

THE SPIRE

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FBC WELCOMES THE BROOKS FAMILY

Welcome to Rev. David Brooks, who was unanimously called as our new pastor on June 19! He will begin his ministry at FBC-Rome in late August. Continue to pray for David, Laurie, Caroline and Jacob during this time of transition.



THANK YOU FROM DAVID BROOKS

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our family, I offer our heartfelt thanks to each of you for a wonderful Call Weekend in Rome. From start to finish, we were blessed by your hospitality, your warm welcome, wonderful meals, lots of laughter and a beautiful worship service on Sunday. Thank you for your trust in God that brought us together. Thank you for trusting the search process and your Search Committee. Thank you for listening for God's call and your affirmation of God's call to me that resulted in the unanimous vote at the conclusion of worship.

Please continue your prayers for us as we go through the process of saying goodbye to folks in Edenton, packing up our lives and

belongings, and moving to Rome. I will officially begin my role as your pastor on Monday, August 22, and my first Sunday with you will be August 28. More than I can possibly tell you, I look forward to becoming your pastor and sharing life with you. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit guide us as we enter into relationship and partnership with one another.

Grace and peace,
David

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

LIMITED PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

We have limited openings in our preschool. Come join us for the 2022-2023 school year! Contact us 706-295-1150 or mwood@fbcrome.org to set up a visit this summer.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

THANK YOU VBS VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to everyone who helped make VBS such a success, from decorations to teaching to serving snacks and helping with clean-up. We could not do it without you!



ROME BRAVES GAME

Join us as we watch the Rome Braves play ball on Sunday, July 10, at 2:00 p.m. More details will follow about tickets and how to sign up!

PRAYERS FOR PASSPORT KIDS CAMP

Please pray for our Children and Chaperones during our time at Passport Kids Camp, July 17-20.

YOUTH NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY

JULY 6 - Diving Into the WORD at the Summer's - Free 6:00-8:00 p.m.

JULY 9 - ATL Braves Game
\$25 per student + money for food and merchandise
Leave church at 1:30 p.m.

JULY 12-JULY 16 - Senior Trip / Destin, FL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING PREACHERS

Make plans to be inspired and encouraged by the following guest preachers in July:

July 3: Nick Georgian

July 10: Frank Murphy

July 17 and 31: Dr. Jody Long, Executive Coordinator, Georgia CBF

July 24: Dr. Jon Roebuck

CAMP MEETING

Last year we enjoyed our annual church picnic at the historic Morrison Campground. Our church has been invited to attend this year's camp meeting July 15-24. There will be services nightly at 7:30 and a bible study at 11 a.m.

Monday through Friday. For more information visit <https://morrisoncampground.org/> or contact Jordan Knight.



WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

The ministries of our church function best under the leadership of active committees. It's best when members serve where their gifts and talents can best be invested. Please consider your interests and how you would be willing to serve. The Committee on Committees, under the leadership of Kay Bratton, has begun its work. Consider now how you wish to serve and let Kay or one of the ministers know.

MISSIONS



VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

FBC hosts "Getting Ahead" classes are on Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for individuals experiencing poverty to investigate their own lives and build confidence, resources and tools for a brighter future!

HERE ARE WAYS TO SERVE:

Food delivered for 20 participants (1 to 2 volunteers) – Provide and deliver food, drink and all the utensils to the 20 investigators.

Transportation (2 volunteers needed) – Provide transportation for participants to and from meetings. Automobiles should be able to seat four passengers.

Childcare (2 volunteers needed) – Help in the FBC nursery to care for children of participants.

You can sign up to participate for a week (or more) by scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera or calling the church office and asking for Nick or Karen.



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MISSIONS

WAYS TO HELP IN UVALDE

1. Write a check to FBC and mark it as Uvalde, Texas Relief
2. Donate online through the FBC website.

Donations will help families affected by the tragedy, aid nonprofits providing essential response services, medical institutions caring for victims, and organizations conducting long-term efforts for the Uvalde community.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Habitat has two homes that are in progress this summer. Jeff Brooks is leading the way and is in need of volunteers to help. Please let Jeff know if you would like to help serve (jeff@brooksbuildinggroup.com). Thank you in advance for your consideration!



OPERACIÓN SAN ANDRÉS

South Main Baptist (Houston, TX) will be taking a mission group to Peru this October to work with Operación San Andrés. They need medical professionals, those who can work light construction or work with kids. See <https://www.operacionsanandres.org> or contact Joanne Owens for more information.



HANAA NESSIM'S LIFE VERSE

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Hebrews 12:1

SUNDAY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, July 3, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Nell Coffman by Karen and Peter Jordan and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, July 3, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Annette Smith by Karen and Peter Jordan and Family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, July 10, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Gwen Stephens by Karen Foss.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, July 10, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James M. Langley by Jimmie Langley and Family.

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July 2 - July 15

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, July 2

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

Sunday, July 3

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, July 4 (Independence Day)

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 6

Youth - Diving Into the Word, Sumner's Home 6:00-8:00 pm

Thursday, July 7

Bridges Out of Poverty Classes, Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

Friday, July 8

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 11:00 am

Saturday, July 9

Minister on Call Tamara T. Smathers 706.266.7141

Youth - Atlanta Braves Game - Depart Church 1:30 pm

Sunday, July 10

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

Children - Rome Braves Game 2:00 pm

Youth - Outdoor Fun at the Poyner's Home 6:00-8:00 pm

Tuesday, July 12

Youth Senior Trip, Destin, Fla.

Thursday, July 14

Bridges Out of Poverty Classes, Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

THIS WEEK: JULY 3

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Flourish"

PREACHER: Rev. Nick Georgian

SCRIPTURE: John 15:1-8

ANTHEM: "Walk Worthy"...Joseph Martin

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VBS Fun!



SUNDAY SERVICES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

JULY 9

Atlanta Braves Game - Youth

JULY 10

Rome Braves Game - Children

JULY 17-20

Passport Kids Camp

JULY 15-24

Camp Meeting

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

NEXT WEEK: JULY 10

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "A Better Place to Be"

PREACHER: Frank Murphy

WORSHIP LEADER: Len Willingham

SCRIPTURE: Luke 9:28-36

ANTHEM: "Love Lifted Me"...Joseph Martin

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