

# THE SPIRE

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## WEDNESDAY SEMINARS FOR ADULTS

August 30  
**GET CONNECTED!**

Learn how to use tools  
provided by FBC Rome to  
enrich your connections.

ShelbyNext, Amplify Media,  
FBC Website

SEPTEMBER 6 – OCTOBER 11

### LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

6:15-7:10 p.m. | Community Room

An introduction to CliftonStrengths,  
discovering your natural ways of  
thinking and feeling, led by Tamara Smathers.



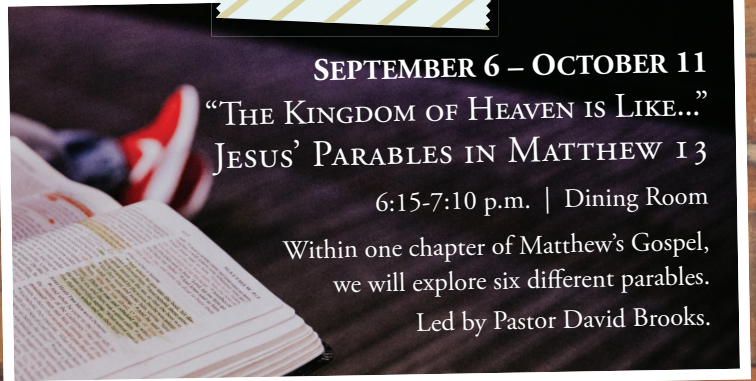
SEPTEMBER 6 – OCTOBER 11

### “THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...” JESUS’ PARABLES IN MATTHEW 13

6:15-7:10 p.m. | Dining Room

Within one chapter of Matthew’s Gospel,  
we will explore six different parables.

Led by Pastor David Brooks.



## FROM OUR PASTOR

Do you remember the story of Moses and the burning bush in Exodus 3? Moses had fled for his life from Egypt and was keeping a herd of sheep. At Horeb, Moses saw an incredible sight: an angel of the Lord that appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush. But the bush was not consumed by the fire. I’m sure fire was not an unusual occurrence

to Moses. He could have walked right on by and been on his way. Instead, he said to himself, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up” (Ex. 3:3). It was only when God saw that Moses had turned his attention toward the burning bush that God actually spoke up and communicated with Moses.

Fast forward to our lives today. If the story of the burning bush teaches us anything, it is this: if we want to hear God speak or see God among us, then perhaps God is waiting for us to take the first step by paying closer attention to the people and events around us. I

believe that there are “burning bushes” all around us every day, but we pass them by and do not recognize the presence of God in them because we are not intentional to “turn aside” and look, listen, and search for God.

Look closely. Listen intentionally. Turn aside more often to notice the burning bushes of God’s presence in our world. Then, help someone else to see the fire, as well. Help others to turn aside from the busyness and demands of life so that they, too, can recognize the burning bushes that are ablaze all around us. Who knows how our lives might change? Who knows what God will reveal to us and how God will call us to serve? It all starts when we choose to turn aside and ask God to make himself known to us each day.

Your pastor and friend,

*David*



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### 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" & "why" of baptism.

## STUDENT NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27** – Small Groups TOGETHER with Frank Murphy at FBC Rome

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30** – Student Gathering

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3** – NO Choir or Small Groups- Labor Day

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6** – Student Gathering

### STUDENT SMALL GROUP SUPPER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As we prepare to resume our student small groups, we need volunteers to provide a meal for our students and group leaders on Sunday evenings. If you are not able to prepare a meal, you can help by making a financial contribution. Any way you are able to serve will benefit and bless our student ministry! If you have any questions, contact Nick Georgian or Karen Garrett in the church office. To sign up and learn more details, click on the following QR Code.



## STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

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

- **DORI TREGLOWN** – WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL, 3 years on September 1
- **GWEN STEPHENS** – MINISTER TO EXTENDED FAMILIES, 11 years on September 11
- **NICOLE RILEY** – WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL, 5 years on September 23

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Monday morning Women's Bible study will start meeting on September 11. Join us at 10 a.m. in the Dining Room as we gather around tables and discover God's living word. This group is open to any woman. It's a lively group that aims to take the Bible seriously, while cutting ourselves a bit of slack. Tamara Smathers leads this group.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

All of our music ensembles are back or will resume rehearsals soon. See info below and contact Keith Reaves if you are interested in joining us or have questions.

### SANCTUARY CHOIR

Regular rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

### ALL CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Regular rehearsals are on Wednesdays @ 5:45 p.m.

### YOUTH CHOIR

Resumes immediately following worship September 10.

