

SPAGHETTI DINNER, TALENT SHOW, SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER BONANZA!

SUNDAY, MARCH 26
5:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL

A \$10 ticket will get you:

- A yummy spaghetti dinner
- Fabulous talent show
- AND Access to bid on our incredible 2023 auction items!

Purchase tickets on Wednesday nights in the Fellowship Hall,
Sundays at the preschool welcome desk, on the third floor, or
in the narthex following worship.



FROM OUR PASTOR

Now that we are well into the season of Lent, I wonder how you are doing? Did you give up something for Lent? Did you take on a new discipline or practice? If you did, then chances are you have had good days and bad. You've taken three steps forward, then two steps back. It would be nice if we could all be perfect in our discipleship, but none of us get it right all of the time. That is no reason to fret, though. Lent is not about perfection. Instead, Lent is a time for us to be open to the overwhelming grace of God—a grace that enables us to follow Christ, to receive forgiveness, and to start afresh with God every day.

The grace of God given to us through Christ is also our model for how we are called to relate to one another. Jesus gave us this model from the cross as he prayed, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). Jesus—nailed to the cross and dying a terrible and painful death—prays for his enemies. He prays for forgiveness. He asks God to be merciful. And he offers this prayer to the Father out loud, for everyone to hear. He could have prayed the prayer silently, but because he voiced that prayer aloud, we know his prayer today, and it is a model—a call—for us to extend the same grace and forgiveness to one another.

Who has hurt you, ignored you, offended you? Who needs your forgiveness and love today? To whom do you need to extend a place at your table, a second chance, an opportunity to make things right? Perhaps these days of Lent can be the right time for you to be more grace-giving and loving than you have been in the past. After all, if Jesus could offer grace as he was dying on the cross, surely, we can offer God's grace as we live each day carrying our crosses and following our crucified Lord.

Grace and peace,

David



CHILDREN'S CORNER

EASTER EGG HUNTS

Our children's Easter egg hunts are on Wednesday, March 22. Last year we started doing egg hunts in a new way; the eggs are empty! Children go on their egg hunts and then go to the "Easter store" where they spend their empty eggs on various prizes. Any donations of fun prizes for the Easter store are gladly accepted!

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MARCH 11- Movies - Jesus Revolution - Cartersville

MARCH 12- Small Groups

MARCH 15- Game Night!!

MARCH 19- Pat Barrett Concert - College Chapel Lawn at Berry
7:00 p.m. | \$10 person

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 - SATURDAY, APRIL 1- Camping
Adventure at Ruth Reynolds Farm

SPIRITUAL INVESTORS NEEDED!

Please consider becoming a Spiritual Investor for a high school senior. Four seniors will serve on a mission assignment to the Bahamas in June, and we are looking for 10 more spiritual investors. As a spiritual investor, you agree to build a relationship with your senior, provide a financial contribution of \$200 and be in prayer with and for your senior. This is a great opportunity to make a lasting impact in the life of one of our incredible seniors! Please contact Nick Georgian if you are interested or would like to know more information. Thank you!

FAYE EVANS' LIFE VERSE:

"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8

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

A PLACE AT THE TABLE BANKS

Pick up your bank to use as a reminder to pray and also to give to the Offering for Global Missions. God invites us to join with our missionaries in welcoming everyone to the table. When you give to the Offering for Global Missions, more than 50 field personnel in 18 countries bear witness to Jesus Christ.



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.

TEACH US TO PRAY

A LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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"

FBC HOSTS COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES

First Baptist Church will host the Community Holy Week services April 3-5 each day at noon. A light lunch will be served following the service each day. Donations for lunch will be accepted.

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.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number of Plants: _____

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Kaitlyn Cowan

HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM

EATING NUTRITIOUSLY

March is National Nutrition Month. The Health Ministry Team will have a focus on nutrition this month near the Fellowship Hall and the dining room. Keep a watch out for posters and information on eating nutritiously.



2023 Taize Service

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex and Sanctuary for Sunday, March 12, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Adrena Delauder Losh by Chelsea, Bobby and Tripp Losh-Jones.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, March 19, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Catherine Aaron by Joe Aaron and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 19, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Troy and Wydelle Clark and Michael Clark by Kathy and Larry Osborn and Family.

seeking His heart | Being His hands

March 11 – March 24

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, March 11

Minister on Call Nick Georgian 706.766.0032
Life Coach Coffee & Conversation, D.R. 9:30 am

Sunday, March 12

Remember to Spring Forward Today!

Finance Committee Meeting 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 Committee 12:00 pm
Student Small Groups and Dinner 6:00 pm

Monday, March 13

Women's Bible Study Group, D.R. 10 am
Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group, D.R. 11:30 am
First Baptist Ringers 5:15 pm
Deacons' Meeting 5:30 pm

Tuesday, March 14

Churns Bible Study, Dining Rm. 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 15

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

Saturday, March 18

Minister on Call Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

Sunday, March 19

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
Extended Family Ministry Team, D.R. 12:00 pm
Student Small Groups and Dinner 6:00 pm

Monday, March 20

Women's Bible Study Group, Dining Rm. 10:00 am
Women of the Church Book Group, D.R. 1:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers 5:15 pm

Wednesday, March 22

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: MARCH 12

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *Teach Us to Pray*

SERMON: "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 16:1-15

ANTHEM: *And Can It Be...arr. Dan Forrest*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *First Baptist Ringers*

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

MARCH 15

Spinach Salad with Bacon, Chopped Eggs,
Red Onion

Soups/Stews: Tortellini Minestrone, Brunswick,
Seafood Gumbo

Cornbread

Chocolate Chip Cookies

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup, Fresh Fruit,
Chocolate Chip Cookies

MINISTER ON CALL:

Nick Georgian 706.766.0032

NEXT WEEK: MARCH 19

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *Teach Us to Pray*

SERMON: "And Forgive Us Our Trespasses..."

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18:21-35

ANTHEM: *At Calvary...arr. Mary McDonald*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Leeanna Allen*

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

MARCH 22

Spinach Salad with Craisins, Walnuts, Apples,
and Blue Cheese; Chicken Monterey with
Canadian Bacon, Sauce Mornay; Roasted
Red Potatoes; Medley of Squashes, Mixed
Berry Cobbler

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Chicken Fingers, Pasta Salad,
Mixed Berry Cobbler

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

MISSIONS

HANDS OF CHRIST SERVE DAY | 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. Scan the QR code and fill out the Serve Day questionnaire. The last day to sign up is March 24. A follow-up email will be sent the first week of April with a list of specific mission projects available for you. If you have any questions, please contact Nick Georgian.



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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