

# THE SPIRE

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OFFERING FOR  
GLOBAL MISSIONS

BECAUSE **PRESENCE** MATTERS

OUR GOAL:  
\$40,000

A PLACE AT THE

TABLE

FOR EVERYONE



## MEET LAURA AYALA — COORDINATOR OF GLOBAL MISSIONS FOR CBF



Laura started as our new Global Missions Coordinator on February 1. She comes to this role after serving as pastor of the historic First Baptist Church of Rio Piedras in San Juan, Puerto Rico for the last nine years.

**On Sunday, March 5th**, we will have the privilege of hosting Laura here at First Baptist. She will preach in our morning worship service and join our ministers and Missions Committee for lunch after worship. Then, on **Monday, March 6th**, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., there will be a time for **Coffee & Conversation** with Laura at North Broad Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome!



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### SAFE (SEXUAL AWARENESS & FAMILY EMPOWERMENT) SEMINAR

This seminar is offered on Wednesdays through March 22 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Builders Sunday School room. It is 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.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Mark your calendars for Sunday March 26, 5 to 7 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.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School! We will need all hands on deck to help us June 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

Our next EDGE is Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. and Tamara Smathers will be leading our students through Clifton Strengths Finder! We will meet in the Dining Room and dinner will be provided.

### TAIZÉ SERVICE

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 26. Our students will lead a Taizé service at 5 p.m. in the chapel. This will center our attention on Jesus and prepare our hearts for the Lenten journey!

### SENIOR IMMERSION MISSION TRIP/ SPIRITUAL INVESTORS NEEDED

Please consider becoming a spiritual investor in the life of a graduating senior this year. We have 4 seniors going on a senior immersion mission trip to the Bahamas, June 3 – 9. If you or someone you know is interested, there will be an information meeting on Sunday, February 26 in the Dining Room immediately following the worship service.



*Thank you for a great BBQ Sale!*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

Our tradition in March is to focus on our Global Missions partnership through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The theme of this year's offering is, A Place at the Table, which is a very large table welcoming everyone to come and feast at God's table. We are fortunate to have relationships with several missionaries serving through our support and other CBF churches. They serve on our behalf and undergirded with our prayers.

### A COLLECTION OF SPIRITUAL NARRATIVES FROM THE OFFICE AND HOME OF TAMARA SMATHERS

The FBC Gallery is located on the third floor of the Education Building, adjacent to the elevator.

Descriptions of each piece are posted to encourage learning and reflection.

The Gallery task group looks forward to renewing our rotation of exhibits and are seeking other artists (or art enthusiasts) to join this working group. Contact Tamara Smathers with your interest.

### TEACH US TO PRAY

#### A LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

**FEB 26** - Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name

**MAR 5** - Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done

**MAR 12** - Give Us this Day Our Daily Bread

**MAR 19** - Forgive Us Our Trespases

**MAR 26** - Lead Us Not into Temptation

**APRIL 2** - Thine is the Kingdom and the Power (Palm Sunday)

**APRIL 9** - Thine is the Glory (Easter Sunday)

### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights during Lent in the fellowship hall as our pastor leads us in a study of the seven last words that Jesus spoke as he was crucified.

**MARCH 1** - "Father, forgive them" & "Today, you will be with me in paradise"

**MARCH 8** - "Behold your son...Behold your mother"

**MARCH 15** - "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

**MARCH 22** - "I thirst"

**MARCH 29** - "It is finished" & "Into your hands I commit my spirit"

### 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.

## MISSIONS

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

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ORGAN RENOVATIONS CONTINUE

We have begun another phase in the renovation of the sanctuary organ:

1. Each pipe (we have about 3,500 of them!) has a small piece of leather at the end of it to help control air flow. Many of the leathers are disintegrating and have small holes, which are causing ciphers (when air flow cannot be cut off and the pipe continues to play.) Replacing the leather on the pipes will fix this problem.
2. The bumper felt pads under the pedal keys are being replaced to be sure the contacts from the pedals to the organ continue to work properly.
3. About 13 concussions (small bellows) scattered throughout the organ made of leather will be replaced to assure smoother and stable airflow among the pipes.

