

THE SPIRE

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Congratulations TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



SUNDAY, MAY 7
is our Graduate Celebration!

Graduate Breakfast is at
8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Graduate Recognition Service
is at 11:00 a.m.



Aiden Amerman - Rome



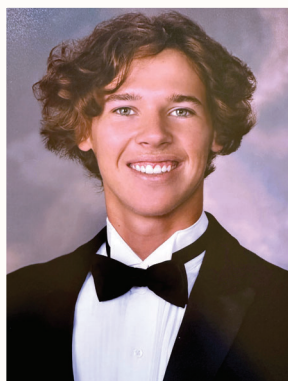
Heidi Botwinik - Darlington



Belle Brooks - Darlington



Gatlin Hancock - Darlington



Braden Hood - Armuchee



Davis Inman - Darlington



Wesley Inman - Darlington



Maggie Keith - Rome



Noel Rich - Model



Elizabeth Richie - Darlington



Ella Roberts - Darlington

We honor you!

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 Student Summer Theme and Calendar coming soon!

DEANNE HOFFMAN'S LIFE VERSE

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal."

1 Corinthians 13:1

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 7, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Alice Davies and John and Etsie Johnson by the Davies family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 7, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emmelyn C. Harrison on the occasion of her birthday and in loving memory of Thomas I. Harrison by Julian M. Harrison and family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 14, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hazel Hay Dowd, Doris Dellinger Dowd and Edward Dowd by their children.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 14, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stevens, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stevens, Jr. by the Charles Stevens family and the Jon Albrecht family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS BEGIN!

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

MAY 3 – David Brooks

MAY 10 – Keith Reaves

MAY 17 – Tamara Smathers

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

LUNCH & LEARN - SUNDAY, MAY 21

Are you new to First Baptist Church? Would you like to learn more about the church?

Our ministry staff invites you to join them for a brief lunch after morning worship on Sunday, May 21, in the Dining Room on the ground floor. We'll enjoy some good food and answer your questions. The meal is complimentary, but please let us know that you will be attending by contacting Melinda Duke in our church office at (706) 291-6850 or mduke@fbcrome.org by Monday, May 15.

A LOT OF WONDERFUL MUSIC

We enjoyed two wonderful musical programs within a few days. First, thanks to all of our children's choir and their leaders and to our missions leaders for a great time together on Wednesday, April 26. It is great to see the children grow and learn so much within a calendar year!

Also, our time with Mary McDonald is one we will remember for a long time. The choir spent all of Saturday morning getting to know her and her music and preparing to lead in worship and for the Sunday afternoon concert. It was a tremendous time for our church and many guests from outside the church have expressed their thanks the church and the music ministry for hosting such a special musical event.

"CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS IN THE HOLY LAND"

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 5:30 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Claudia Borchart, who grew up in Nazareth and now lives Migdal (Galilee region) serves as an international tour guide. Her depth of knowledge and perspective as an Israeli Christian, is one we value. Please join us for the conversation.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE, 2024

Join Tamara Smathers and David Brooks as we lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land April 25-May 10, 2024.

The Pilgrimage will begin in Amman, Jordan, leading us along the paths of Moses from the desert to Mt. Nebo. After visiting Petra and Aqaba, we will cross into Israel making our way from to the Galilee region and finally to Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Two opportunities to hear the details will be Sunday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, May 10 at 1:15 p.m. (after Prayers and Reflections). Approximate cost including airfare, all meals and lodging is \$7,775.



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MISSIONS

HANDS OF CHRIST DAY THANK YOU SATURDAY, APRIL 22

On Saturday, April 22, we held our annual Hands of Christ Serve Day. It was an incredible day of impactful service and fellowship. We had over 100 participants go throughout our city and serve as the hands of Christ in our community! We served in 13 different mission projects.

What a joy it was to join and be a part of God's redeeming work in our community. It was a team effort that made it all possible. So, thank you! Thank you to our group leaders, all of our participants and to those who prayed and to those who contributed financially or brought canned goods for the Community Kitchen. Your generosity, hands, and prayers made a big impact to share the good news of Jesus right here in our city. To God be the glory!



BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY VOLUNTEERS

We are currently hosting our 5th Bridges Getting Ahead Program every Thursday from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. 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.



May 6 – May 19

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, May 6

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

Sunday, May 7

Senior Recognition Sunday

Finance 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	
Holy Land Pilgrimage Seminar, D.R.	5:30 pm

Monday, May 8

Women's Bible Study Group, D.R.	10:00 am
Ruble Whitworth Mission Group, D.R.	11:30 am
Deacons' Meeting, F.H.	5:30 pm

Wednesday, May 10

Prayers and Reflections, F.H.	12:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	5:30 pm

Thursday, May 11

Weekday Preschool Pre-K Graduation, Sanctuary	12:00 pm
Bridges Out of Poverty Class, D.R./Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm

Saturday, May 13

Minister on Call

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

Sunday, May 14

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 Lunch, F.H.	12:00 pm

Monday, May 15

Women's Bible Study Group, D.R.	10:00 am
Women of the Church Book Group, D.R.	1:00 pm

Tuesday, May 16

Weekday Preschool's Last Day

Wednesday, May 17

Prayers and Reflections, F.H.	12:00 pm
Foundation Meeting	1:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	5:30 pm

Thursday, May 18

Bridges Out of Poverty, D.R., Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
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THIS WEEK: MAY 7

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: **Easter Promises**

SERMON: "Easter Promises: God's Not Finished With You Yet"

PREACHER: **Nick Georgian**

SCRIPTURE: **1 Peter 2:2-10**

ANTHEM: **Yes, My Jesus Loves Me...arr. Max McDonald**

SPECIAL MUSIC: **First Baptist Ringers**

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

PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

MAY 10 AT NOON IN

THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

DEVOTION BY KEITH REAVES

Menu:

Quiche Lorraine, Fresh Fruit Salad,
Spinach Salad, Blueberry Muffins,
Keylime Pie

MINISTER ON CALL:
Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

NEXT WEEK: MAY 14

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: **Easter Promises**

SERMON: "Easter Promises: Never Alone"

PREACHER: **Rev. David Brooks**

SCRIPTURE: **John 14:15-21**

ANTHEM: **Psalm 23...arr. Heather Sorenson**

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PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

MAY 17 AT NOON IN

THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

DEVOTION BY TAMARA T. SMATHERS

Menu:

BLT Club Sandwiches, Pickle, Potato Chips,
Potato Salad, Brownies

MINISTER ON CALL:
Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

MAY 7

Holy Land Pilgrimage Seminar

MAY 21

Lunch & Learn

JUNE 3 - JUNE 9

Senior Immersion Mission Trip

JUNE 12-15

Vacation Bible School

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