

THE SPIRE

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THANKSGIVING DINNER & SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

A Deacon sponsored Thanksgiving meal will be served on Sunday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m. The two youngest choirs will perform. No reservations required. A service will follow in the Sanctuary, and an offering will be received for the Rome/Floyd Community Kitchen.



Welcoming ADVENT

Join us November 27 at 4:00 p.m. for an afternoon of holiday fun and fellowship as we prepare for Advent. We will make Advent wreaths to use in our homes throughout the season, enjoy Christmas music and delicious goodies, and you will receive an Advent devotional.

FROM OUR PASTOR

As Thanksgiving approaches, I pause to give thanks to God for you — each and every member and friend of First Baptist Church. I am thankful for who you are and all that you do to minister to our community and our world. I am thankful for your presence in worship services and your participation in learning opportunities. I am thankful for growing friendships and fellowship. I am thankful for your faithfulness in prayer, for your generous giving, and for your compassionate care for one another. Finally, I am so very thankful that you called me this year to be your pastor. It is a joy and privilege to serve with you.

It is also a great joy and privilege to enter into the season of Advent with you. Advent is a season of light in the darkest days of the year. As each day of December passes, the sun rises later and sets earlier. By the time Christmas Day arrives, there are approximately four more hours of darkness than daylight in each 24-hour period. Yet, as Christians we choose to celebrate light in the darkness! While we lose a little more sunlight every day, we gather around our Advent wreaths

to light more candles each week. When Christmas arrives, the light of Christ shines brightly in the darkness as the fifth and final candle — the Christ candle — is lit.

Our theme for Advent this year is *Walking in the Light*. And so, I invite you to respond intentionally to the invitation of the prophet Isaiah: “Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord” (Isaiah 2:5). We can “walk in the light of the Lord” every day when we turn our hearts toward the Lord and faithfully follow his direction.

My prayer is that you may experience all the joys of this season that God has in store for you. Take advantage of the many opportunities for worship, ministry, and discipleship that are offered during this season of light. Welcome the light of Christ into your life once more and walk in that light!

Your pastor and friend,

David



CHILDREN'S CORNER

YOUNGER CHOIRS SINGING

Our TrebleMakers preschool choir and our kindergarten/1st grade choir will sing twice this holiday season; on November 20 at the Thanksgiving service, and again on December 7 after dinner on our final Wednesday night of activities.

FAMILY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL KITS

Make sure to attend the Welcoming Advent event on November 27, where you will receive your family Advent devotional kits in addition to creating an Advent wreath to use this season.

STUDENT NEWS

STUDENT PROGRESSIVE CHRISTMAS PARTY! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship as we celebrate and anticipate the birth of the Savior! We will meet at 3:30 pm at FBC and then trolley to different homes for appetizers, dinner, desserts, and gift swapping! For more information, please contact Nick Georgian.

WINTER RETREAT "ELEVATE": DECEMBER 27-30

Join us for our Winter Ski Retreat: *Elevate!!* The theme for *Elevate* comes from Paul's letter to the Ephesians 3:20, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." We will ski the slopes and discover more in depth of who God is and learn practical ways how we can *elevate* our faith in our daily lives.

WHEN: December 27 - December 30.

WHERE: Timberline Mountain in West Virginia

COST: The total cost of the trip is \$400.

Join the fun and scan the QR code to RSVP today! The deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 20. Please contact Nick Georgian for more information.



STUDENT BBQ FUNDRAISER

Get ready for the best BBQ in Rome, by your very own FBC Student Ministry! Mark your calendars for the Student BBQ Fundraiser on February 11, 2023! Stay tuned for more information soon!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SENIOR ADULT NEWS

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon is Thursday, December 8 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Attendees are encouraged to bring a nativity set to display. The program will include special music from FBC Music Interns Sydney Godfrey and Matthew Becher and stories about the nativity sets. Cost of the lunch is \$10. Sign up by December 5 with Karen in the church office.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

WOMEN'S EPIPHANY RETREAT

One of our favorite traditions will resume this year, as women of all ages will gather for a retreat January 6-8. The sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, Alabama will welcome us into their home and retreat center.

