

# THE SPIRE

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OUR STUDENTS SPENT A WEEK IN THE BAHAMAS, FILLING THEIR DAYS WITH MISSION WORK AT A SCHOOL AND A CHURCH. THEY ALSO ENJOYED SOME DELICIOUS FOOD FROM THE BAHAMAS AND HAD SOME TIME AT THE BEACH.



## 2 WAYS TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**PASSPORT**  
Empowering Students • Embracing the World • Extending Grace

1. Please pray for our students journeying to Passport Youth Camp at Converse University in Spartanburg, S.C. from June 26 – July 1.
2. Please pray for the 25 kids and 5 chaperones who will head to Passport Kids Camp at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton from July 16 – 19 for a week of fun, fellowship and growing in our faith!



## FROM OUR PASTOR

### Happy Father's Day

Father's Day is celebrated in countries throughout the world, but not always on the same day. In the United States, Father's Day has been celebrated on the third Sunday in June since 1910. For centuries, though, many Christians have celebrated the role of fathers on Saint Joseph's Day, which is March 19, remembering the earthly father of our Lord Jesus. Whenever and however Father's Day is observed, it can be a day for us to give thanks and recognize the important role of fathers in our lives.

As we celebrate Father's Day this weekend, we know that there are no perfect fathers on earth. Every father is flawed. Every father will disappoint at some point. Every father needs grace and forgiveness. Sadly, some fathers do tremendous emotional and physical harm to their children. Some fathers are absent from their children's lives. For these children, we offer our prayers for healing. We pray that there will be other men in their lives who can provide what their fathers did not. And for those fathers who have harmed their children, we pray that they will seek their children's forgiveness. May these fathers find ways to mend broken relationships and, as much as possible, right their wrongs.

For fathers who are seeking our heavenly Father's guidance, we pray that they will find support from their families, from their churches, and from their communities to be good teachers, role models, and givers of love and care for their children. And if you have a father who has loved you, taught you well, and supports you still today, find some special and creative ways to thank him, to spend time with him, to let him know what he means to you. Above all, give thanks to God our Father, who created us, who loves us unconditionally, and who walks with us every day.

Grace and peace,

*David*



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### SUMMER CALENDARS

Summer calendars have been released for both Children's Ministry (birth-4th grade) and the new Collide Ministry (5th-7th grade) that Kristen & Nick are leading together. These schedules can be found on our social media or picked up on the preschool hall at the front desk. Grab one and stick it on your fridge at home!

### DON'T MISS OUR NEXT TWO SUMMER SUNNIES EVENTS:

- **JUNE 21** at 3:00 p.m., join Ms. Kaitlyn at Sweet Frog to cool off with a frozen treat.
- **JUNE 26** from 6:00-8:30 p.m., children entering kindergarten-4th grade are invited to Mrs. Kristen's house for a movie night. Bring your favorite stuffed animal to watch with you!

## COLLIDE MIDLERS (5<sup>TH</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

**JUNE 22** at 11:30 a.m., meet in the church parking lot for a Mystery Lunch with the youth group. Please bring money for lunch.

**JUNE 27** from 7-10 p.m., Movie Night at Mrs. Kristen's house! We will have popcorn, dessert & games, you won't want to miss out.

## STUDENT NEWS

### CANVAS & CLAY SUMMER CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE!

You will be receiving a copy in the mail. Also, extra calendars are available in the Student Room and in Nick Georgian's office. Please make plans to participate and get involved as often as you can this summer!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUNE 22** – Mystery Lunch, 11:30 a.m., \$15 for lunch

**JUNE 26-JULY 1** – Passport Youth Camp, Converse University, Spartanburg, S.C.

**JULY 6** – Mystery Lunch, 11:30 a.m., \$15 for lunch



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NANCY THOMPSON

Nancy Thompson is one of our beloved Extended Family members. She lives at the Spires of Berry College. Nancy enjoys coming to church occasionally with her family, Jason and Margaret Marion, and especially, her granddaughters, Blythe and Archer.



### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

A few spaces remain for the Holy Land Pilgrimage is set for April 25-May 10, 2024. Join our pastor David Brooks and Tamara Smathers on this pilgrimage. 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 ministers are interested in developing a Stephen Ministry. 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.



### NEW GALLERY EXHIBIT

Lynn Denson's exhibit "Paintings and Porcelain" will be featured in the gallery on the third floor through August. Denson's art represents her attempts to interpret God's creation. "He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart" -- (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

### PACE KNIGHT'S LIFE VERSE:

"I can do everything through him  
who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13



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## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:  
Connie Garmon Barwick (*left*), Julia Faulkner (*right*)

## MISSIONS

### BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

The success of Bridges depends on volunteers to provide childcare, meals and transportation Thursday evenings. If you want to support Bridges, please use the QR code to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Keith Phillips or Nick Georgian. We continue to be grateful for your ongoing support and generosity to this important mission in the life of FBC Rome!



## SUNDAY FLOWERS

### FLOWER OPENINGS

The following dates are open for providing flowers in the Narthex/Sanctuary. Please contact Karen Garrett in the church office at [kgarrett@fbcrome.org](mailto:kgarrett@fbcrome.org) if you would like to fill one of these dates.

**JULY 2** - Narthex

**JULY 9** - Narthex

**NOVEMBER 12** - Narthex

**NOVEMBER 19** - Sanctuary

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, June 18, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sue Keith on the occasion of her birthday by Chris and Jennie Cook.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, June 18, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Robert Cates by Martha Cates and family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, June 25, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Beverly Harris for her love of music by Bob, children and grandchildren.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, June 25, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al Briley on the occasion of his birthday by Ansley and Dean Saville and family.

June 17 – June 30

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, June 17

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

### Sunday, June 18

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, June 1

Women of the Church Book Group, D.R. 1:00 pm

### Wednesday, June 21

FBC Kids Summer Sunnies

Fro Yo with Ms. Kaitlyn at Sweet Frog 3:00 pm

### Thursday, June 22

Mystery Lunch (Collide Middlers/Students) 11:30 pm

Bridges Out of Poverty Class, F.H. & Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

### Saturday, June 24

Minister on Call

Nick Georgian 706.766.0032

### Sunday, June 25

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, June 26 – July 1

Youth Passport Camp - Converse University, Spartanburg, S.C.

Leave church at 10 a.m. June 26/Return home at 6 p.m. July 1

### Monday, June 26

Movie Night at Mrs. Kristen's House, FBC Kids 6:00 pm

### Tuesday, June 27

Movie Night, at Mrs. Kristen's House,  
Collide Middlers 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, June 28 – Friday, June 30

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

### Thursday, June 29

Bridges Out of Poverty, D.R. 6:00 pm

## THIS WEEK: JUNE 18

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: **Baptist Freedoms**

SERMON: "Soul Freedom"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:13-18

ANTHEM: **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus...arr.**  
John Carter

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

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



# Thank you

TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO  
DECORATED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

## NEXT WEEK: JUNE 25

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: **Baptist Freedoms**

SERMON: "Church Freedom"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

ANTHEM: **God of Grace and God of Glory...**  
arr. Joel Raney

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