:45 pm
Churns Bible Study, 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

## THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 24

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

#### TOGETHER IN CHRIST

SERMON: "Do You Really Want to See?"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:46-52

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY: Jordan Knight

ANTHEM: Like a River in My Soul...arr. Tim Osiek  
*(This anthem is placed in the music library to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. Hugh and Janie Peacock on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary by Dr. Larry and Joanna Atwell).*

SPECIAL MUSIC: Kelly Ozier, euphonium

BAPTISM OF SIM WELDON

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

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS  
(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAYS)

### OCTOBER 27

Mixed Green Salad, Country Fried Steak,  
White Gravy, Mashed Potatoes,  
Medley of Vegetables, Apple Cobbler

MINISTER ON CALL:

John Uldrick 706.766.0430

## NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 31

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

#### TOGETHER IN CHRIST

SERMON: "Love God. Love People."

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:28-34

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY: Missy Ward Angalla

ANTHEM: This Shall Be My Song of Grace...  
arr. Joseph Martin

*(This anthem is placed in the music library to the glory of God and in honor of Anne Vaughn by Bert Vaughn and Family.)*

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FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS  
(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAYS)

### NOVEMBER 3

Mixed Green Salad, Shrimp & Grits,  
Steamed Asparagus with Lemon,  
Peach Cream Ring Cake

MINISTER ON CALL:

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

# THE SPIRE

## STEWARDSHIP

### TOGETHER IN CHRIST

TIME TALENT TREASURE PRAYER

When we on the Stewardship Committee began to entertain ideas for this year's theme for our annual stewardship emphasis, we sought to incorporate thoughts from our "Together We" initiative. It was noted in our discussions that this "Covid 19" reality has exposed much division globally as well as in our country and in our community. Also, it seems not a day passes that we are not inundated with words that reflect divisions, separateness, differences, negative thoughts, divisive, angry, and even hateful communication. Well what in the world does the above comment have to do with stewardship? Were it not for Jesus Christ I would not be penning these thoughts, nor you would be reading them. We would not be affiliated as members of a congregation. It is only because of Him that we are First Baptist Church. We come from many different backgrounds and experiences, and we bring a plethora of abilities and talents. It is only when we come "Together in Christ" that we connect, we share, we disciple, we serve and we worship in a meaningful and fruitful way. It is by His grace and through these talents and abilities that we may exemplify our "stewardship" in Him. Are we not His hands, His feet?

1 John 5:20 tells us; *"And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life."*

May we all pledge our hearts, our talents, our abilities and our resources to Him.

"Together in Christ", we..... Stewardship, what is it?

— Gary Yeager, Member of the Stewardship Committee

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

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