

THE SPIRE

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Happy Thanksgiving FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH!



THANKSGIVING DINNER & SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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. 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.

A D V E N T E V E N T S

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.)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

ESP DINNER

We will provide and 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!

DECEMBER 6: FINAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT, no choir/missions, but both younger children's choirs will perform

DECEMBER 17: COOL YULE 6-8 P.M., adult Sunday School classes are invited to have their Christmas parties during this time while we provide Christmas fun at the church. Collide (5th-7th grade) will meet in the youth room.

STUDENT NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19- Choir Practice @ 12 | NO Small Group

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22- NO Student Gathering—Thanksgiving Holiday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26- NO Choir or Small Groups | Advent Wreath Workshop

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29- FBC Student gathering
Choir Rehearsal for Christmas @ FBC

THE EDGE

The EDGE is a ministry for our graduating seniors that offers fellowship and practical discussions on their transition from high school to a new season of life. To kick it off, we will have the first gathering at the Georgian house on Thursday, December 7 from 7 to 9 pm.

2023 WINTER RETREAT: MOMENTUM

Join us for our Winter Retreat at Timberline Mountain in West Virginia December 26- December 30. Our retreat theme is Momentum. We will learn how to build momentum toward a more vibrant walk with Jesus and abundant life in knowing, following and serving Him! Scan the QR code to sign up before November 26!



SENIOR ADULT NEWS

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our annual luncheon will be at noon on Thursday, December 7. FBC's own Mary Donahue will present a special Christmas mini-concert for us! Make reservations in the church office by Monday, December 4. Cost is \$10 per person. Guests welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE VERSE COLLECTION

In our recent FaithTalks we heard about FBC Rome's tradition of using what has been called a "Life Verse" at particular moments in an individual's life. Parents identify a verse for the dedication of a child; children highlight those verses in their new Bibles; high school graduates often hear their life verse read; adults may include their life verse in funeral plans. These chosen through prayer and study.

Have you identified a verse that has become important in your life? If you would like guidance, feel free to talk with one of our ministers. We keep a record of life verses in the office. Please email Kris Wilder or Tamara Smathers with questions or to tell us about your selection at kwilder@fbcrome.org.

FINAL FAMILY NIGHT

Our final Wednesday Family Night for 2023 is December 6. Join us for dinner between 5 and 6 p.m. and stay for a unique carol sing and special Christmas music from our two youngest choirs.



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.

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MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry being used in over 13,000 congregations across the United States, Canada, and 30 other countries. With Stephen Ministry, congregations equip and empower a team of laypeople—called Stephen Ministers—to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, divorce, serious illness, unemployment, hospitalization, spiritual crises, or other life difficulties. If you are interested in being trained as a Stephen Minister, contact Gwen Stephens (706-766-5074). Training is set to begin in January.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

First Baptist Church is searching for a Communications Director. This person will serve as a member of the church staff, helping our church in all aspects of communication (website, social media, email, print, etc.) with the church family and with the community outside of the church. The position is part-time (25 hours), and includes some evening and weekend responsibilities. For more information and to view the position description, please visit the church website. To apply for the position, please submit your resume to jfrankclements@gmail.com.



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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Amy Higgins (*left*);
Ben, Kendall, Anthony,
and Owen Brewer (*below*)



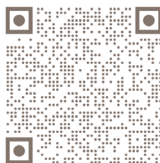
Trip, Ali, Wren, Court,
and Sawyer Booker (*left*)



MISSIONS

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

We are excited to have our 6th Getting Ahead Program in full swing now with 16 participants walking through the program. We are in need of volunteers to provide childcare, meals and transportation every Thursday evening through the end of April. In addition, we are in need of legal aid assistance to help guide individuals in the Bridges program. To learn more or if you would like to volunteer, scan the QR Code or contact Keith Phillips or Alice Clements.



