

THE SPIRE

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WORLD COMMUNION OCTOBER 2



FAMILY NIGHT PARENTING WITH 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.



FROM OUR PASTOR

In a recent staff meeting, Nick Georgian asked us all, “How is it with your soul?” Nick borrowed the question from John Wesley—Methodism’s founder—who opened all of his small group meetings with this question. It is a great question to ask and to answer for ourselves. When we contemplate the condition of our soul, we are getting at our need to grow deeper in our relationship with God. We are talking about spiritual formation, which Robert Mulholland defines as “The process of being conformed to the image of Christ for the sake of others” (*Invitation to a Journey*).

As your pastor, it is a privilege to walk with you as you grow in faith and as you are being conformed to the image of Christ for the sake of others. To help you in the formation of your soul, I invite you to join with me on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in October and November as we consider some basic practices of Christian spirituality. We will be using a little book from L. Roger Owens—*What We Need Is Here*—to rediscover these seven “givens” of Christian spirituality: Reading the Gospels, Praying the Psalms, Sitting with God in silence, Receiving and responding to Jesus with the body, Meeting Jesus in Holy Communion, Finding Jesus in church, and Spending time with the poor.

I hope you will join me for these weekly opportunities to grow spiritually, to be formed in the image of Christ, and to keep on asking, “How is it with *my* soul?”

Grace and peace,

David



WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

Children in our Pre K 4/5 year old class learn skills needed for “big school”. We have an opening if you would like your child to join us. We'd love to have them with us at our preschool that has been in the community for over 50 years. Contact us at 706-295-1150 or mwood@fbcrome.org 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. Scan the QR code to sign up!



FBC STUDENT FALL RETREAT: WORSHIP - DISCIPLESHIP - FUN - RELATIONSHIPS

Mark your calendars for the Student Fall Retreat hosted by the CBF of Georgia.
Date: November 11 - November 13
Where: Camp Glisson in Dahlonega, GA
Cost: \$140 per student
Scan the QR code to sign up and join the fun! Please contact Nick Georgian for more information!



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!



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

ANGELS AND CIDER AT SUNDOWN

Sunday, November 13, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Ruth Reynolds has invited us to her Barnhouse!

She will lead us in making an angel figurine. Bring a chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

24TH ANNUAL Christmas at First Baptist CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 4 P.M.

Featuring the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra with the Youth Choir, Children's Choir and First Baptist Ringers

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity Coosa Valley recently presented First Baptist Church with a hammer in appreciation for the generous contributions and volunteering efforts made by church members.



THE HEART OF A PASTOR

A WORSHIP SERIES FROM THE LETTERS OF 1 & 2 TIMOTHY

SEPTEMBER 25

Sermon: *Can We Ever Be Satisfied?* – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

OCTOBER 2: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sermon: *What Makes a Family of Faith?* – 2 Timothy 1:1-7

OCTOBER 9

Sermon: *Owning the Gospel* – 2 Timothy 2:8-15

OCTOBER 16

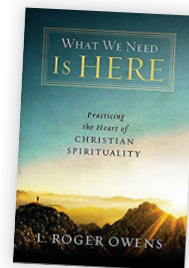
Sermon: *More than a Nod* – 2 Timothy 3:14-17

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Sermon: *The Best is Yet to Come* – 2 Timothy 4:6-8

WHAT WE NEED IS HERE

Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality
Wednesday Evenings, October 5 – November 16
Fellowship Hall | Led by Rev. David Brooks
This opportunity for spiritual growth is based on *What We Need is Here*, by L. Roger Owens. Reading the book is not required for participation, but if you would like a copy of the book, they are available for \$10 in the church office.



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.



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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Evelyn Sanders

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.

SUMMERVILLE/CHATTOOGA COUNTY FLOODING RESPONSE

We continue to remember the devastating flooding that happened a few weeks ago in parts of Northwest Georgia, especially the Summerville area. This caused many citizens of Chattooga County to be without power and fresh water, leaving behind tremendous damage to homes and businesses. As of now, all immediate needs are being met, but there will be some long-term relief that will be needed. We'll keep you updated as opportunities to serve arise. For now, please continue to pray for the Summerville community as they face uncertain days and work towards healing and restoration.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 25, are given to the glory of God and provided by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 25, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Quinette Harbin by Buford Harbin and Family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 2, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Milton Tippin Jr., Jennette Todd Tippin and Todd Tippin by Jenny and Joe Walter.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 2, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernest, Doris and John Rudert by the Edward Rudert Family and the Bob Rudert Family.

seeking His heart | *Being His* hands

September 24 – October 7

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, September 24

Minister on Call Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141
Deacon Retreat, F.H. 9:00 am

Sunday, September 25

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 Together / River Day 2:00 pm

Monday, September 26

Women's Bible Study, Dining Rm. 10:00 am
FBC Ringers, Choir Suite 5:15 pm

Wednesday, September 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen
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 29

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

Saturday, October 1

Minister on Call Kristen Pope 502.693.5644

Sunday, October 2

Extended Family Ministry Team Meeting, Dining 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, Choir Suite 12:00 pm
Student Small Groups 5:45 pm
Student Dinner, F.H. 6:00 pm
Student Small Groups 6:45 pm

Monday, October 3

Women's Bible Study, Dining Rm. 10:00 am
Properties Committee, Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm
FBC Ringers, Choir Suite 5:15 pm

Wednesday, October 5

Family Night Dinner 5:00 pm
Churns Bible Study, Builders' Rm. 5:30 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

THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 25

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *Can We Ever Be Satisfied?*

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

ANTHEM: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms...* arr. Eric Nelson

SPECIAL MUSIC: Sydney Godfrey, solo; Beth Bratton, flute; Tara Suswal, cello

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

SEPTEMBER 28

Ambrosia Salad

Quiche Lorraine

Blueberry Muffin

Hash Brown Patty

Banana Pie

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Scrambled Eggs

Bacon

MINISTER ON CALL:
Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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



Happy Birthday
TO OUR OLDEST MEMBER!



Virginia Cooley turned
101 on September 1!

NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 2

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SERMON: *What Makes A Family of Faith?*

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 1:1-7

ANTHEM: *The One...* Craig Courtney

SPECIAL MUSIC: First Baptist Ringers

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

OCTOBER 5

Coleslaw

Fried Catfish with Hushpuppies

Rice Pilaf

Buttered Lima Beans

Mixed Berry Cobbler

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Breaded Cod Sticks

Potato Chips

MINISTER ON CALL:
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