

THE SPIRE

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FAMILY NIGHT

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IS YOUR FAMILY

Come to the dinner table and
hang around for conversations
that make a difference.

DINNER SERVED, BUFFET STYLE
FROM 5:00-6:00 P.M.

PRAYER TIME AND BIBLE STUDY
LED BY DAVID BROOKS,
"WHAT MATTERS MOST" 6:00 P.M.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
5:45-6:30 P.M.

KIDS J.A.M. (JESUS AND ME),
6:30-7:15 P.M.

STUDENT LIFE AND DISCIPLESHIP
6:00-7:15

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:45 P.M.



FROM OUR PASTOR

I can finally say it: Rome is home! It has been a long and exciting journey from January 26—my first contact with the pastor search committee—to August 4, when we turned the key at 28 Crestwood Drive and walked into our new home in Rome. It takes a while, of course, for a new place to really become home, but Laurie and I are delighted to finally be here with you. In countless ways, you have welcomed us "home to Rome" already, and we cannot possibly find enough words and ways to express our gratitude for your hospitality, generosity, and love.

As I begin, I am eager to learn all I can about First Baptist and this community—the people and traditions, as well as your hopes and dreams. To help us get better acquainted, please introduce yourself by name over the next few weeks. Stop by the church in the afternoons or come see us at our home. Feel free to send me a text, an email, or a note to tell me more about you, your family, and your role in the life of our church and community. Let me know how I can help you to grow in your faith and in your love for God and your neighbor.

Getting to know you, building relationships with you, helping you to grow and serve as disciples of Jesus—these will be my greatest joys as your pastor in the days and weeks to come!

Your pastor and friend,

David



WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

LIMITED PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Has the school year snuck up on you and you now realize your child would love to be in preschool? You're in luck! We have an opening in the Three Year class and Pre K class! It's not too late to join the learning, fun and worship at our Weekday Preschool. We would love to have your child with us! Contact us at mwood@fbcrome.org or 706.295.1150 for more information.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Make sure your kids join us on Wednesday Nights for Children's Choir & Kid's J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) beginning at 5:45 p.m.



Scavenger Hunt Fun



STUDENT NEWS

STUDENT SMALL GROUPS VISION NIGHT SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Join us for small groups vision night as we step into a new season of learning and growing in Christ! Parents are encouraged to attend as we will discuss fall schedule and activities, mission opportunities for the fall and answer any questions that you might have. Dinner will be provided!

5:45 Meet in the Fellowship Hall

6:00 Dinner | Introduction to Small Groups

6:45 Small Groups | Covenants

7:30 Departure



WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 27 at 11:00 a.m.! We will have a women's ministry event hosted by Karen Stubbs, author and founder of the non-profit ministry Birds on a Wire & podcast Wire Talk. Tickets are \$10 each and lunch will be included. You may register through the FBC Facebook page and the church website, or reach out to Kristen directly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please reach out to Kristen directly or use the sign-up on the church Facebook page to volunteer for a few Sundays of worship care this fall. As a reminder, worship care is for children 4 years and younger, and is a very important ministry and a gift to parents, who can know that their little one is safe and loved.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Are you (or your spouse) 35 and younger? Come share a cup of good coffee and meaningful conversation on Sunday mornings at 9:45. You'll find us on the 3rd Floor of the Education Building.

FAMILY NIGHT

FAMILY NIGHT SCHEDULE STARTING AUGUST 31

Dinner - 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Children's Choirs - 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Kids J.A.M. - 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Student Room opens - 5:45 p.m.

Student Life - 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Student Discipleship - 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Prayer and Bible Study - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 6:45 to 8 p.m.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31 6:00 P.M.

Business will include review of the proposed budget, committees report, finance report, and updates to membership.



PARENTING IN FAITH WORKSHOPS

Beginning in October, we will host four Parenting in Faith Workshops on Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. while children are in their activities. These workshops will be led by Meredith Anne Miller, a pastor and parent with over 20 years experience helping families follow Jesus together.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
(left) Jake Hager and (right) Mike Barron III

MISSIONS

GETTING AHEAD 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! You can sign up to volunteer 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.



