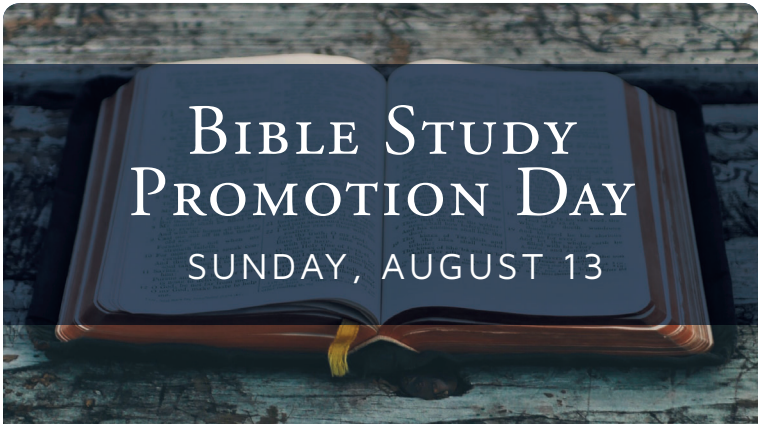


THE SPIRE

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BIBLE STUDY PROMOTION DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

CHEF GREG'S BIG BREAKFAST SERVED
8:30 TO 9:30 A.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
BIBLE STUDY BEGINS AT 9:45 A.M. WITH
CLASSES OFFERED FOR EVERY AGE

Set this date to discover your place in Sunday morning Bible Study. There's a place for everyone—from bed babies to the oldest adults! Let us help you find a class to try.

Preschool, Children, and Youth will meet their new teachers and the Collide program for preteens will officially begin.

In worship, children entering the first grade will receive their new Bibles.



FAMILY NIGHT KICKOFF CELEBRATION DINNER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16
DINNER SERVED FROM 5 TO 6 P.M.
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
AND FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 5:45 P.M.!

With hamburgers, hotdogs and the fixings AND
ice cream sundaes! Wear your favorite team colors!

Come for the party, meet new members, and hear
about the opportunities for growing in your faith and
expanding your relationships at FBC Rome.

DINNER PRICES:
Adults & Teenagers: \$8 | Children (Ages 3-12): \$5
Household Maximum: \$25

FROM OUR PASTOR

On Sunday afternoon, July 30, I joined Nick, Gwen, Keith, Kristen, and Tamara to head over to Big Canoe for our annual staff retreat. We stayed in a rental house on a lake and enjoyed getting away from our regular routines and schedules. As you can imagine, we shared lots of laughter, good conversations, good food, and good work together as we made plans for the next year. But before we looked ahead, we looked back. I asked everyone to share a word to describe how they felt about the last year of ministry together. Here are the responses, with a little explanation:

- **Whew!** – We've done a lot as a staff and as a church. God has been active among us.
- **Impactful** – Our worship, teaching, leading, caring, listening, and serving has had a great impact on the lives of many people.
- **Consistency** – We know what to expect as we serve together. We are consistently supportive of one another and each

other's areas of ministry within our church.

- **Stability** – After an extended period of instability and uncertainty in our church, the last year has been steady, even-keeled, and encouraging.
- **Belonging** – All six of us feel genuinely called by God to serve as ministers for FBC. We feel like we belong here because we are continually affirmed by God, by one another, and by the members of the congregation.
- **Grateful** – Not just grateful. Deeply grateful. We are deeply grateful for one another, but we are even more grateful to God for the countless ways in which the members of FBC care for us, respond to our leadership, and express your appreciation to us.

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FROM OUR PASTOR

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As we returned to Rome on Wednesday afternoon, we came home with great plans for the next year. More than that, we came back with closer bonds of friendship and deeper wells of gratitude for you, the members and friends of First Baptist Church. We look forward to all that lies ahead for our church as we walk with Jesus together.

Your pastor and friend,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

AUGUST 12: BACK TO SCHOOL BASH WITH JAVA JOY

Meet us on the concrete ball court at FBC at 10 a.m. for some games and Java Joy drinks & snacks, as well as a blessing over the coming school year.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS REMINDER! Wednesday night choir and missions re-launches August 23, but on August 16 we gather for a kick-off dinner and ice cream sundaes. You won't want to miss either one!

LUNCH & LEARN We will have a Lunch & Learn about baptism on Sunday, September 10 from 12 to 1:30 p.m., following worship in the Children's Church Room. Lunch is provided, but you must RSVP. This is for anyone 2nd-6th grade who has not yet made a profession of faith. We will ask questions, have hands-on activities, and learn the "what" and "why" of baptism.

STUDENT NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 – SMALL GROUPS VISION NIGHT

All student and parents are encouraged to attend as we look ahead to the fall and all the exciting opportunities to grow in discipleship! We gather in the fellowship hall at 5:45 p.m., with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. and introductory into small groups follows. Dinner is provided for all! Below you will find a detailed schedule of what to expect for our night.

