

THE SPIRE

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1 WAY TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for the 26 kids and 6 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!

WHEN GOD OPENS A DOOR

A WORSHIP SERIES BASED
ON THE BOOK OF JONAH
SUNDAYS AT 11:00AM
JULY 16 - AUGUST 20

JULY 16 SERMON –
When We Are Afraid
Jonah 1:1-2

JULY 23 SERMON –
When We Have Other Options
Jonah 1:3

FROM OUR PASTOR

Among the many memories from my adolescence is a song. I didn't have it on an LP record or a cassette tape. I never listened to it on the radio. I sang it with my friends at church as we presented a youth musical about the life of Joseph. You know—the one who wore a coat of many colors and was sold into Egyptian slavery by his jealous brothers (see Genesis 37). The song went like this: *"When God closes a door, he opens a window, a window, he opens a window so I can see, he's working it out, the very best for me."* Don't ask me to sing it for you.

There is certainly some truth to be found in this song. We've all had doors to close in our lives, followed by windows that opened to something new. But what if a better song to sing is, "When God opens a door, will we walk through it?" Truth be told, God is constantly opening doors and calling us to go through them. Just look at the prophet Jonah, much later in the Old Testament. You won't

find any open windows in Jonah's story because there are no closed doors. God opens a door to Jonah and God keeps the door open, constantly inviting Jonah to walk through that door. But to the bitter end, Jonah refuses to go through the open door. His consistent answer to God is NO. Why?

By exploring this question over the next few Sundays, I think we will see some of Jonah in all of us. Like Jonah, we often say no to God. We all have our reasons, and if we can recognize those reasons for saying no to God, then perhaps we will be much more likely to say yes instead.

Look for an open door from God today. Will you walk through it?

David



CHILDREN'S CORNER

DON'T MISS OUR SUMMER SUNNIES EVENTS:

JULY 26: POPSICLE PALS WITH ESP- We will spend the afternoon at ESP Day camp distributing popsicles to campers and staff. Meet at the church at 1:30 p.m., and we will head to Georgia Highlands College where camp is held.

AUGUST 12: BACK TO SCHOOL BASH WITH JAVA JOY- Meet us on the concrete ballcourt at FBC at 10 a.m. for some games and Java Joy drinks & snacks, as well as a blessing over the coming school year.

COLLIDE MIDLERS (5TH-7TH GRADE)

JULY 24: Trip to Six Flags! \$40 per person plus money for food. We will depart from church at 9:30 a.m. & aim to be back by 5:30 p.m.

JULY 26: Popsicle Pals with ESP: We will spend the afternoon at ESP Day camp distributing popsicles to campers & staff. Meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. & we will head to Georgia Highlands College where camp is held.

AUGUST 5: Lake Day with the youth, more details to come.

STUDENT NEWS

Please make plans to participate and get involved as often as you can this summer!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 17 – Mystery Lunch, 11:30 a.m. | \$15 for lunch

JULY 20-21 – Water Rafting Adventure | \$60 per student

JULY 25 – Local Mission Work, 10 a.m. | ESP Camp

JULY 26 – From a Sculptor's Perspective with Frank Murphy
5:30 - 8 p.m. @ FBC Rome | Dinner included

JULY 28 – Diving into the WORD at the Hoods
6pm-8pm | Free!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC ENSEMBLES RESUME SOON

All of our music ensembles will resume rehearsals soon.

See info below and contact Keith Reaves if you are interested in joining us or have questions.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Wednesday, August 9 at 5:30 p.m. Choir Potluck and Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 16 regular rehearsals resume @ 6:45 p.m.

ALL CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Wednesday, August 23 at 5:45 p.m.

YOUTH CHOIR

Starting date and time to be determined.

FIRST BAPTIST RINGERS

Monday, August 28 at 5:15 p.m.

FAITH TALKS

FAITH INFORMING LIFE

FIFTH SUNDAY FAITH TALKS RETURN SUNDAY, JULY 30, FELLOWSHIP HALL

On Sunday, July 30 all Adult Bible Study classes are invited to a combined session in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Come early for coffee and conversation with those you may not regularly see.

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.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Philip and Linda Yeakel

Clyde and Catherine
McDonald



MISSIONS

MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING IS SUNDAY, JULY 16, AT 8:30 A.M. IN THE DINING ROOM

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

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, July 16, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Thomas Bratton on the occasion of his 3rd birthday by his grandparents, Kay and Randy Bratton.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, July 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sybil Mann Harrison by Lindsey Sybil Mann Field and Ashley Harrison Mann Pittman.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, July 23, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Larry Atwell by Joanna Atwell and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, July 23, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Earl Rolan on the occasion of his birthday by Mary Rolan and family.

seeking His heart | *Being His* hands

July 15 – July 28

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, July 15

Minister on Call

David Brooks 252.916.7174

Sunday, July 16 – Wednesday, July 19

Passport Kids Camp for FBC Kids and Collide Middlers at Rock Eagle 4-H Center

Sunday, July 16

Adult Faith Formation Committee	8:30 am
Missions Committee, Dining 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	

Monday, July 17

Budget Preparation Committee, Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm
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Tuesday, July 18

Committee on Committees, Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm
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Thursday, July 20-21

Student Rafting Adventure, Meet at church 10 am on July 20; return to church on July 21 at 3 pm

Thursday, July 20

Personnel Committee, Conf. Rm.	5:15 pm
Bridges Out of Poverty Class, F.H. & Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm

Saturday, July 22

Minister on Call

Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, July 23

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
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Monday, July 24

Six Flags Trip, Collide Middlers; Leave church at 9:30 am; return at 5:30 pm

Student Local Mission Summer Work, meet at church	10:00 am
Davies Shelter Board Meeting, Comm. Rm.	5:00 pm
Budget Preparation Committee, Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm

Wednesday, July 26 – Friday, July 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Wednesday, July 26

FBC Kids Popsicle Pals	2:00 pm
Student Gathering, From a Sculptor's Perspective with Frank Murphy	5:30 pm

Thursday, July 27

Collide Middlers Mystery Lunch	11:30 am
Bridges Out of Poverty, F.H. & Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm

Friday, July 28

Diving into the Word, Hood home	6:00 pm
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THIS WEEK: JULY 16

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *When God Opens A Door*

SERMON: "When We Are Afraid"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 1:1-2

ANTHEM: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past...*
arr. Benjamin Harlan

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David Brooks 252.916.7174

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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



Please visit us for more information:
www.fbcrome.org

NEXT WEEK: JULY 23

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *When God Opens A Door*

SERMON: "When We Have Other Options"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 1:3

ANTHEM: *Every Road...*arr. Dave Williamson

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