

THE SPIRE

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FROM OUR PASTOR

One time, in her role as the British prime minister, Margaret Thatcher was visiting a nursing home, going from room to room and meeting senior adults. One of the residents showed no sign of realizing that she was shaking hands with a very famous world leader. “Do you know who I am?” asked Mrs. Thatcher. “No, dear,” replied the elderly woman, “but I should ask the nurse if I were you. She usually knows.”

When a loved one or friend deals with memory loss, we can be there to patiently remind them of who they are and how they are loved by us. But they are not the only ones who need to be reminded of their identity. Everyone can benefit from intentionally asking ourselves, Who am I? What defines me as a person? What makes me who I am? And Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday, is a good time to ponder these deep questions. Yes, we learn about Jesus during Holy Week, but we are also challenged to learn more about who we are in him.

If you want a good starting point to answer the question of your own identity, here it is: “*I have been crucified with Christ*,” the Apostle Paul wrote, “*and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me*” (Galatians 2:19-20). Is this a true statement about who you are? If not, take time this Holy Week to pray, to search within, to worship God, to give thanks for what Jesus did as he gave his life for you. Let your life be crucified with Christ. Then, when Easter arrives, let your life be renewed and resurrected so that Jesus can truly come alive and live through you.

Grace and peace,

David

FBC HOSTS *Community Holy Week Services*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WILL
HOST THE COMMUNITY HOLY
WEEK SERVICES APRIL 3-5
EACH DAY AT NOON.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

Renée Meyer, Westminster Presbyterian
Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

David Boyd, St. Peter's Episcopal Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Jacob Roberts, Second Avenue
Baptist Church

A light lunch will be served in the
Fellowship Hall following the service
each day.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

KRISTEN'S SABBATICAL

Kristen will be on sabbatical April 12-May 10. During this time, contact either Kaitlyn Cowan or Karen Foss with any questions related to the Children's Ministry. Kristen is so grateful for this time of rest and renewal!

VBS REGISTRATION

Calling all Superheroes! VBS registration will open on April 10! Our theme this year is "Hero Hotline", where we will explore our Hero Handbook - the Bible - and discover everything that we are called to do as God's heroes. VBS is June 12-15 from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and kids ages 3 through fourth grade are invited to join us. Older elementary kids and youth are also welcome to come serve as volunteers and leaders!

FINAL WEDNESDAY

Our final Wednesday night is April 26, where we will share dinner together and have the opportunity to hear all three of our children's choirs sing!

STUDENT NEWS

OVERNIGHT CAMPING ADVENTURE

We will leave the FBC Rome parking lot at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 31, and return on Saturday, April 1, at 12 p.m. We will cook out, play games, go fishing, paint/artwork, worship, build a fire, make smores, watch a movie and enjoy time together! I hope you can join this time of fellowship and fun! Please contact Nick Georgian for more details.

MISSION MADNESS SPRING RETREAT FBC COLUMBUS GA - APRIL 14 - APRIL 16

There are still a few spots open for you to sign up! This will be a fruitful and transformative weekend full of fellowship, service, music, food, and worship! Please contact Nick Georgian if you are interested or would like to know more information.

MARTHA HENEISEN'S LIFE VERSE:

"This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalm 118:24

EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to donate flowers for Easter in honor of loved ones or as a memorial, please fill out the form below. Cost per plant is \$15.00. The deadline for placing your order is **Friday, March 31**.

Make check payable to the *FBC Flower Fund* and mail to First Baptist Church Attn: Karen Garrett, P.O. Box 1189, Rome, GA 30162 or drop off at the church office. Plants may be picked up after the Easter service on April 9. Thank you for your order!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CBF MISSIONARIES ARE BANKING ON OUR SUPPORT!



OFFERING FOR
GLOBAL MISSIONS

BECAUSE PRESENCE MATTERS

Please help us meet our goal of \$40,000 by returning your filled banks (or other contributions) by Sunday, March 26th.

GALLERY EXHIBIT

The new exhibit, A Collection of Spiritual Narratives, is open. The gallery is adjacent to the elevator on the third floor of the education building.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE APRIL 6 AT 7 P.M.

This moving service takes us through the final hours of Christ's life and prepares us for the joy of Easter morning. The service includes special music by the Sanctuary Choir, Communion and Tenebrae.

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.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

MELISSA WOOD, WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR - 23 YEARS ON APRIL 10

We celebrate with Melissa and give thanks for all that she does in service to God and our congregation.

NICK GEORGIAN, MINISTER TO STUDENTS AND MISSIONS - 1 YEAR ON APRIL 11

We celebrate with Nick and give thanks for all that he does in service to God and our congregation.

