

THE SPIRE

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FBC SUMMER ACTIVITIES

June 1 Canvas & Clay at Earthworks, 4:30 to 9 p.m., \$25 per student

June 3 – June 9 Senior Mission Immersion – Bahamas

June 11 Diving Into the WORD at the Hoods' home

June 12–15 Vacation Bible School

June 22 Mystery Lunch for Students, 11:30 a.m., \$15

June 26 – July 1 Passport Youth Camp, Converse University,
Spartanburg, SC

July 9 – 19 Canadian Maritimes Senior Adult Trip

July 12 Mystery Lunch for Students, 11:30 a.m., \$15

July 14 Atlanta Braves game, 7:20 p.m. Game Time, \$25 per student

July 16 – 19 Children's Passport Camp

July 20 – 21 Water Rafting Adventure for Students, \$60 per student

July 26 Life of a Sculptor with Frank Murphy

August 5 End of Summer Lake Day

More information about these activities will be available soon!



FROM OUR PASTOR

Summer is almost here! And as summer arrives, I know that various members and friends of First Baptist Rome will be roaming to and from many places. Some of us will roam to the beach or the mountains for a relaxing vacation. Our recent high school graduates will roam to the Bahamas on June 3 for a week-long mission trip. Our children and youth will roam to Passport camps. Our senior adults will roam to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island in July. Maybe you will roam to see family, to go hiking, to attend a wedding, to get away. Or perhaps you will not travel very far at all this summer, just roaming around Rome.

Wherever we Romans might roam this summer, let's remember to ask that question that was posed way back on January 1 as we roamed with the Wise Men on their journey, following the star of Bethlehem: **"Where is Jesus?"** I encourage you to take your star with you. If you don't have a star, stop by the church office to pick one up. And as you roam, look for Jesus around you — in people you meet, in the beauty of God's creation, in acts of lovingkindness, in quiet moments of peace or rest. Then, take a picture with your star, whether you are near or far. Post your picture on the First Baptist Rome Facebook page or send it to Kris Wilder (kwilder@fbcrome.org) in our church office so that she can post it.

Let's see just how many different places there are in our roaming this summer where Jesus can be found. And as we roam with Jesus this summer, let's renew our desire and our commitment to **seek His heart** and to **be His hands**.

Your pastor and friend,

David



2023 COLLEGE GRADUATES

We honor you!

MUSIC MINISTRY INTERNS:

Leeanna Allen, Berry College, Bachelor of Music

Daniel Lynch, Berry College, Bachelor of Music Education

Kelley Ozier, Berry College, Bachelor of Music/Business

Reid Finnegan, University of Georgia, Bachelor of Business Administration

Anna Fitzpatrick, University of Georgia, Bachelor of Science

Maggie Inman, Oglethorpe University

Kyla Reynolds, Samford University

Nathan Shaffett, Shorter University, Bachelor of Science

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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.



STUDENT NEWS

SENIOR IMMERSION MISSION TRIP TO THE BAHAMAS JUNE 3 - JUNE 9

We are taking 5 seniors on a mission immersion trip to the Bahamas this summer. This will be a meaningful time where our seniors will have the opportunity to experience a different culture, to engage in hands-on mission work, to connect with other local church groups and to build relationships with those whom we will be serving. We will also take time to celebrate our seniors as they embark on a new chapter in their lives.

STUDENT SUMMER THEME AND CALENDAR

Stay tuned for our calendar coming soon!

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 21, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Payne by Mary Louise Payne, Kevin, Chad and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 21, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edd and Bea Richards by Sharon Baker.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 28, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey by Marsha, Wright, Kristin, Jason and Jennifer Dempsey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 28, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Shirley Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at noon for lunch and a brief devotion by one of our ministers:

MAY 24 – Kristen Mathis

MAY 31 – Nick Georgian

JUNE 7 – Karen, Our Doris

White Recipient

The time frame offers a perfect opportunity for those who take a break for lunch. Lunch costs \$7.



MID-WEEK
Prayers and Reflections

WEAR RED

MAY 28

Remember to wear red in worship on May 28 as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, marking the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost literally means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter. Red, the color associated with this day, recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. Red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

The Holy Land Pilgrimage is set for April 25-May 10, 2024. We will begin in Amman, Jordan (ancient Philadelphia), visit cities of the Decapolis, Mt. Nebo, Bethany Beyond the Jordan where John was baptizing, the Dead Sea, Petra, and the desert of Wadi Rum (where Moses wandered). In Israel we will visit stay in Jericho, Galilee, and Jerusalem — walking many of the same paths that Jesus and his first disciples walked. The experience of walking where much of the Old Testament and Gospel stories are set transforms the way we read and understand scripture. Please contact Tamara Smathers for more information.

