

THE SPIRE

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will honor the memories of the following church members as a part of our All Saints Sunday worship on Sunday, November 5.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Ann Baskin
Ann Belcher
Chris Brady
Becky Couch
Jane Ellen Davis

Dick Landry
Chris Miller
Rob Parker
Hugh Peacock
Carroll Peterson

Dot Stevens
Cathy Strickland
Duanne Walton
Alice Wright



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Remember to set your clocks
BACK 1 HOUR before going to bed
on Saturday, November 4 or you will
be an hour early for Bible Study!



Nick Georgian's Ordination
will be November 12 during our
Worship Service in the Sanctuary

FROM OUR PASTOR

Are you a good speller? Some of us are. Others have room to grow. One of my college roommates was very creative and excelled in graphic design. But his spelling was *atroshus*. (That's his spelling of atrocious, not mine!) Thankfully, he could laugh at himself and his frequent misspellings. He didn't let his spelling blunders define him.

For some, though, misspelling is no laughing matter. Recently, I read that organizers of the national spelling bee had to set up a "comfort room" where the young spelling bee participants who misspelled their words could go and cry, out of the public eye. There are couches and recliners in the comfort room. And there are punching bags in the room—there to receive the frustrations of those brilliant children who had spelled hundreds of impossible words correctly, but then misspelled one word. They failed, and their world was crushed.

Chances are, you have failed a few times in your life. More than just misspelling a word or bombing a math test, we sometimes fail terribly as friends, as parents, as spouses, as employees. Some of our failures

are easy to put behind us, but others linger, and we have trouble moving on from them. In those times of failure, what do we need? A "comfort room" and a punching bag? Maybe. Correction? There's certainly a time for that, but not when we're hurting from our failure. What we need most when we mess up is what our God is willing to provide, without fail: **forgiveness**. Without fail, God is willing to love us in the midst of our failures. Jesus showed us this forgiving side of God time and again as he forgave the many failures of his disciples and the sinful people of his day. And the offer of his loving forgiveness still stands today.

When we fail, we need a forgiving friend, like the friend we have in Jesus. And when others fail us, I wonder if we can be that forgiving friend to them?

Your pastor and friend,

David



CHILDREN'S CORNER

ESP DINNER

We will provide & serve the monthly dinner for ESP (Extra Special People) on Monday, December 4, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. After serving, we will get to enjoy sitting with the families to enjoy a meal ourselves. Mark this date on the calendar for your family to participate.

CAMP SIGN-UPS

Emails have gone out about the CBFGA Children's Retreat in January as well as Passport Kids Camp over the summer. If you did not receive the email, please let me know and I will get info to you ASAP. Hard to believe, but deadlines are already approaching!

STUDENT NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5- Choir Practice @ 12 | Small Groups

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8- FBC Student Gathering

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12- Small Groups TOGETHER- Hike at House o' Dreams, Berry College

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15- FBC Student Gathering

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19- Choir Practice @ 12 | Small Groups

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

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

- **DARLENE MULL**, WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL – 33 years on November 27

EXTENDED FAMILY

ALVIS TROTTER joined First Baptist on July 23, 1967. She has served in many places as an active member of the church, including serving on the Personnel Committee for several years. She is a member of the Joy Bible Study class and lives at Riverwood Senior Living. Alvis loves FBC and, as an Extended Family member, is always interested in keeping up with all that goes on with her church family.



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Katy Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MORE THAN ENOUGH

Thanks to everyone who has pledged your financial support of our church for 2024. So far, 104 pledges have been received, totaling \$910,626.28. If you have not yet made your pledge, you are invited to do so before the end of 2023. Pledge cards are available in the church office, or you can make your pledge online on www.fbcrome.com. Your faithful contributions of time, talent, and finances enable us to join together in answering the call of God to "Seek His Heart" and "Be His Hands" in 2024.

ENSEMBLES IN WORSHIP

Please note following dates that our music ensembles will help lead in worship:

NOVEMBER 5: First Baptist Ringers

NOVEMBER 13: Youth Choir

THANKSGIVING DINNER AND SERVICE

Join us on November 19 at 5 p.m. for a Thanksgiving dinner provided by the deacons (no reservations required) with a Thanksgiving service to follow at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Special music will be provided by our younger children's choirs.

WELCOMING ADVENT

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 26, at 4 p.m. to make an advent wreath for your home. This event was very popular last year. The church will provide the materials, including lots of greenery, but participants are encouraged to bring clippers and any other decorations from their yards to make your wreaths uniquely yours. Light refreshments will be served and our 2023 Advent Wreath Devotionals Guides will be available.



25TH ANNUAL Christmas at First Baptist CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 4 P.M.

As always the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will be featured with special appearances by the First Baptist Ringers, Children's Choir and Youth Choir. Mark you calendars and bring a friend!



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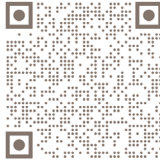
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MISSIONS

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY WEBSITE

We are excited to announce our Bridges Out of Poverty website! We hope that this will be a useful platform for volunteer participation and expand our reach in making a positive impact in the lives of those in need in the Rome and Floyd County area. To view website please use the following url: bridgesoutofpovertyrome.org

We launch our 5th Getting Ahead Program on Thursday, November 9, at FBC Rome! As we approach the start date, we are in need of volunteers to provide childcare, meals and transportation every Thursday evening beginning November 9 through the end of April. In addition, we are in need of legal aid assistance to help guide and care for individuals in the Bridges program. To learn more or if you would like to volunteer, please scan the QR Code or contact Keith Phillips or Alice Clements.