TAMARA SMATHERS, MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION - 16 YEARS ON APRIL 22

We celebrate with Tamara and give thanks for all that she does in service to God and our congregation.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number of Plants: _____

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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MISSIONS

HANDS OF CHRIST SERVE DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Hands of Christ Serve Day is Saturday, April 22. We have mission opportunities for everyone, no matter what age! If you are unable to participate in person you can still serve in an impactful way by making a financial contribution. Fill out the Serve Day questionnaire on the website before March 29 to let us know that you are planning to participate. The Missions Committee will send an email in the first week of April with a list of specific mission projects available for you! Please contact Nick Georgian if you have any question or would like to know more information.



BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY: GETTING AHEAD IN A JUST-GETTIN'-BY WORLD

We launch our 5th Getting Ahead cohort on Thursday, April 13. Since inception Bridges has positively impacted the lives of 24 people who were living in poverty. The success of Bridges depends on volunteers and our congregation has stepped up to support this mission. We need volunteers to provide childcare, meals, and transportation Thursday evenings beginning April 13 through the end of September. If you are interested in supporting Bridges, please use the QR code to access the Sign Up Genius. If you have any questions please contact Nick Georgian or Keith Phillips.



HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM

EATING NUTRITIOUSLY

Sharon Baker and our Health Committee continue to meet and make plans to educate, equip, and empower FBC Rome in all the various angles of health - body, mind, and spirit. Our health bulletin board will have a new health topic each month with helpful information. Also, there is a health blog on our church website that we will update each month.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex on Sunday, March 26, are given to the glory of God and provided by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 26, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Henry and Nell Gilreath Williams on the occasions of their birthdays by their daughter, Kay Williams New and Family.

The flowers in the Narthex on Sunday, April 2, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Hill by Joan Hill and Family.

March 25 – April 7

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, March 25

Minister on Call

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

Sunday, March 26

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	
Children's Ministry Dinner & Auction, F.H. & D.R.	5:00 pm
Student Small Groups and Dinner	6:00 pm

Monday, March 27

Women's Bible Study Group, D.R.	10:00 am
Davies Shelter Board Meeting, Comm. Rm.	5:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers	5:15 pm

Tuesday, March 28

Properties Committee, Conf. Rm.	1:30 pm
Churns Bible Study, Dining Rm.	6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 29

FBC Serves Community Kitchen (Wednesday - Friday)	
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

Friday, March 31 – Saturday, April 1

Student Camp Out at Reynolds Farm, Walker Mtn. Rd.

Saturday, April 1

Minister on Call

David Brooks 252.916.7174

Sunday, April 2

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, April 3 – Thursday, April 6

Weekday Preschool Spring Break

Monday, April 3

Women's Bible Study Group, Dining Rm.	10:00 am
Holy Week & Lunch, Sanctuary & F.H.	12:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers	5:15 pm

Tuesday, April 4

Holy Week & Lunch, Sanctuary & F.H.	12:00 pm
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Wednesday, April 5

Holy Week & Lunch, Sanctuary & F.H.	12:00 pm
No Family Night Tonight	

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary	7:00 pm
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Friday, April 7

Good Friday, Church Office Closed

THIS WEEK: MARCH 26

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *Teach Us to Pray*

SERMON: "Lead Us Not Into Temptation"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:1-11

ANTHEM: *Come Find His Rest...* arr. Dan Forrest

SPECIAL MUSIC: String Quartet

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

MARCH 29

Caesar Salad

Ragu Alla Bolognese

Bow Tie Pasta with Shrimp and Pesto Sauce

Garlic Bread

Tiramisu

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Spaghetti and Meatballs

Chocolate Pudding

MINISTER ON CALL:

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

NEXT WEEK: APRIL 2

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *Teach Us to Pray*

SERMON: "For Thine Is the Kingdom
and the Power..."

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-11

ANTHEM: *Even the Heavens Are Weeping...*
arr. Joseph Martinn

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

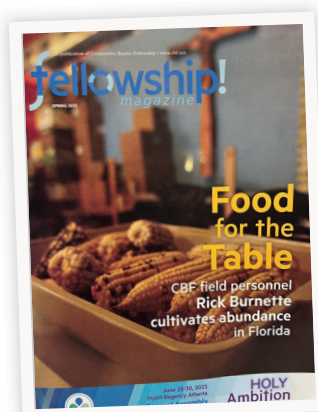
APRIL 5

No dinner served this week.

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

FELLOWSHIP! MAGAZINE is a great way to keep up with our work through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

The Spring issue includes an article about Rick Burnette, CBF Field Personnel, and previous FBC Doris White Grant recipient.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

MARCH 26

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

APRIL 6

Maundy Thursday Service

APRIL 3-5

Community Holy Week Services

APRIL 30

Mary McDonald in Concert

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www.fbcrome.org

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