

# THE SPIRE

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## RECEPTION/ BREAKFAST HONORING THE ULDRICK FAMILY

SUNDAY, MARCH 13  
8:30 A.M. - 9:45 A.M.  
FELLOWSHIP HALL



## FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

### YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 2, we have been experiencing the journey of Lent, the period of 40 days leading up to Easter, April 17. During Lent, the focus for Christians is upon reflection and repentance. The discipline of reflection requires that we simplify our calendars and create spaces in our daily lives so that we can experience God in fresh ways. In Psalm 46:10, God calls us to “be still and know that I am God.” Find time each day to be still so that you can know Him in a deeper, more personal way.

A second purpose of Lent is repentance, which is a turning away from our sins and a turning toward God and His purpose for our lives. Jesus said, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven has come near.” (Matthew 4:17) And, in Acts 3:19, God says to us, “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”

All of us have sinned, and we all need to repent of those sins. In his wonderful little book, *Wishful Thinking*, Frederick Buechner describes sin in this way: “The power of sin is centrifugal. When at work in a human life, it tends to push everything out toward the periphery. Bits and pieces go flying off until only the core is left. Eventually bits and pieces of the core itself go flying off until in the end nothing at all is left. Sin is whatever you do, or fail to do, that pushes people and God away, that widens the gap between you and them, and also the gaps within your self.”

I hope that you will find meaningful ways in your Lenten journey to reflect and to repent as you follow Jesus on His way to the cross.

In Him,

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

## WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

### LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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](mailto: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

### "ROAD TRIPPIN' WITH JESUS"

If you haven't gotten your "Road Trippin' with Jesus" Lent family resource yet, it is never too late! Reach out to Kristen & she will provide one for you.

### GREAT DATE NIGHT

If you missed our first Great Date Night in February, have no fear; mark your calendars now for March 26th & April 30th.

### EASTER EGGSTRAVANGZA

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

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are beginning volunteer recruitment for Vacation Bible School, which is June 20-23rd this year. Don't hesitate to reach out; Kristen will get you plugged into a place where your gifts can be used!

## YOUTH NEWS

### PASSPORT YOUTH CAMP SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 26 - JULY 1 IN GREENSBORO, NC

\$425 per participant

\$100 deposit due by May 1

### ARCHER MARION'S LIFE VERSE

"Sons are a heritage from the Lord,  
children a reward from him.  
Like arrows in the hands of a warrior  
are sons born in one's youth."

Psalm 127:3-4

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### COME INSIDE! WELCOME BACK TO FIRST CHOICE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

Make First Baptist your First Choice as you connect with others for fellowship and spiritual growth.

A full range of choices are available for all ages:

- 5:00-6:00** First Choice Buffet  
Adults (and teenagers) \$7.00  
Children (ages 3-12) \$4.00  
Household Max \$22.00
- 5:45-6:30** Youth Connection
- 6:00-6:30** Prayer Time and Devotional
- 6:00-7:00** Children's Choirs\* and Kids J.A.M. (Missions)
- 6:30-7:00** Youth Fun and Games
- 6:45-8:00** Adult Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00-8:30** Youth Small Groups

Note: Adult Small Groups also gather during these times

*\*Contact Kristen Pope, [kpope@fbcrome.org](mailto:kpope@fbcrome.org) for specifics for each age group and locations*

### GREAT DATE NIGHT—CONVERSATIONS TO ENRICH MARRIAGES

Couples will gather in the Youth Room for a brief conversation starter and then be dismissed for dates. Free childcare is being organized and offered for those who register in advance.

**DATES: MARCH 26 AND APRIL 30**

- 5:45** Gathering and Childcare Drop Off
  - 6:00-6:30** Start the Conversation (Youth Room)
  - 6:00-8:00** Couple Time
  - 8:00** Childcare ends
- Register For Childcare By Monday Prior To GDN

## MISSIONS

### BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY HOSTS TWO GETTING AHEAD COHORTS

Do you want to find a way to support valuable ministry through FBC Rome? Consider signing up to provide transportation, bring a meal, provide daycare, or pray for the next TWO Getting Ahead Cohorts. Both groups will meet on Thursday nights at First Baptist Church from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Use the link from the image on the church website to sign up to help!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:  
Ray Rhodes and  
Sonya Davis  
(father and daughter)

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 13, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Adrena Delauger Losh by Chelsea, Bobby and Tripp Losh-Jones.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, March 20, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Catherine Aaron on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Joe Aaron and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 20, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wydelle Clark on the occasion of her birthday by Kathy and Larry Osborn and Family.