We will pray, laugh, stretch, and enjoy the peaceful grounds of the monastery. Please reserve your space by contacting Kris Wilder, kwilder@fbcrome.org. Watch for more details.

Cost including all meals: Private room, \$215; Shared room, \$175

POINSETTIA HONORARIUM & MEMORIAL

Please help the Flower Committee beautify the sanctuary during Advent by purchasing a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one through Tuesday, December 20. Complete the form below and return it with your payment of \$10.00 per plant. Make check payable to the *FBC Flower Fund*. Plants may be picked up after the service on December 25. You may drop off your check or mail it to:
First Baptist Church Flower Fund, P. O. Box 1189,
Rome, GA 30162-1189

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

NUMBER OF PLANTS

IN MEMORY OF

IN HONOR OF

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME



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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
The Bagleys (Miranda, Ben,
Will, and George)

MISSIONS

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

HOCC Signup Genius will be live for signups Nov 20 - Dec. 11. Please deliver the gifts to the dining room Nov. 27-Dec 11. All gifts need to be wrapped, (as gift allows), with a temporary tag taped on the bottom with family letter, gender, and age.



Thank you for your generosity and for all the ways you serve as the Hands of Christ in our community!

MUSIC MINISTRY

MUSIC ENSEMBLES See info below about our musical ensembles 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.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, November 20, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ralph Keith by Chris and Jennie Cook.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 20, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eula and John Kirkland and David Kirkland by Mary and John Kirkland.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, November 27, are given to the glory of God and provided by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 27, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Byron Reeves by Sue Reeves and Family.

seeking His heart | Being His hands

November 19 to December 2

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, November 19

Minister on Call

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

Sunday, November 20

Adult Faith Formation 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, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Thanksgiving Dinner & Service, F.H. and Sanctuary	5:00 pm

Monday, November 21

Weekday Preschool Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 21-25

FBC Ringers, Sanctuary 5:15 pm

Wednesday, November 23

Church Office Closes at Noon

Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 26

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

Sunday, November 27

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	
Welcoming Advent	4:00 pm

Monday, November 28

Women's Bible Study, Dining Rm.	10:00 am
Flower Committee Work Day, Sanctuary	11:00 am
FBC Ringers, Choir Suite	5:15 pm

Tuesday, November 29

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Flower Committee Work Day, Sanctuary 11:00 am

Wednesday, November 30

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Family Night Dinner	5:00 pm
Older Children's Choir/Youth Choir Rehearse w/orchestra	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	6:30 pm
CAFB Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal w/orchestra, Choir Suite	6:00 pm

Thursday, December 1

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Friday, December 2

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

THIS WEEK: NOVEMBER 20

SUNDAY WORSHIP CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

SERMON: *Going to See the King*

PREACHER: *Rev. David Brooks*

SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 25:31-46*

ANTHEM: *Crown Him...arr. Dan Forrest*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *First Baptist Ringers
and Brass Ensemble*

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Week, no dinner

MINISTER ON CALL:

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

Dear Church Family,

The search committee for the Minister for Students and Missions has been hard at work trying to complete the process efficiently while ensuring that the integrity of the search is maintained. Please pray for us as we determine who God is leading to us for this important role in our church. Also be in prayer for the candidate to feel God's call to us.

We will complete our process as quickly as possible with the Holy Spirit's guidance. We look forward to having a report for you soon.

Grace and Peace,

Julie McCormick, Chair

Committee Members: Frank Clements, Deacon Chair; Jennie Cook, Personnel Chair; Brian Inman; Leigh Weldon; Brian Richie; Beth Hood; Troy Fitzpatrick; Marsha Colwell; and Jeremy Salter.

NEXT WEEK: NOVEMBER 27

SUNDAY WORSHIP FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT THEME: *Walking in the Light*

SERMON: *Walking in the Light: Be Prepared*

PREACHER: *Rev. David Brooks*

SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 25:1-13,
Romans 13:11-14*

ANTHEM: *Advent Alleluia...arr. Keith Christopher*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *First Baptist Ringers*

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

NOVEMBER 30

Mixed Green Salad

Baked Ham with Pineapple

Macaroni and Cheese

Peas and Carrots

Carrot Cake

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Baked Ham, Macaroni and Cheese

MINISTER ON CALL:

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www.fbcrome.org

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