

THE SPIRE

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Who are we?

A WORSHIP SERIES FOR THE NEW YEAR BASED ON OUR FBC CORE VALUES

January 15	In heritage.....Baptist	John 8:31-38
January 22	In relationships.....Family	Psalms 133 & Matthew 12:46-50
January 29	In character.....Christlikeness	Mark 1:16-20 & Philippians 2:1-11
February 5	In service.....Leadership	Mark 10:35-45
February 12	In all things.....Prayer	Luke 11:1-13

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The study will focus on The Gospel of John and will run every Wednesday from January 18 through February 15.

FROM OUR PASTOR

On January 1, I shared with you a question that will serve as a guide for all that we do as a church in 2023: **Where is Jesus?** In our own lives, in our church, in our community, and throughout the world, where is Jesus? He tells us that he is with us always, so we know exactly where he is. But do we recognize him? Do we acknowledge his presence? Do we allow him to guide us and mold us more closely in his likeness? Do we serve him by serving the needs of our neighbors who live with us and around us? I pray that we will all look for the living Lord Jesus among us every day of this year.

One of the ways we can find Jesus is through a fresh commitment to the Core Values of our church that guide us. Do you know our Core Values? We have five of them, and they are a good summary of the longer Church Covenant that we read aloud in worship last Sunday as we joyfully baptized Ben Sanker and Clara Taylor. To refresh your memory, these are our Core Values that guide us: In heritage...

Baptist; In relationships... Family; In character... Christlikeness; In service... Leadership; In all things... Prayer.

As we ask the question, *Where is Jesus?* we begin this new year by asking a related question: **Who are we?** Over the next five Sundays (Jan 15 through Feb 12), we will explore our Core Values and discover (or perhaps rediscover) who we are as members and friends of First Baptist Church. In the process, I think we will receive some clear indications of where Jesus is among us.

Where is Jesus? Who are we? These are great questions for us to ask and answer as we begin a new year of *Seeking His Heart...Being His Hands*.

Your pastor and friend,

David



CHILDREN'S CORNER

PARENT SEMINAR

Beginning on Wednesday January 25, a 6-week seminar will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Builders Sunday School room. This will be led in partnership between Kristen and LeAnn Gardner, a licensed clinical social worker and ordained minister. These workshops will help anyone who cares for children (parents, grandparents, caregivers, teachers, etc.) know how to teach children about safety as it regards to their peers and other adults in their life, as well as how to educate them about their bodies at every stage of development from a faith-based perspective. This is a much-needed topic of discussion but can be tough to know how to handle, so don't miss out on this opportunity!

WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK

Wednesday night activities for kids are back in full swing, so be sure your kids (and any of their friends) are joining us for children's choir and Kid's J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m.

WINTER RETREAT

A great group of 3rd-6th graders leave on January 27 for a weekend winter retreat! Prayers for safe travels and a wonderful time of fellowship and discipleship together.

STUDENT NEWS

STUDENT BBQ FUNDRAISER

The Student Ministry Annual BBQ Fundraiser is happening now and you have a chance to purchase some of the best barbecue in Rome now through Sunday, January 29! GMC Value Mart will prepare all of our meat this year and we will get our hands to work and smoke it! The sign up is live and available for you to go ahead and reserve your BBQ! You can visit the church web page and click on the "It's BBQ Time!" slider or you may scan the QR Code. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or reach out to a member of the FBC Student ministry.

If you would like to make a BBQ donation to the Davies Shelter or Ruth and Naomi House please mark "donation" on your sign-up questionnaire and/or payment memo line. Thank you in advance for your support of our local ministry partners!

All orders will be ready for pick up from FBC Rome parking lot between 3:00 - 5:00 pm on Saturday, February 11th.

Thank you for your ongoing love and support to the FBC Rome Student Ministry!



Student Ski Trip December 2022

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Will resume on Monday, February 13.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Church Family,

I am grateful to First Baptist and the gift of a one-month sabbatical every 5 years.

The date marking 15 years of service was last April, but I felt strongly about being present as we welcomed our new pastor. Now with David's encouragement, I will receive this gift beginning January 10th. The time will be used to nurture both my spiritual health as well as my physical wellbeing. I'll dig in the dirt, plant seeds, prune fruit trees, and listen for God's voice in the silence. Please know that I will be praying for you. Thank you, First Baptist Church! I'll see you on February 7th.