### BOBBY JONES' LIFE VERSE

"May the God of Peace equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen"

Hebrews 13:21

### LOUIS BARTON'S LIFE VERSE

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

## GIVING TO GOD

### Fiscal Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$965,702.26
Support Received	\$886,728.71

Global Missions Offering to Date	\$29,231.40
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2021-2022 Total Budget Commitments to Date	\$1,315,522.48
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March 12 - March 25

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, March 12

Minister on Call	Tamara T. Smathers 706.266.7141
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### Sunday, March 13 (Second Sunday in Lent)

Church-wide Breakfast Reception for the Uldrick Family, FH	8:30-9:45 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, March 14

Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group, Virtual	11:30 am
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Suite	5:15 pm
Deacons' Meeting, FH	
Dinner	6:00 pm
Ministry Teams	6:30 pm
General Meeting	7:00 pm

### Tuesday, March 15

Pastor Search Committee Mtg., Room 302	5:30 pm
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### Wednesday, March 16

First Choice Meal, FH	5:00-6:00 pm
Churns Bible Study, Rm. 302	5:30 pm
Youth Connection, YR	5:45-6:30 pm
Prayer Time & Devotional, FH	6:00 pm
Children's Choirs and Kids J.A.M.	6:00-7:00 pm
Youth Fun & Games	6:30-7:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room	6:45 pm
Youth Small Groups, YR	7:00-8:30 pm

### Saturday, March 19

Minister on Call	Kristen Pope 502.693.5644
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### Sunday, March 20 (Third Sunday in Lent)

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, March 21

Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
Women of the Church Book Group, DR	1:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Suite	5:15 pm

### Tuesday, March 22

Pastor Search Committee Mtg., Rm. 302	5:30 pm
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### Wednesday, March 23

First Choice Meal, FH	5:00-6:00 pm
Churns Bible Study, Rm. 302	5:30-6:30 pm
Youth Connection, YR	5:45-6:30 pm
Prayer Time & Devotional, FH	6:00 pm
Children's Choirs and Kids J.A.M.	6:00-7:00 pm
Youth Fun & Games	6:30-7:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room	6:45 pm
Youth Small Groups, YR	7:00-8:30 pm

### Thursday, March 24

Bridges Out of Poverty, Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
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## THIS WEEK: MARCH 13

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SERMON SERIES:

**Good Enough: Ordinary Lives Can Be Holy**

SERMON: "So Much Is Out Of Our Control"

PREACHER: Rev. John Uldrick

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:31-35

ANTHEM: Pieta... Joseph Martin

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

### FIRST CHOICE MENU

#### MARCH 16

Spinach Salad with Craisins, Walnuts, Apples &  
Blue Cheese - Chicken Monterey

#### Children's Menu

Chicken Fingers

MINISTER ON CALL:  
Tamara T. Smathers 706.266.7141

## NEXT WEEK: MARCH 20

### SUNDAY WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SERMON SERIES:

**Good Enough: Lots of Things Can be Medicine**

SERMON: "What You Must Do Now!"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:1-9

ANTHEM: Hymn of Peace...arr. Mary McDonald

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### FIRST CHOICE MENU

#### MARCH 23

Ragu Alla Bolognese, Bow Tie Pasta with Shrimp &  
Pesto Sauce"

#### Children's Menu

Spaghetti & Meatballs

MINISTER ON CALL:  
Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

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## OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

BECAUSE **PRESENCE** MATTERS

We will continue to accept offerings for Global Missions through the end of March.

Our Goal: \$40,000

Given to Date: \$29,231.40

## UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

### MARCH 13

Reception/Breakfast Honoring  
the Uldrick Family

### MARCH 26

Great Date Night

### APRIL 30

Great Date Night

### JUNE 20-JUNE 23

Vacation Bible School

Please visit us for more information:  
[www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org)

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