HANDS OF CHRIST- CHRISTMAS EMPHASIS

Thank you for submitting families and individuals to be a part of Hands of Christ Christmas. Watch for these family stories and gift signups through December 2. Gifts should be dropped off in the Dining Room December 3 through 10. Presents will be sorted, wrapped and picked up December 11 through 15. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, reach out to Kate Barron 706-296-3453 or Amy Cox 770-826-5714.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for November 19 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dick Landry by Lisa Landry.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for November 26 are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mary Wren Booker on the occasion of her baptism with love from her family.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR November 18 – December 1

Saturday, November 18

Minister on Call

Nick Georgian 706.766.0032

Sunday, November 19

Adult Faith Formation Committee, Conf. Rm.	8:30 am
History Committee, Dining Rm.	8:30 am
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, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Thanksgiving Dinner	5:00 pm
Thanksgiving Service	6:15 pm

Monday, November 20 – Friday, November 24

Weekday Preschool Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 20

First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite	5:15 pm
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Wednesday, November 22

Thanksgiving Week – No Family Night Activities
Church Office Closes at Noon

Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24

Thanksgiving Week – Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

Sunday, November 26

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	
“Welcoming Advent” Wreath Making, F.H.	4:00 pm

Monday, November 27

Women's Bible Study Group, Dining Rm.	10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite	4:45 pm

Wednesday, November 29 – Friday, December 1

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Wednesday, November 29

Family Night Dinner Served	5:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers rehearse with Orchestra	5:30 pm
Children's Choirs rehearse with Orchestra	5:45 pm
Youth Choir rehearse with Orchestra	5:45 pm
Prayer Time	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir rehearse with Orchestra	6:00 pm
Children in Worship Seminar, Builders Rm.	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Student Room Opens	6:30 pm
Student Discipleship	7:00 pm
Student Prayer & Hang Out, Student Rm.	7:45 pm

Thursday, November 30

Bridges Out of Poverty, F.H. and Comm. Rm.	6:00 p.m
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seeking His heart | Being His hands

THIS WEEK: NOVEMBER 19

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP

SERMON: "The Greatest Moment of Your Life"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 118:24; Ephesians 5:15-20

ANTHEM: "Now Thank We All Our God"
...arr. Mark Hayes

SPECIAL MUSIC: Mary Donahue

EVENING WORSHIP

SPECIAL MUSIC: Younger Children's Choirs

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

<https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

NOVEMBER 22

No Family Night Dinner Tonight

MINISTER ON CALL:

Nick Georgian 706.766.0032

NEXT WEEK: NOVEMBER 26

SUNDAY WORSHIP

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

SERMON: "Truth Be Told"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: John 18:33-38

ANTHEM: "Alleluia! Sing Praise!"...J. S. Bach

BAPTISM OF KATY SMITH AND WREN BOOKER

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

NOVEMBER 29

Mixed Green Salad

Baked Ham with Pineapple

Macaroni & Cheese

Peas & Carrots

Carrot Cake

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Baked Ham

Macaroni & Cheese

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.506.9948

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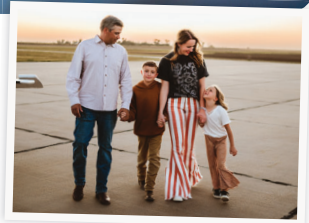
FAMILY STRENGTHS CAMP

FEATURING MAIKA LEIBBRANDT

An event you don't want to miss! February 9-10, 2024

"Parenting is the hardest, loveliest job, and the longest, shortest time."

In this interactive workshop, you'll learn there is no universal best way to parent. What works instead, is releasing the need to do parenting "right" in favor of loving and leading in a ways that are natural to us. Maika Leibbrandt will be joined by JurLene Mosley, who together will provide sessions for parents, teenagers, and children. Registration (which is required) will open soon.



MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S MINISTRY STEAK DINNER

WHEN: Tuesday, December 12

WHERE: FBC Rome, Fellowship Hall

TIME: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

PRESENTER: Tony Kunczewski, Head Football Coach at Berry College

Please mark your calendars and invite a friend! The steak dinner is \$15 per person and a RSVP is needed by Wednesday, December 6. You may sign up on the FBC webpage or by scanning the QR Code on one of the Steak Dinner flyers around the church.



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www.fbcrome.com

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