

THE SPIRE

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FROM OUR PASTOR

I often say that my favorite part of being a pastor is caring for people. Whether I am preaching a sermon, sharing in a conversation, leading a meeting, attending a football game on Friday night, or visiting someone who is hospitalized, I do my best to empathize and authentically care for you with the love and compassion of Christ. I care about what matters to you—your family and your joys, but also your struggles, stresses, and fears. And God cares, too.

Centuries ago, the apostle Paul had the privilege of serving as a pastor in various churches. He started the very first churches in places like Corinth, Ephesus, and Galatia. But he didn't do it all by himself. He had partners and assistants who were called by God to share the good news and care for those early congregations. One of those young partners was Timothy, who grew to become a wonderful pastor for the church at Ephesus. As Timothy served as the pastor at Ephesus, Paul guided him and mentored him with wise words of instruction and encouragement. We can read Paul's instructions to Timothy in the New Testament letters of 1 and 2 Timothy—commonly known as the Pastoral Epistles. We might say that these two letters are words that come "*From a Pastor's Heart.*"

Starting this Sunday, we will turn our attention to 1 and 2 Timothy for a few weeks—seven in all—to hear from the heart of a pastor. We'll learn more about how to be the church and how to grow in our faith together. As we do, I hope you will hear from my heart as your pastor who genuinely cares for you.

Your pastor and friend,

David

UPCOMING EVENTS

SERMON SERIES - FROM A PASTOR'S HEART
based on passages from 1 & 2 Timothy
Sunday Mornings, September 11 - October 23

WHAT MATTERS MOST - PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7
A Bible study led by our pastor on Wednesdays in
September in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.

DEACON ORDINATION
Sunday, September 18
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

FALL FESTIVAL
Our Fall Festival will be held at Morrison Campground
this year on Sunday, October 30 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Look out
for more details!

LIFE COACH ORIENTATION
A Life Coach Orientation will be held on Saturday, September 17
from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Getting Ahead
Graduation will be on Thursday, September 22, where you will
have the opportunity to meet your graduate!

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

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.

STUDENT NEWS

STUDENT PADDLE TRIP | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Friends, will you lend a boat? The FBC Youth will have a guided paddle on Rome's Etowah River on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 25, and we could use some kayaks! If you have a kayak or stand-up paddle board you're willing to lend for the afternoon, please let Nick Georgian know. Click on the QR code to sign up!



STUDENT SMALL GROUP DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for ways to serve our wonderful students? Well, food is a great way to do that as we gather on Sunday evenings for small groups. If you are interested in providing a meal for our students please click on the following QR code to sign up. As always, thank you for your generosity and all the ways you support our FBC Student Ministry!



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
(top left) Edward Brown,
and (top right) Brewer, Mandi,
Chad, Harris, & Findley Grace
Blalock, (bottom left)
David & Laurie Brooks

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We continue to need some help with worship care in the upcoming months, please sign up using the link on the church Facebook page or get in touch with Kristen directly. 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.

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPTEMBER 12TH

Start each week off with a group engaged in lively conversation surrounding Scripture and its message for our lives. Tamara Smathers teaches this group that meets in the Dining Room on Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Many women from the community join us, so please feel free to invite a friend to come along. Bring your own coffee, or grab a cup when you arrive.

CHURCH TO VOTE ON PROPOSED BUDGET SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT THE CLOSE OF WORSHIP

At our Church Conference the proposed budget was presented for review and questions. It is an exciting picture of the church at work in ministry, missions, and on-going care of our facilities. Your generous contributions of tithes and offerings lead us into deepening discipleship, worship, and service. Together, we Seek the Heart of Christ, and to bear witness to God's grace by serving as the Hands of Christ.



Video resources available anytime, anywhere, on any smart device. Create an account and get started searching the 4,000+ videos offered to enhance your personal Bible study. FBC Rome, through the Adult Formations ministries has purchased a church subscription available to the FBC family. Watch your email for a direct link to our FBC Channel, or contact Tamara Smathers for help. We will provide you with an access code and walk you through the process.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH 6:00 P.M.

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.

PARENTING IN FAITH WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday nights in October from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Meredith Anne Miller will lead 4 parenting workshops about walking alongside your child in their faith. Meredith will lead these workshops via Zoom, but participants will meet together in-person for hard-copy resources and discussion.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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MISSIONS

BRIDGES: LIFE COACH OPPORTUNITY

There are many ways to serve as a partner to Bridges and one of those ways is to become a Life Coach. Currently we are in need of five female Life Coaches. As a Life Coach you will partner with a Getting Ahead Graduate as they navigate daily life and create personal plans for building resources and a brighter future story. If you are interested in this rewarding service opportunity please contact Keith Phillips or Nick Georgian.

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! Here are ways to serve:

- **Food for 20 participants** (1 or 2 volunteers needed) - Provide & 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.



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.



SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers for Sunday, September 11, in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Myrette Bennett Hough by Tom and Charlesea Bennett.

The flowers for Sunday, September 11, in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William L. Morris on the occasion of our wedding anniversary by Betty Zane Morris.

The flowers for Sunday, September 18, in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Mary Morris by the Morris Family.

The flowers for Sunday, September 18, in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Claborn and Ann Bradfield on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by their Children and Grandchildren.

September 10 - September 23

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, September 10

Minister on Call

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

Sunday, September 11

Missions Committee, 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	
Youth Choir Resumes	12:00 pm
Student Small Groups and Dinner	5:45 pm

Monday, September 12

Women's Bible Study	10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group, Dining Rm.	11:30 am
Finance Committee Meeting, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
FBC Ringers	5:30 pm

Wednesday, September 14

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

Thursday, September 15

Bridges Out of Poverty Classes, Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
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Saturday, September 17

Minister on Call	David Brooks 252.916.7174
Getting Ahead Life Coach Session, Dining Rm.	9:30 am

Sunday, September 18

Ministerial Retreat	
Deacon Ordination, Sanctuary	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	
Youth Choir, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Student Small Groups and Dinner	5:45 pm

Monday, September 19

Women's Bible Study	10:00 am
FBC Ringers	5:30 pm

Wednesday, September 21

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
Student Discipleship	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

Thursday, September 22

Bridges Out of Poverty Class Graduation, Dining Rm.	6:30 pm
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THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 11

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *What's Your Story?*

PREACHER: *Rev. David Brooks*

SCRIPTURE: *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

ANTHEM: *Come, Ye Disconsolate...*
arr. *Terre Johnson*

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

SEPTEMBER 14

Mixed Green Salad

Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Buttered Beans

Strawberry Pie

CHILDREN'S OPTIONS PROVIDED

MINISTER ON CALL:
Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 18

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *How Should We Pray?*

PREACHER: *Rev. David Brooks*

SCRIPTURE: *1 Timothy 2:1-7*

ANTHEM: *"Father of Light..."* *Craig Courtney*

SOLOISTS: *Leeanna Allen and Daniel Lynch*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Children's Choir*

BAPTISM OF *ADDIE KATE COX*

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

SEPTEMBER 21

Spinach Salad

Baked Chicken with Rosemary

Roasted Quartered New Potatoes

Glazed Carrots

Cherry Cobbler

CHILDREN'S OPTIONS PROVIDED

MINISTER ON CALL:
Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

THE SPIRE

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 Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

ALL CHILDREN'S CHOIRS Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

YOUTH CHOIR Sundays, following worship

FIRST BAPTIST RINGERS Mondays at 5:15 p.m.

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

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