5:45 pm- Meet in the Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm- Dinner | Small Group Introductions

6:45 pm- Small Groups | Covenants

8:00 pm- Departure

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

We celebrate with these members of our staff and give thanks for all they do in service to God and our congregation:

- **KAREN GARRETT**, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – 18 years on August 22
- **DAVID BROOKS**, PASTOR – 1 year on August 22

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 16 regular rehearsals resume at 6:45 p.m.

ALL CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

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

YOUTH CHOIR

Resumes immediately following worship September 10.

FIRST BAPTIST RINGERS

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

MISSIONS

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AND AUGUST CANNED FOOD DRIVE

From NOW until August 20, you are invited to bring pop-top canned goods, proteins and fresh/frozen produce to the church to support our local Community Kitchen. You may also bring bottled water, peanut butter crackers, canned fruit and breakfast/protein bars. Bins will be located in the Church Office and Fellowship Hall. What you give makes a big difference, so thank you for your generosity! Contact Nick Georgian if you have any questions!

BRIDGES LIFE COACH ORIENTATION SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH IN THE DINING ROOM FROM 9:00 - 10:30 A.M.

The Life Coach Training will take place at a later date. We will update you with more information once that date is set. The Life Coach Orientation is for anyone who wants to learn more about Bridges and is interested in becoming a Life Coach. As a Life Coach you will partner with a Getting Ahead Graduate as they continue their journey to build a brighter future. Coaches play a vital role in supporting and caring for their graduate as they navigate daily life and challenges. If you are interested in this rewarding opportunity, contact Keith Phillips or Nick Georgian.

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!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:

Britney Vu (*left*) and
James Vu (*below*)



Allen Stephens (*above*)
and
Ruth & Ben Forrester
(*right*)



SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 13, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of our wedding anniversary by Marsha Dempsey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 13, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Emory Nicholas Georgian on the occasion of his 1st birthday and Nick Georgian on the occasion of his birthday with love Hal and Debbie Ruland and Aubrey and Halle Georgian.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 20, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim and Susan Bradshaw by the Salter Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 20, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jana Weidemann on the occasion of our wedding anniversary by Bill Weidemann.

August 11 - August 25

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, August 12

Minister on Call Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644
Back to School Bash with Java Joy, Courtyard 10:00 am

Sunday, August 13

Bible Study Promotion Sunday
Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Sunday Bible Study 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel
Deacon Elections after Worship

Monday, August 14

First Day of Weekday Preschool
Deacons' Meeting, F.H. 5:30 pm

Wednesday, August 16

Family Night Kickoff Celebration Dinner 5:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:45 pm

Thursday, August 17

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

Saturday, August 19

Minister on Call David Brooks 252.916.7174
Bridges Life Coach Orientation, Dining Rm. 9:00 am

Sunday, August 20

Lord's Supper
Adult Faith Formation 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
Students Small Groups Vision Night 6:00 pm

Monday, August 21

Women of the Church Book Group, Dining Rm. 1:00 pm

Wednesday, August 23

Family Night Dinner Served 5:00 pm
Children's and Collide Choirs 5:45 pm
Prayer Time 6:00 pm
Church Conference 6:15 pm
Children's and Collide Missions 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm. 6:45 pm
Student Discipleship 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 24

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

THIS WEEK: AUGUST 13

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *When God Opens A Door*

SERMON: "When We Lack Love"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 3:1-4:3

ANTHEM: O Love...arr. Elaine Hagenburg

SPECIAL MUSIC: Tara Suswal, cello

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

AUGUST 16

Hamburgers

Hotdogs

Chips

Baked Beans

Potato Salad

Coleslaw

Pickles

Ice Cream Sundae Bar

CHILDREN'S MENU IS THE SAME

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

NEXT WEEK: AUGUST 20

SUNDAY WORSHIP – LORD'S SUPPER

WORSHIP SERIES: *When God Opens A Door*

SERMON: "When We Trust Our Own Judgement"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 4:4-11

ANTHEM: "I Thought By Now"...Heather Sorenson

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

AUGUST 23

Potato Salad

Fried Chicken Breast

Macaroni and Cheese

Fried Okra

Key Lime Pie

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Chicken Fingers

MINISTER ON CALL:

David Brooks 252.916.7174

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

"BEAUTIFUL" THE MUSICAL

See former FBC Music Intern Bethany Irby star as Carole King in this musical that chronicles the inspiring, true story of King's journey from teenage songwriter to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. This Tony and Grammy-award winning show features hits like "You've Got a Friend," "One Fine Day," "I Feel the Earth Move," and many more. The show is September 14 at the Aurora Theater in Lawrenceville. Price is \$50 per person and includes premium seating and transportation. We will depart at 5:30 p.m. and will not stop for dinner. Sign up by calling Karen in the church office or see Keith Reaves for more information. Your payment ensures your reservation. Tickets are limited.



EXTENDED FAMILIES

FRANCES RAINES, a member of the Joy Bible Study class, was recently recognized at the Hilltoppers Reunion. Congratulations, Frances!



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