

FBC BBQ FUNDRAISER

If you have not had the opportunity to reserve your BBQ order, there is still time! The last day to sign up is Sunday, January 29th. If you have any questions and/or need assistance placing your order, please contact the church office or reach out to a member of the FBC Student ministry.

In addition, 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.

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!



FROM OUR PASTOR

I love barbecue, and I am not ashamed to admit it. I know barbecue is not very healthy—not at all. But it sure is delicious! And when it is enjoyed with good friends or family, barbecue can bring us together, ease our minds, and relieve our stress.

Of course, barbecue can also be divisive, depending on where you live. In Texas, barbecue means beef brisket, but in the deep South, barbecue means pork—pulled, sliced, chopped, or minced. In North Carolina, where I lived for nearly three decades before moving to Georgia, chopped pork barbecue was divided between east and west, and the divide was based on the sauce. Down east in NC, where I lived, the sauce was plain, simple, and delicious: vinegar, crushed red pepper, salt, and pepper. In western NC, a lot more was added to the sauce: ketchup, brown sugar, maybe some mustard or molasses or sugar—equally delicious! Both sides of the state claim superiority, but I'll eat either one if you are buying. I'm not picky.

No matter which barbecue we believe is the best, all barbecue is "comfort food." It makes us smile. It brings back good memories. It's a nice treat to enjoy with those we love. And with your generosity, barbecue can also be a means of supporting our students at First Baptist as they raise funds for upcoming trips, retreats, and activities. Be sure to place your order and get ready to enjoy some good food for a good cause on February 11. We'll let you decide on your sauce!

Your pastor and friend,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

PARENT SEMINAR

Over the next six weeks, a seminar will be offered on Wednesdays 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!

SPAGHETTI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Mark your calendars for Sunday March 26, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.! We will host our annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction for the Children's Ministry in the Fellowship Hall, along with a talent show featuring ANYONE (child or adult) who has a talent they would like to share. If you have a service, experience, or gift that you could offer for the auction OR if you would like to participate in the talent show, please reach out to Kristen directly ASAP.



SCHOOL

VACATION BIBLE

It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School! We will need all hands on deck to help us July 12-15 with our super-hero themed week of fun and fellowship. Contact Karen Foss or Kristen if you are interested in serving.

STUDENT NEWS

THE EDGE GATHERING

The EDGE Gathering is a ministry for our graduating seniors that provides an intentional space for our seniors to connect and to have practical discussion on their transition from High School to a new season of life. Last week we learned about the importance of discipleship and community from Aubrey Georgian. The next EDGE Gathering will be Thursday, February 9. Janice Davis will be with us teaching on finances and how to be faithful stewards.

SMALL GROUPS AND YOUTH CHOIR have resumed! All students, 7th - 12th grade are welcomed to join us as we seek to build deep-lasting relationships with one another, grow in discipleship and make a Kingdom impact in our community! If you have not received the Student Spring schedule, please contact Nick Georgian.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Will resume on Monday, February 13.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY

This service marks the beginning of Lent February 22 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. No other activities for children or youth are planned so that families may worship and start the Lenten journey together. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal will follow the service.

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A Youth-led Worship Service
Sunday, February 26 at 5 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

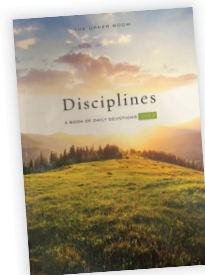
This service on the first Sunday evening of Lent offers a rare opportunity to give us time and space to center on the Lord. Come as you are, call to God, — and listen.

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.



MISSIONS

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

What an incredible year we had with Hands of Christ Christmas. I was blown away by everyone's generosity and outpouring of love, prayers, support and resources to families in need of hope in our community. Throughout the month of December, deliveries were made, taekwondo classes began, counseling sessions were provided, appliances were hooked up, bathroom repairs were made, members volunteered to help with transportation to various church activities and appointments, warm-clothing was donated, and driving lessons were given to young mothers among MANY other things! On behalf of the HOCC committee, we want to extend our gratitude for all the countless ways you showed the love of Jesus this Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity and acts of kindness and for truly being Jesus' hands to the least, the last and the lost in our community. A big thank you to Amy Cox Kate Barron and Leigh Weldon for their incredible leadership and passion which served as the driving force in making HOCC what it is today.

HANDS OF CHRIST SERVE DAY is set for Saturday, April 22. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Sealy Salter

SENIOR ADULT NEWS

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIRS RESUME REHEARSALS All of our ensembles are back! Come join us!

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

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

YOUTH CHOIR: Sundays at Noon.

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

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, January 29, are given to the glory of God and provided by the Jo Huffman Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, January 29, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Audrey Cooper and Bill Bryson on the occasion of their birthdays by Billy and Kathy Cooper.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, February 5, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilbur Keene on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Buddy and Ellen Keene.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 5, are given to the glory of God and in honor of FBC ministers and staff by Earl and Mary Rolan.

January 28 – February 10

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, January 28

Minister on Call

Nick Georgian 706.766.0032

Sunday, January 29

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, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Student Small Groups and Dinner	5:45 pm

Monday, January 30

First Baptist Ringers	5:15 pm
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Wednesday, February 1

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

Saturday, February 4

Minister on Call

David Brooks 252.916.7174

Sunday, February 5

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, February 6

First Baptist Ringers	5:15 pm
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Tuesday, February 7

Churns Bible Study, Dining Rm.	6:00 pm
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Wednesday, February 8

Family Night Dinner	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Student Room Opens	5:45 pm
Prayer and Bible Study, F.H.	6:00 pm
Student Life	6:00 pm
Parent Seminar, Builders Rm.	6:00 pm
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THIS WEEK: JANUARY 29

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *In Character...Christlikeness*

PREACHER: *Rev. David Brooks*

SCRIPTURE: *Mark 1:16-20 & Philippians 2:1-11*

ANTHEM: *My Eternal King...Jane Marshall*

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

<https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

FEBRUARY 1

Mixed Green Salad

Roast Pork Loin with Mushroom Gravy

Escalloped Potatoes

Acorn Squash Roasted

Apple Cobbler with Ice Cream

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Hamburgers

Sliced Peaches

MINISTER ON CALL:

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THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH



Women's Epiphany Retreat



NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 5

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *In Service...Leadership*

PREACHER: *Rev. David Brooks*

SCRIPTURE: *Mark 10:35-45*

ANTHEM: *Lest I Forget Thy Love...*
arr. Craig Courtney

THE ORDINANCES OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

FEBRUARY 8

Mixed Green Salad

Baked Chicken with Rosemary

Roasted Quartered New Potatoes

Sauteed Green Beans

Chocolate Cake

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Baked Chicken with Rosemary

Applesauce

Chocolate Cake

MINISTER ON CALL:

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