

THE SPIRE

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FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

PATIENT FAITHFULNESS

We live in a microwave-culture in which we expect answers to our prayers within minutes if not seconds. It is difficult to wait for God's response, and easy to become impatient.

Most of us need to grow in spiritual maturity which will enable us to wait patiently on the Lord. He loves us, hears our prayers, and responds to our needs according to His will.

The children of Israel prayed for deliverance from Egyptian slavery and God saw their misery, heard their cries, felt compassion toward them, and "came down" to rescue them (Exodus 3:7-8). Through Moses, He arranged for their Exodus to freedom, but that freedom came hundreds of years after their slavery and their prayers for deliverance began.

As people of faith, we must trust that God is aware of our needs and will respond according to His will and His wisdom. Faith is not just a noun, but also a verb. Sometimes we have to "faith" our way through our struggles though we do not understand why they are occurring.

Philosopher-theologian Soren Kierkegaard once wrote, "Life can only be understood backwards but must be lived forwards." When you are in the middle of a challenging experience and you can't make sense of it, you need to trust and wait. Insight can come later – as you look back on it. Perhaps, you will see patterns of grace that weren't evident while you were in that struggle.

It takes time to recover from life's challenges, but eventually you will stand on firmer ground, and you might discover that your struggles have enriched and changed you.

I celebrate your involvement in the church, where you can faith your life-journey in the presence of others who are faithing theirs.

I'm grateful that I can faith mine with you.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26
6-8 P.M.

Great Date Night

Childcare Provided for
Participants

MORE DETAILS INSIDE

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year has begun! Go to the website for more information about what a typical day entails. Contact Melissa Wood, Director, at 706.295.1150 or 706.346.6516 or mwood@fbcrome.org to set up a time to visit. Come join us for learning, worship and fun at our Weekday Preschool!



CHILDREN'S CORNER

LENT BOXES will be available beginning Sunday, February 20, at the Preschool Welcome Desk.

GREAT DATE NIGHT – FEBRUARY 26

Sign up for Great Date Night Childcare by Monday, February 21, via the link on social media and our most recent newsletter.

EASTER EGGSTRAVANGZA Mark your Calendars for our Easter Eggstravangza on Wednesday April 13.

YOUTH NEWS

FBC YOUTH BARBECUE SALE - ORDER DEADLINE FEBRUARY 20TH

GMC Value Mart will prepare and smoke our BBQ this year for pick up on Friday, February 25th

- \$40 - Boston butt (feeds a family of four a few times)
- \$25 - Rack of ribs (feeds approximately two people)



All BBQ must be ordered online through the link in the QR code. Scan it with your phone and pay in advance. Ask a teenager or John Uldrick for help, if needed.

All orders must be PAID FOR IN ADVANCE and picked up from GMC Value Mart at 3402 Alabama Highway between 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 25.

MARCH MISSION MADNESS MARCH 18-20, 2022

Atlanta, Georgia | \$100 Per Participant | \$50 Deposit

MISSIONS

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY THANKS FBC

David, a recent Getting Ahead graduate has secured more permanent housing. Through many members of FBC Rome, his apartment will also be well appointed! Frank Clements, David's mentor through Getting Ahead, provided a list of needs, the request was emailed at 8:30 and before 11:00 a.m., all of David's needs were met! What a congregation! Look for more ways you can support Bridges Out of Poverty and graduates like David.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Date Night

When was the last time you planned a Date Night with the intention to give your undivided attention to your spouse? FBC is reviving a marriage enrichment tradition known as "Great Date Night" for married (or engaged) couples.

Mark these dates on your calendar:

Saturday, February 26

Saturday, March 26

Saturday, April 30

Childcare drop off – 5:45 p.m.

Begin the Conversation – 6 p.m.

On Your Own – 6:30-8:00 p.m.

REGISTER FOR CHILDCARE BY MONDAY PRIOR TO GDN



FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

Wednesday Curbside Meals will continue to be offered through MARCH 2.

Please make reservations by noon on Tuesday by emailing dakins@fbcrome.org or by calling the church office at 706.291.6850. Pick up times are from 4:45-5:45 p.m.

Return to the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 9.

