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## Hands of CHRIST SERVE DAY

*First Baptist Church Rome*

April 22, 2023

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THE MUSIC MINISTRY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME PROUDLY PRESENTS

## MARY McDONALD IN CONCERT

WITH THE SANCTUARY CHOIR, WITH A SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 AT 4 P.M.

Mary also will provide special music during the morning worship service at 11 a.m.  
Please make your plans and invite others to join you.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### SABBATICAL FOR KRISTEN

Kristen is on sabbatical through 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 IS OPEN!

Calling all Superheroes! VBS registration is open! Our theme this year is "Hero Hotline." 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 9-11:30 a.m., and kids from ages 3 years through 4th grade are invited to join us. Older elementary kids and youth are also welcome to come serve as volunteers and leaders! Register on the church website or through the link posted on our Facebook and Instagram.

### 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! The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, but children should report to their choir rooms by 5:45 p.m.

## STUDENT NEWS

### UPCOMING STUDENT EVENTS

**APRIL 23** - Spiritual Investors Lunch immediately following the worship service.

**APRIL 23** - Messy Game Night

**APRIL 30** - Worship Night at the Hunt's

**MAY 7** - Senior Recognition Sunday

## MISSIONS

### HANDS OF CHRIST SERVE DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 22

**Hands of Christ Serve Day is around the corner,** and I hope you will make plans to be a part of this special day as we seek to be the hands of Christ to the least, the last, the lost and the overlooked in our community! **If you have not had the opportunity to sign up, you may scan the QR code and choose a mission project that you would like to participate in!** There will be something for everyone, so please sign up and pass along the invitation to your friends and family! **On Saturday, April 22, we will gather at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast and fellowship.** As you arrive, you will notice at each table there will be labeled a different mission project for the day. At your mission table you will meet your group leader and learn more information and details about your mission project. **If you pre-ordered a Serve Day T-shirt, those will be available for you to pick up in church office.** Please contact Nick Georgian if you have any questions or concerns.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

### MARY MCDONALD IN CONCERT AT FBC

Internationally acclaimed composer and musician Mary McDonald is fresh from a concert at Carnegie Hall and the Music Ministry is thrilled to have her join us Sunday, April 30. She will play and the choir will sing a few of her compositions in the morning worship service and then Mary, the Sanctuary Choir and the Children's Choir will present a full concert at 4 p.m. For those who cannot be here in person, the concert will be shown live on Comcast 44 and over our YouTube site. A nursery will be provided. 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.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SPRING PROGRAM

All of our children's choirs will participate in a year-end program on Wednesday, April 26 in the Sanctuary. Children should go to their rehearsal rooms at 5:45 p.m. to warm up. Prayer time will begin at 6 p.m. and the children will follow. The oldest choir will also sing in concert with Mary McDonald on Sunday, April 30 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Tamara Tillman Smathers will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land April 25-May 10, 2024.

We will visit both Jordan and Israel, where the stories of scripture come to life. Details of the pilgrimage will be offered at two times: Sunday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, May 10 at 1:15 p.m. following Prayers and Reflections.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN PILGRIM?

Join us Sunday afternoon, May 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to hear from Claudia Borchart.

Claudia lives in Migdal, Israel (Galilee region) and guides groups on pilgrimages in the Holy Land.



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## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:  
Abigail Horn, Andrea & David  
Burrage (*above from left to right*)  
and Jenny Watkins (*right*)



## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

### WELCOME NEW OFFICE STAFF: JANET HALL

We are delighted to add Janet Hall to our staff as the new Financial Assistant. Please introduce yourself when you come by the office.



## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, April 16, were given to the glory of God and provided by the Jo Huffman Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 16, were given to the glory of God and in honor of Clara Ann Mattingly by Mitzi Breen and Molly and Dee Yancey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 23, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Harold Smith by Helen and Children.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, April 30, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Nell Coffman by Karen and Peter Jordan and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 30, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Joanne Owens on the occasion of her birthday by her Family.

April 22 – May 5

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, April 22

Minister on Call Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141  
Hands of Christ Serve Day

### Sunday, April 23

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 YouTube Channel  
Spiritual Investors Lunch, F.H. 12:00 pm  
Student Dinner and Small Groups 6:00 pm  
Student Messy Game Night, Courtyard

### Monday, April 24

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

### Wednesday, April 26 – Friday, April 28

**FBC Serves Community Kitchen**

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Family Night Dinner 5:00 pm  
Children's Choirs 5:45 pm  
Student Room Opens 5:45 pm  
Prayer and Children's Choir Spring Program 6:00 pm  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:45 pm

### Thursday, April 27

**FBC Serves Community Kitchen**  
Bridges Out of Poverty Class, Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

### Friday, April 28

**FBC Serves Community Kitchen**

### Saturday, April 29

Minister on Call Nick Georgian 706.766.0032

### Sunday, April 30

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 YouTube Channel  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 2:45 pm  
Mary McDonald & Sanctuary Choir Concert, Sanctuary 4:00 pm  
Student Small Group, Hunts' Home 6:00 pm

### Monday, May 1

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

### Tuesday, May 2

Committee on Committees, Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm

## THIS WEEK: APRIL 23

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: **Easter Promises**

SERMON: "Easter Promises: Comfort in Our Grief"

PREACHER: **Rev. David Brooks**

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 24:13-34**

ANTHEM: **Hymn of Peace...arr. Mary McDonald**

SPECIAL MUSIC: **Iley Barnes**

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

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

### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

#### **APRIL 26**

Mixed Green Salad

Smothered Chicken

Rice Pilaf

Broccoli Casserole

Pecan Bourbon Bar with Ice Cream

#### **Children's Menu**

Hamburgers with French Fries

Sliced Peaches

Pecan Bourbon Bar with Ice Cream

MINISTER ON CALL:

**Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141**

## NEXT WEEK: APRIL 30

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: **Easter Promises**

SERMON: "Easter Promises: Abundant Life"

PREACHER: **Rev. David Brooks**

SCRIPTURE: **John 10:1-10**

SPECIAL MUSIC: **Composer Mary McDonald and  
Sanctuary Choir**

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### PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

**MAY 3 AT NOON**

**NO FAMILY DINNER**

MINISTER ON CALL:

**Nick Georgian 706.766.0032**

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

## MISSIONS

### COMMUNITY KITCHEN- LEND A HAND GIVE A CAN + MEATS (POULTRY, BEEF AND PORK)

From NOW until April 22, you are invited to bring pop top canned goods and meats to the church to support our local Community Kitchen! You may also bring bottled water, single meal pouches, peanut butter crackers and breakfast/protein bars. Bins will be located in the church office, Fellowship Hall and Narthex. For meats, please see Karen Garrett.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

**APRIL 22**

Hands of Christ Serve Day

**MAY 7**

Holy Land Pilgrimage Meeting

**APRIL 26**

Final Wednesday Family Night

**JUNE 12-15**

Vacation Bible School

**APRIL 30**

Mary McDonald in Concert

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

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