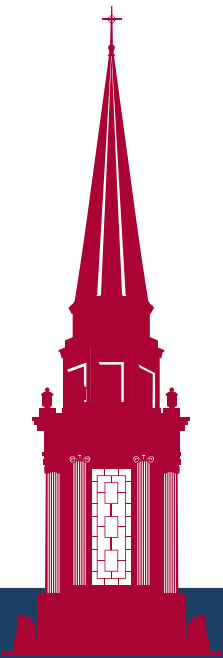


# THE SPIRE

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## TOGETHER IN CHRIST

TIME TALENT TREASURE PRAYER



### STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 14  
11:00 a.m.



## ALL SAINTS DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

11:00 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mike Arrington	Phil Jones
James Bradshaw	Sherrill Martin
Bill Carroll III	Jackie O'Dillon
Dan Colwell	Byron Reeves
Barbara Cooper	Betty Royal
Mary Kay Evans	Louise Sutton
Jean Fletcher	Don Walls
Reese Jackson	Sandra White
Mae Anna Johnson	

## FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

### MANAGERS TOGETHER

In this season of Christian stewardship emphasis, it is important for us to remember the meaning of stewardship. A steward is a manager of resources which have been entrusted by the Lord who has given us His resources of time, money, and talent. He trusts us to manage those resources well and to return a portion of them to Him and to His Kingdom work.

I encourage you to read 2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9. Paul writes to the Christians at Corinth concerning their stewardship and he refers to the generosity of Christians in Macedonia as an example of faithful stewardship. In those two chapters, we see three principles of Christian stewardship: prayer, planning, and performance.

As you prepare for your stewardship response to the Lord's work through First Baptist Church, I hope that you will apply those three principles:

First, pray about your response, asking God to guide you in your role as a Christian manager.

Second, plan your stewardship response as you fill out your pledge card and as you give to the Lord's work all year. Consider the resources which God has given to you, and plan to give an appropriate amount of your money, your time, and your talent as a faithful follower of Christ.

Third, perform faithfully as a committed manager of your resources as you find meaning in your service to the Lord through His church.

As Paul concludes chapter nine of 2 Corinthians, he writes, "Thanks be to God for His Indescribable Gift!" All of us should feel that same depth of gratitude for the gift of God's grace through Jesus Christ. It is because of Him that we serve faithfully together as stewards of His blessings.

May God bless you in your crucial role as a Christian manager!

Grace and Peace,

FIRSTBAPTISTCHURCH  
**ROME**  
*Seeking His Heart Being His Hands*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### PASSPORTKIDS

PassportKids Camp dates for 2022 have been released and we will be headed back to Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA July 17-20th. If your child will have finished 3rd grade-finished 6th grade this summer, they are eligible to join us! Cost is \$270 but partial scholarships are available. Email or text Kristen to reserve your spot.

### GRATEFUL GRAB BAG & CALENDAR

Be sure to pick up a Grateful Grab Bag & Calendar from the Pre-school Welcome Desk. Each day when you complete the question on your calendar, you get to stick your hand in the grab bag & see what you discover!

### FAITH FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday night children's activities will continue through Wednesday, December 8th. Keith's children's choir has been hard at work practicing for Christmas at First Baptist, so make sure you are there!

## YOUTH NEWS

### 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!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME ENDS  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Remember to set your  
clocks BACK 1 hour before  
going to bed on Saturday,

November 6.

We look forward to  
seeing you in Bible Study  
and Worship.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF UPDATE

We received great news from RIP Medical Debt Relief:

75 of the 159 counties in Georgia were served.

85 accounts in Floyd County were paid off.

4,386 total accounts were paid off for an \$1,337.72 average account balance.

A total of \$5,867,238.43 in medical debt was paid off.