BECOME A BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY - GETTING AHEAD LIFE COACH OPPORTUNITY

As a Life Coach you will partner with a Getting Ahead Graduate as they continue their journey to build their future life story. Life Coaches support the graduate as they navigate daily life and create personal plans for building resources. A Life Coach Orientation will be scheduled for late August. If you are interested in this rewarding service opportunity, please contact Nick Georgian.

OPERATION SAN ANDREAS

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



COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP RESPONDS TO KENTUCKY FLOODING

The 2022 flooding, which affected many Southeastern Kentucky and surrounding areas, devastated many lives and communities. CBF, and its Together For Hope initiative, is currently identifying areas in need of Cleanup Bucket Kits. Through the CBF Disaster response, we, as the body of Christ, can help and join in being the hands and feet of Christ to hurting communities in need of hope, healing and restoration. Please pray and consider how you can give by scanning this QR code.



August 27-September 9

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, August 27

Minister on Call Kristen Pope 502.693.5644
Guest Speaker Karen Stubbs, F.H. 11:00 am

Sunday, August 28

First Sunday for Rev. David Brooks
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

Wednesday, August 31

Weekday Preschool Water Day 8:30 am
Family Night Dinner 5:00 pm
Children's Choirs 5:45 pm
Student Room Opens 5:45 pm
Prayer Meeting/Church Conference, F.H. 6:00 pm
Student Life 6:00 pm
Kids J.A.M. 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

Thursday, September 1

Weekday Preschool Water Day 8:30 am
Bridges Out of Poverty Class, Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

Saturday, September 3

Minister on Call Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

Sunday, September 4

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, September 5

LABOR DAY - Church office closed, no preschool

Wednesday, September 7

Family Night Dinner 5:00 pm
Children's Choirs 5:45 pm
Student Room Opens 5:45 pm
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, F.H. 6:00 pm
Student Life 6:00 pm
Kids J.A.M. 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

Thursday, September 8

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

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 28, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Karen Foss on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Harry Foss.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 28, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 4 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Miller and Cornelia Milford on their anniversary and in honor of Bob Harris on his birthday by Beverly Harris and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 4, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Gaynelle Grizzard on the occasion of her birthday by Jim and Linda Owens.

seeking His heart | Being His hands

THIS WEEK: AUGUST 28

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *The Only Constant*

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

ANTHEM: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past...arr. Alice Jordan*

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

AUGUST 31

Mixed Green Salad

Roast Pork Loin with Wild Mushrooms
& Brown Gravy

Escalloped Potatoes

Green Bean Sautéed

Apple Cobbler

Children's options provided

MINISTER ON CALL:
Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 4

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *God's Labor of Love*

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 18:1-11

ANTHEM: *Be Not Afraid...Craig Courtney*

Special Music: Kay Bratton

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

SEPTEMBER 7

Baked Salmon with Lemon Butter

Rice Pilaf

Roasted Asparagus

French Silk Pie

Children's options provided

MINISTER ON CALL:
Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

PARKING DECALS

When attending meetings and activities at FBC during weekdays, parking is available in two lots on First Street — the Chapel lot, and the lot adjacent to the Floyd County Building. When parking next to the Floyd County Building during the week, you must park **ONLY** in the two center rows (Spaces 24-49). They are marked "First Baptist Reserved".

A parking decal, available in the church office, should be placed in the rear windshield on the driver's side. The lot is monitored by the Downtown Development Authority. If you do not have a decal, you may receive a parking citation. Decals are not necessary on Sundays.



MUSIC MINISTRY

MUSIC ENSEMBLES All of our music ensembles are resuming rehearsals. See info below and contact Keith Reaves if you are interested in joining us or have questions.

SANCTUARY CHOIR Wednesday, August 24 at 6:45 p.m.

ALL CHILDREN'S CHOIRS Wednesday, August 31 at 5:45 p.m.

YOUTH CHOIR Sunday, September 11 following worship

FIRST BAPTIST RINGERS Monday, September 12 at 5:15 p.m.

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

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