### FIRST BAPTIST RINGERS

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

## ADULT CHOICES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEMINARS

SEPTEMBER 6-OCTOBER 11



### "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE..." JESUS' PARABLES IN MATTHEW 13

Led by David Brooks in the Dining Room

Sep 6	The Parable of the Sower	Matt 13:1-23
Sep 13	The Parable of the Wheat & Weeds	Matt 13:24-30, 36-43
Sep 20	The Parable of the Mustard Seed	Matt 13:31-32
Sep 27	The Parable of the Yeast	Matt 13:33
Oct 4	The Parables of the Treasure & Pearl	Matt 13:44-46
Oct 11	The Parable of the Net	Matt 13:47-50



### LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS IN DISCIPLESHIP

Led by Tamara Smathers in the Community Room

Using the CliftonStrengths assessment, we will discover our God-given talents, and work to discern how to combine our talents, knowledge, and experience into joy-filled service. Registration is required ahead of time. Please contact Tamara Smathers with any questions or to sign up. This course (or a previous workshop) is a prerequisite for the Strengths-based parenting course to be offered in the spring.

### MEET SHELBYNEXT!

The ShelbyNext Membership app is a safe and simple tool that allows you to connect with the FBC Rome family using your smartphone or computer. It includes a directory of church members and an up-to-date calendar, as well as options for making electronic contributions. Contact Melinda Duke in the church office at [mduke@fbcrome.org](mailto:mduke@fbcrome.org) and request access to ShelbyNext Membership.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

100 East 4th Avenue Rome, GA 30161 706.291.6850 [www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org)



## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:  
Luke and Kati Vines

## MISSIONS

Thank you for your generosity and for your many contributions to the Christmas in July and August Canned Food Drive for the Community Kitchen. You are making a big difference in the lives of many!

### BRIDGES LIFE COACH ORIENTATION

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

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. Life 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!



## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex on Sunday, August 27, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Karen Foss on the occasion of our wedding anniversary by Harry Foss.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 27, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

The flowers in the Narthex on Sunday, September 3, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Miller and Cornelia Milford on the occasion of their wedding anniversary and in honor of Bob Harris by Beverly Harris.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 3, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Gaynelle Grizzard on the occasion of her birthday by Jim and Linda Owens.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR August 26 - September 8

### Saturday, August 26

Minister on Call Nick Georgian 706.766.0032  
Life Coach Orientation, Dining Rm. 9:00 am

### Sunday, August 27

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am  
Adult Bible Study 9:45 am  
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am  
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel  
Men's Ministry Committee Meeting, Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm  
New Deacon Lunch & Orientation, Dining Rm. 12:00 pm  
Small Groups Together with Frank Murphy, F.H. 6:00 pm

### Tuesday, August 29

Weekday Early Education Committee, Conf. Rm. 4:00 pm  
Children's Committee Meeting, Conf. Rm. 5:00 pm

### Wednesday, August 30 - Friday, September 1 FBC Serves Community Kitchen

### Wednesday, August 30

Water Day for Mrs. Terry's Weekday Preschool Class 12:00 pm  
Family Night Dinner Served 5:00 pm  
Children's and Collide Choirs 5:45 pm  
Prayer Time 6:00 pm  
Get Connected! 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 31

Weekday Preschool Water Day 9:45 am  
Bridges Out of Poverty Class, F.H. & Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

### Saturday, September 2

Minister on Call Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

### Sunday, September 3

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, September 4

**Labor Day, Church office closed**  
**No Weekday Preschool Classes**

### Wednesday, September 6

Family Night Dinner Served 5:00 pm  
Children's and Collide Choirs 5:45 pm  
Prayer Time 6:00 pm  
Seminars for Adults 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, September 7

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

## THIS WEEK: AUGUST 27

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Confessions of a Pagan"

PREACHER: Dr. Joel Snider, Pastor Emeritus

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:25-34

ANTHEM: The Lord Is My Light...  
arr. Craig Courtney

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

### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

#### AUGUST 30

Mixed Green Salad

Roast Pork Loin with Wild Mushrooms  
and Brown Gravy

Escalloped Potatoes

Green Bean Sauteed

Apple Cobbler

#### CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Hamburgers

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MINISTER ON CALL:

Nick Georgian 706.766.0032

## NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 3

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Love Is Hard Work"

PREACHER: Tamara Tillman Smathers

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:9-21

ANTHEM: I Have Felt the Hand of God...  
arr. Craig Courtney

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### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

#### SEPTEMBER 6

Baked Salmon with Lemon Butter

Rice Pilaf

Roasted Asparagus

French Silk Pie

#### CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Chicken Fingers

Chips

MINISTER ON CALL:

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST LIVE ON  
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND  
VIA [WWW.FBCROME.ORG](http://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 PM and will not stop for dinner. Sign up by calling Karen in the church office or see Keith Reaves for more information. Tickets are going quickly!



## EXTENDED FAMILIES

A gathering of FBC members and friends at the Spires.



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[www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org)

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