Tamara Tillman Smathers

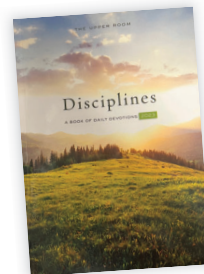
PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION ON JANUARY 15 Madeline Jackson, daughter of Chris and Catherine Jackson

MARY MCDONALD IN CONCERT AT FBC

Internationally acclaimed composer and musician Mary McDonald will be in concert with the Sanctuary Choir (with a special appearance by our Children's Choir) on Sunday, April 30, in the morning worship service and for a full concert that afternoon. Some of you will remember Mary's visit with us a few years ago and this event is not to be missed! Please put this on your calendars and invite your friends to be a part of this special day in the life of our church and the Music Ministry.

UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES

The 2023 Disciplines have arrived and are available. This daily devotional book is an excellent tool for those wishing to begin or deepen a devotional practice. Each day includes a Scripture to read, a short meditation, and prayer. Copies may be picked up near the elevator and office doors, as well as in the Narthex.



SENIOR ADULT NEWS

CANADIAN MARITIMES IN 2023

The Senior Adult Ministry is hosting a trip to the Canadian Maritimes (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island) in July 2023. Please contact Keith Reaves for a brochure or for more information. Only a few spots remain!

MARDI GRAS LUNCHEON

The next Senior Adult Luncheon is February 16 at noon and will have a Mardi Gras theme. Ruth Reynolds will be making homemade gumbo and muffulettas and we will have king cake and more fun. Cost is \$10 per person. Sign up with Karen in the office by Monday, February 13.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Ben Sanker



Jacob and Caroline
Brooks



Taylor Family
(Tim & Rosanna and
daughters Lucy & Clara)

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIRS RESUME REHEARSALS All of our ensembles are returning to work on Spring/Lent/Easter Music!

SANCTUARY CHOIR: Meeting Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

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

YOUTH CHOIR: Resumes following worship each week beginning January 22

FIRST BAPTIST RINGERS: Resumes at 5:15 p.m. January 23

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, January 15, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jimmie Grimes on the occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary by J. C. Grimes.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, January 15, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jerry Vick by Janice Vick and Family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, January 22, are given to the glory of God and provided by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, January 22, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. L. and Doris Todd on the occasion of Doris' birthday by Randy, Amy and Lori Land and their loving grandsons.

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January 14 – January 27

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, January 14

Minister on Call

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

Sunday, January 15

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 Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm

Monday, January 16

No Weekday Preschool Classes – MLK Day
Church Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 18

Family Night Dinner	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Student Room Opens	5:45 pm
Prayer and Bible Study, Dining Rm.	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

Saturday, January 21

Minister on Call

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

Sunday, January 22

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, January 23

Davies Shelter Board Meeting, Dining Rm.	6:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers	5:15 pm

Tuesday, January 24

Weekday Preschool Pajama Day	9:00 am
Churns Small Group, Conf. Rm.	6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 25

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, Dining Rm.	6:00 pm
Student Life	6:00 pm
Parent Seminar, Builders Rm.	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

Friday, January 27-28

Children's CBFGA Retreat, Rock Eagle

THIS WEEK: JANUARY 15

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *In Heritage...Baptist*

PREACHER: *Rev. David Brooks*

SCRIPTURE: *John 8:31-38*

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

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION FOR JACKSON FAMILY

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

JANUARY 18

Ambrosia Salad

Breakfast Casserole

Sausage Patties/Bacon

Hash Browns

Danish Pastries

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Breakfast Casserole, Applesauce, Danish Pastries

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

NEXT WEEK: JANUARY 22

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *In Relationships...Family*

PREACHER: *Rev. David Brooks*

SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 133 & Matthew 12:46-50*

ANTHEM: *Be My Church...Susan Bradshaw/*
Keith Reaves

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Children's Choir*

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

JANUARY 25

Caesar Salad

Chicken Parmesan

Penne Pasta

Fried Zucchini

Tiramisu

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Fried Chicken Fingers with Marinara Sauce, Spaghetti, Fruit Cocktail, Chocolate Pudding

MINISTER ON CALL:

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS

JOE AARON has moved to Bradenton, Florida where he is in assisted living at the Villas of Holly Brook and Reflections. Joe is near his daughter, Linda, who sent this recent photo of Joe.



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