The last time we did major releathering of the organ was 2000. All of this work will be done before Easter. We are grateful that the total cost of the project is being paid by donations to the Music Designated account, so that no money will need to be spent from the church budget.

## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:  
West Hortman

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, February 26, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Larry Atwell by Joanna Atwell and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 26, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don Clements by the Clements Family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, March 5, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Hazel Hay Dowd and Willard C. Hay and Edward and Doris Dellinger Dowd by Lucy Hay Vick and Dub and Lyn Hay.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 5, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory and happy heavenly birthday to William Thompson, husband, father and granddaddy by Nancy Thompson Margaret and Jason Marion, Blythe and Archer.

February 25 – March 10

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, February 25

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

### Sunday, February 26

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	
Spiritual Investors Meeting, D.R.	12:00 pm
Youth Choir, Chapel	3:30 pm
Youth Led Worship Service – Taize, Chapel	5:00 pm

### Monday, February 27

Women's Bible Study Group, D.R.	10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers	5:15 pm

### Tuesday, February 28

WDPS Sweetheart Ball, D.R.	12:00 pm
Churns Bible Study, Conf. Rm.	6:00 pm

### Wednesday, March 1

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, F.H.	6:00 pm
Student Life	6:00 pm
SAFE Seminar, Builders Rm.	6:00 pm
Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)	6:30 pm
Student Discipleship, Student Rm.	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

### Thursday, March 2

Health Committee, D.R.	12:15 pm
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### Saturday, March 4

Minister on Call

David Brooks 252.916.7174

### Sunday, March 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	
Student Small Groups and Dinner	6:00 pm

### Monday, March 6

Women's Bible Study Group, Dining Rm.	10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers	5:15 pm

### Wednesday, March 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
Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)	6:30 pm
Student Discipleship, Student Rm.	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

## THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 26

### THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *Teach Us to Pray*

SERMON: "Our Father in Heaven"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:12-17

ANTHEM: *You Alone Are God...*  
arr. Mary McDonald

SPECIAL MUSIC: Youth Choir

BAPTISM OF WEST HORTMAN

#### EVENING WORSHIP

*Taize Service led by Youth Choir, 5 p.m. in Chapel*

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

#### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

##### MARCH 1

Mixed Green Salad, Baked Cod with Lemon  
Garlic Butter, Rice Pilaf, Sauteed Green Beans  
with Almonds, Cherry Cobbler with Ice Cream

##### CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Breaded Chicken Fingers, Sliced Pears, Cherry  
Cobbler with Ice Cream

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

## NEXT WEEK: MARCH 5

### THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *Teach Us to Pray*

PULPIT GUEST: Rev. Laura Ayala, CBF Global  
Missions Coordinator

ANTHEM: *KITTERY..William Billings*  
*Thy Will Be Done...arr. Craig Courtney*

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#### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

##### MARCH 8

Mixed Green Salad, Potato Salad, Fried Chicken,  
Macaroni and Cheese, Fried Okra,  
Strawberry Shortcake

##### CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Fried Chicken, Mandarin Oranges,  
Strawberry Shortcake

MINISTER ON CALL:

David Brooks 252.916.7174

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST LIVE ON  
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND  
VIA [WWW.FBCROME.ORG](http://WWW.FBCROME.ORG)

## SPECIAL TAIZE SERVICE

The Youth Choir will lead a special service on the first Sunday in Lent, February 26 at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. Taize is a village in the south of France that serves as a prayer retreat for people all over the world. Taize services are characterized by three things: song, readings and meditation. Readings from the Bible and other poetry and reflections will be offered. The service offers time for quiet reflection and meditation, and in the spirit of the Taizé community, we will offer this service by candlelight. Come experience this unique service of worship.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

### FEBRUARY 26

Student led Taizé Service

### MARCH 26

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

### MARCH 5

Laura Ayala from CBF to preach

### JUNE 12-15

Vacation Bible School

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[www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org)

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