INTERACTIVE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Our Ash Wednesday observance on March 2 will feature an interactive, self-guided, come-and-go experience in the Sanctuary from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Several stations around the room will prepare you for Lent and introduce you to our Lent worship series theme, "Good Enough." The entire experience should take 20-30 minutes. The stations are tactile and COVID and family-friendly. If you have been longing to spend some time in the Sanctuary, but have not felt that Sunday morning was the best time to do that, this is your opportunity. It is hoped that those who do not work during the day can come earlier so that families who have working parents can use the time in the afternoon and early evening. No reservations are required and guests are welcome.

LENT WORSHIP SERIES: GOOD ENOUGH

This year's Lent worship series is inspired by "Good Enough," a new devotional book by Kate Bowler. Welcome to a Lent of affirming a faith in which we are blessed, regardless, and where we can lean into embracing our "good enough" lives. We all need to stop struggling and striving and enjoy the present moment. More details coming!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Deborah Gilreath

Danelle & Charles
Warner



MUSIC MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Our Children's Choirs are going strong on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. We welcome all of our children and their friends. The oldest children's choir (grades 2-6) will sing for worship on February 27.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, February 13, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ted A. Owens by Joanne Owens and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 13, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Josephine and Hubert Lowe by Dick and Pat Lowe Johnston.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 20, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nell Ansley Briley on the occasion of her birthday by Ansley and Dean Saville and Family.

GIVING TO GOD

Fiscal Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$849,728.03
Support Received	\$810,773.00

World Vision, Meals & More
and CBF World Hunger Relief \$855.00

Global Missions Offering to Date \$10,932.25

2021-2022 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,314,722.48

February 12 - February 25

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, February 12

Minister on Call Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

Sunday, February 13

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, February 14

Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group Mtg. 11:30 am
Deacons' Meeting:
General Mtg. & Committee, FH 5:30 pm

Tuesday, February 15

Pastor Search Committee Mtg., Room 302 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 16

First Choice Curbside Meals (*Reservation Only*) 4:45-5:45 pm
Churns Bible Study, Rm. 302 5:30 pm
Youth Connection, YR 5:45-6:30 pm
Children's Choirs and Kids J.A.M. 6:00-7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm
Youth Fun & Games 6:30-7:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:45 pm
Youth Small Groups, YR 7:00-8:30 pm

Saturday, February 19

Minister on Call Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

Sunday, February 20

Adult Faith Formation Committee 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

Monday, February 21

Women's Bible Study, DR 10:00 am
WOC Book Group, DR 1:00 pm

Tuesday, February 22

Pastor Search Committee Mtg., Rm. 302 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 23

First Choice Curbside Meals (*Reservation Only*) 4:45-5:45 pm
Churns Bible Study, Rm. 302 5:30-6:30 pm
Youth Connection, YR 5:45-6:30 pm
Children's Choirs and Kids J.A.M. 6:00-7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm
Youth Fun & Games 6:30-7:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:45 pm
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seeking His heart | Being His hands

THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 13

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON SERIES: **Resurrection**

SERMON: "Life After Life"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 15:12-24

ANTHEM: Since By Man Came Death from
"Messiah"...George Frederick Handel

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

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS (RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAYS)

FEBRUARY 16

Mixed Green Salad

Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes

Mixed Vegetables

Key Lime Pie

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 20

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON SERIES: **Resurrection**

SERMON: "Victory!"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 50-58

ANTHEM: Death Where Is Thy Sting?...
arr. Lloyd Larson

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FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS (RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAYS)

FEBRUARY 23

Mixed Green Salad

Baked Cod with Lemon-Garlic Butter

Rice Pilaf

Sauteéd Green Beans with Almonds

Cherry Cobbler

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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



OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

BECAUSE **PRESENCE** MATTERS

100% of your gifts to the Offering for Global Missions support the direct support of field personnel serving on our behalf. Contributions can be designated to the OGM using the special envelopes or through the church website.

Our Goal: \$40,000

Given to Date: \$10,932.25

As we promote the Offering for Global Missions consider incorporating these needs into your daily prayer time:

- Pray for God to provide financial resources necessary to sustain the long-term presence of CBF Global Missions field personnel around the world..
- Pray for missions field personnel around the world as they are attentive, intuitive, and seeing of those in their communities of service.
- Ask God to use missions field personnel as witnesses, friends, and advocates.

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

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