### 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 your reservations as soon as possible. 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 our homebound members and those who are limited in their ability to attend church. Please let us know of those who are able to enjoy this ministry.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEMINAR - ROOTS LOOKING BELOW THE SURFACE TO DISCOVER OUR SPIRITUAL ROOTS

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.  
following Prayer Time



## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

### WOMEN'S EPIPHANY RETREAT

JANUARY 7-9, 2022, BENEDICTINE RETREAT CENTER, CULLMAN, ALABAMA

Once again, the sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery have welcomed us to their retreat center for our annual Epiphany retreat. Some restrictions are still in place, namely the number of guests they are able to host at a time. Please register now, by contacting Debbye Akins in the church office. Our Theme, "Molded", will encourage us to be open to being molded and formed into the people God has called us to be. For more information, contact Tamara Smathers.





## MUSIC MINISTRY



## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, November 7, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mark and Frances Johnson by Marsha Welch and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 7, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Palmer and Chapman Marion by Jason, Margaret, Blythe and Archer Marion.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, November 14, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellis, Sr. by Sylvia Ellis Brierley.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 14, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. Harry Chafin and Rebecca Maimone by Brad and Catherine Davis and Family.

## GIVING TO GOD

### Fiscal Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$123,108.00
Support Received	\$101,327.38
Medical Personnel Meals	\$7,444.50

*seeking His* heart | *Being His* hands

November 6 - November 19

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, November 6

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

### Sunday, November 7 (All Saints Sunday)

#### Daylight Saving Time Ends

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 Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	12:00 pm

### Monday, November 8

#### NO Women's Bible Study

Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group Mtg., Virtual	11:30 am
Deacon's Meeting:	
General Meeting, FH/Zoom	6:00 pm

### Wednesday, November 10

First Choice Curbside Meals ( <i>Reservation Only</i> )	4:45-5:45 pm
Churns Bible Study, 3rd Flr., Rm. 302	5:30 pm
Youth Hang Out/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

### Friday, November 12

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
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### Saturday, November 13

Minister on Call

Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

### Sunday, November 14 (Stewardship Commitment Sunday)

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 Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	12:00 pm

### Monday, November 15

Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
Women of the Church Book Group, DR	1:00 pm

### Wednesday, November 17

First Choice Curbside Meals ( <i>Reservation Only</i> )	4:45-5:45 pm
<i>Thanksgiving Meal</i>	
Churns Bible Study, 3rd Flr., Rm. 302	5:30 pm
Youth Hang Out/Wednesday's Connection	6:00 pm
FBC Kids Connect (Choirs/Bible Study)	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	6:45 pm

## THIS WEEK: NOVEMBER 7

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
SERMON: "God's Promises to You About the Future"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21:1-7

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY: Bert and Anne Vaughn

ANTHEM: On Jordan's Stormy Banks...  
arr. Howard Helvey

*(This anthem is placed in the music library to the glory of  
God and in memory of Freda Peugh, by Frank Barron.)*

Fly Away Home...arr. Mary McDonald

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

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS  
(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAYS)

### NOVEMBER 10

Ambrosia Salad, Breakfast Casserole, Sausage  
Patties/Bacon, Hash Brown Potato Casserole,  
Danish Pastries

MINISTER ON CALL:  
Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

## NEXT WEEK: NOVEMBER 14

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY  
SERMON: "Your Humble, Sacrificial Gifts to God"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:38-44

ANTHEM: I Am Not My Own...arr. Craig Courtney

SPECIAL MUSIC: Dr. Adam Hayes, trumpet

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FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS  
(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAYS)

### THANKSGIVING MEAL

### NOVEMBER 17

Roast Turkey with Gravy, Cranberry Relish,  
Cornbread Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes,  
Fresh Green Beans Sautéed, Dessert

MINISTER ON CALL:  
Tamara Tillman Smathers 706.266.7141

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

### NOVEMBER 7

All Saints Day

### NOVEMBER 14

Stewardship Commitment  
Sunday

### NOVEMBER 17

First Choice Curbside  
Thanksgiving Dinner

### DECEMBER 5

Christmas at First Baptist  
Concert

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