To view all of the details visit: <https://aitsatl.com/login.php>

Enter Group name: FirstBaptistRome2024 Password: pilgrimage

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties. Our ministerial staff is interested in developing a Stephen Ministry at First Baptist. If you have already been trained as a Stephen Minister or Stephen Ministry Leader at another church, OR if you would like more information about this ministry opportunity, contact Gwen Stephens.



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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Woody Davis

Glenda Brooks



MISSIONS

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY VOLUNTEERS

We are still in need of volunteers to provide childcare, meals and transportation every Thursday now through the end of September. If you are interested in supporting the Bridges mission, please scan the following QR Code to sign up or you can contact Keith Phillips, Marty Willingham, or Nick Georgian.



Bridges Out of Poverty is a life-changing program that happens at FBC Rome every Thursday evening. Why get involved? Because we have seen His hands and His feet in the poor around us. He has shown Himself to us in them. We start by loving them for Him, and soon we love them for themselves, each one a unique person, most special!

"The mystery of the poor is this: That they are Jesus, and what you do for them you do for Him. It is the only way we have of knowing and believing in our love. The mystery of poverty is that by sharing in it, making ourselves poor in giving to others, we increase our knowledge of and belief in love." -Saint Dorothy Day

SEEK HIS HEART. BE HIS HANDS. Join me and our committed team of volunteers in this sacred work. Marty Willingham is our amazing coordinator this year. Keith Phillips continues to make the program happen. Gary and Joy Yeager, Gary Barton, Beth Hubler, Pam Arrington, Diane Wilson, Jan Hardeman, Elaine Lanier, Robin Phillips, Cathy Hart, Wendy Payne, Kelly Sanker, Alice Clements, Anne Paige Wilson, Kate Barron, Nancy Ware, Jennifer Bagby, Connie Barwick, Lynn Babineaux, Anna Clark, Joan Hill, Margaret Marion, Sharon Baker, and many more have made it possible this past month. We would welcome you! - Julie McCormick

seeking His heart | Being His hands

May 20 - June 2

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, May 20

Minister on Call

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

Sunday, May 21

Baptism Sunday

High School Senior Pre-Trip

Information Meeting, 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

Lunch & Learn, D.R.

12:00 pm

Monday, May 22

Women's Bible Study Group, D.R.

10:00 am

Davies Shelter Board Meeting, Comm. Rm.

5:00 pm

Wednesday, May 24

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Prayers and Reflections, F.H.

12:00 pm

Thursday, May 25

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Bridges Out of Poverty Class, D.R.

6:00 pm

Saturday, May 27

Minister on Call

David Brooks 252.916.7174

Sunday, May 28

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

Monday, May 29

MEMORIAL DAY, CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, May 31

Prayers and Reflections, F.H.

12:00 pm

Thursday, June 1

Bridges Out of Poverty, D.R.

6:00 pm

THIS WEEK: MAY 21

SUNDAY WORSHIP

ASCENSION SUNDAY

SERMON: "Easter Promises: Power"

PREACHER: David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:6-14

ANTHEM: We Shall See Jesus...arr. Tom Fettke

BAPTISM OF NICK GEORGIAN

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

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

MAY 24 AT NOON IN

THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

DEVOTION BY KRISTEN MATHIS

Menu:

Chicken Salad, Spinach Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad,
Croissants, French Silk Pie

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

NEXT WEEK: MAY 28

SUNDAY WORSHIP

PENTECOST SUNDAY (WEAR RED)

WORSHIP SERIES: Easter Promises

SERMON: "Pentecost"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21

ANTHEM: Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

MAY 31 AT NOON IN

THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

DEVOTION BY NICK GEORGIAN

Menu:

Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, Lettuce, Tomato,
Pickle, Chips, Macaroni Salad, Lemon Bars

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

DORIS WHITE

DORIS WHITE; BEAUTICIAN AND HER LEGACY

Doris White was a single business woman who operated a beauty shop out of her home on Avenue A. At her death in 1971, Doris instructed that her home be given to the church. Missionaries on furlough could stay there free of charge. However, the house wasn't well suited for this purpose and was sold and the income used to establish the Memorial Gifts Fund (now the FBC Foundation). The income from this gift provided a "missionary apartment" in Rome and since 2004 the Doris White Grant has paid housing expenses while CBF missions personnel are in the states.

Join us on Wednesday, June 7, to welcome Karen, our current Doris White Grant recipient. Karen serves in North Africa.



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www.fbcrome.org

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