HANDS OF CHRIST- CHRISTMAS EMPHASIS "SERVING OUR MEMBERS, SERVING OTHERS"

Relationship is where Hands of Christ begins. Only through a relationship can we understand the emotional, economic, and spiritual needs of others. This ministry aims to build Christ centered community by providing support from our church body to our members walking alongside people facing challenges.

WAYS TO VOLUNTEER:

1. SIGNUP FOR GIFTS - NOV 13 - DEC 3
2. GIFTS DUE - DEC 3 - 10
3. GIFTS SORTED, WRAPPED, & PICKUP - DEC. 11-15

Be on the lookout for the signup to share the love of Jesus to families and individuals in need this Christmas. Thank you for your ongoing love and support to the Hands of Christ Mission at FBC Rome. Your generosity and commitment to share the love of Jesus makes a real difference! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please reach out to Kate Barron 706-296-3453 or Amy Cox 770-826-5714.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, November 5, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Tom Lumpkin on the occasion of his recent 75th birthday by his family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 5, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Palmer and Chapman Marion by Jason and Margaret Marion, Blythe and Archer.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, November 12, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Nance on the occasion of his birthday by Mary Nance and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, November 12, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ralph Keith by Chris and Jennie Cook.

There is an opening for both the Narthex and Sanctuary flowers on Sunday, December 31.

seeking His heart | Being His hands

MARK YOUR CALENDAR November 4 - November 17

Saturday, November 4

Minister on Call Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

Sunday, November 5

All Saints Sunday
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
Youth Choir 12:00 pm
Student Small Groups Gather, F.H. 5:45 pm
Student Dinner, Student Life, F.H. 6:00 pm
Student Small Groups 6:45 pm

Monday, November 6

Women's Bible Study Group, Dining Rm. 10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite 5:15 pm
Personnel Committee, Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm

Tuesday, November 7

Weekday Preschool Wild West Day 10:00 am

Wednesday, November 8

Family Night Dinner Served 5:00 pm
Children's Choirs 5:45 pm
Prayer Time 6:00 pm
Bible Study - The Journey:
Walking the Road to Bethlehem, F.H. 6:15 pm
Children's and Collide Missions 6:30 pm
Student Room Opens 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm. 6:45 pm
Student Discipleship 7:00 pm
Student Prayer & Hang Out, Student Rm. 7:45 pm

Thursday, November 9

Bridges Out of Poverty, F.H. and Community Room 6:00 pm

Saturday, November 11

Minister on Call Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141

Sunday, November 12

Nick Georgian's Ordination
Extended Family Ministry Team Meeting, D.R. 8:30 am
Finance Committee, Conf. Rm. 8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel
Youth Choir, Choir Suite 12:00 pm
Student Hike to House o' Dreams
Meet at Church 2:00 pm
Hike 2:30 pm
Picnic 5:00 pm

Monday, November 13

Women's Bible Study Group, Dining Rm. 10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Group, Dining Rm. 11:30 am
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite 4:45 pm
Deacons' Meeting, F.H. 5:30 pm

Tuesday, November 14

Weekday Preschool Thanksgiving Program 11:30 am
Bridges Steering Committee, Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm

Wednesday, November 15

FBC Foundation Meeting 12:00 pm
Family Night Dinner Served 5:00 pm
Children's Choirs 5:45 pm
Prayer Time 6:00 pm
Bible Study - The Journey:
Walking the Road to Bethlehem, F.H. 6:15 pm
Children's and Collide Missions 6:30 pm
Student Room Opens 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm. 6:45 pm
Student Discipleship 7:00 pm
Student Prayer & Hang Out, Student Rm. 7:45 pm

Thursday, November 16

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

THIS WEEK: NOVEMBER 5

SUNDAY WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

SERMON: "A Glimpse of Heaven"

GUEST PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 7:9-17

ANTHEM: "Shalom"...arr. Dan Forrest

SPECIAL MUSIC: Paula Pasqua, violin;
First Baptist Ringers
Matthew Becher

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

NOVEMBER 8

Mixed Green Salad

Shrimp and Grits

Steamed Asparagus with Lemon

Peach Cream Ring Cake

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Cheese Pizza

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

NEXT WEEK: NOVEMBER 12

SUNDAY WORSHIP

ORDINATION OF NICK GEORGIAN

ANTHEM: "This Is the Day"...arr. Dan Forrest

SPECIAL MUSIC: Youth Choir

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

NOVEMBER 15

Ambrosia Salad

Breakfast Casserole

Sausage Patties/Bacon

Hash Brown Potato Casserole

Danish Pastries

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Scrambled Eggs

Bacon

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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



ADVENT EVENTS

NOVEMBER 26

Welcoming Advent: Churchwide Advent
Wreath Making – 4 p.m. Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Christmas at First Baptist Concert – 4 p.m.
(Streamed live and broadcast live Comcast 44.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Final Wednesday Night of 2023
Carol Sing and Younger Choirs Sing – 6:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon – Noon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Silent Lord's Supper – 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Children's Ministry Cool Yule – 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Morning Worship Service – 11 a.m.
Christmas Eve Service – 5 p.m.
(Streamed live and broadcast live Comcast 44.)

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