

THE SPIRE

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SING TOGETHER! A HYMN FESTIVAL

Sing along with the combined choirs from First Baptist, North Broad Baptist, Garden Lakes Baptist and Second Avenue Baptist for a hymn festival in the FBC Sanctuary on Sunday, February 4 at 4 p.m. Bring a friend to sing along on some of our favorite timeless hymns.



FAMILY STRENGTHS CAMP



Saturday, February 10, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Lunch is included. Also, a special evening just for grades 8 through 12 will be held Friday, February 9 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. An event you don't want to miss!

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 ways that are natural to us.

Maika Leibbrandt will be joined by JerLene Mosley, who are both long-time educators and specialists in Strengths-Based Parenting. They will provide sessions for parents, teenagers, and children.

Family Strengths Camp is sponsored by the Gary and Hannah Tillman Fund of the FBC Foundation.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 1.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

LENT KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 7TH

Lent kits will be available starting Wednesday February 7th. These simple kits are designed to help your family walk through the season of Lent. Although there are activities for each week, please feel free to use this resource as it works for your family- this can be a self-paced opportunity for family faith formation!

FAMILY STRENGTHS CAMP

Make sure you have signed up for the Family Strengths Camp happening on February 10 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. See the church website or Facebook page for a brochure to learn what it's all about!

STUDENT NEWS

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28- Youth Choir and Small Groups TOGETHER - Andrew Peterson at Berry in the College Chapel

STUDENT SPRING SCHEDULE

If you have not received your Student Spring Schedule, please make sure to pick one up in the Student Room or stop by the church office and see Nick!

BBQ FUNDRAISER

The Student Ministry Annual BBQ Fundraiser is underway and you have a chance to purchase some of the best barbecue in Rome NOW through Monday, January 29! For ALL BBQ orders, please see a member of the student ministry to purchase your BBQ Ticket. If you have any questions and/or need assistance placing your order, contact the church office at 706-291-6850 or reach out to Nick Georgian.

In addition, if you would like to make a BBQ donation to the Davies Men's and Women's Shelter or the Community Kitchen Shelter please mark "donation" on your ticket. Thank you in advance for your support of our local ministry partners!

ALL orders will be ready for pick up from FBC Rome parking lot between 3 - 5 pm on Saturday, February 3.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING LOVE AND SUPPORT TO THE FBC ROME STUDENT MINISTRY.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

WOC BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the WoC book club will take place February 19 at 1 p.m. The group will be studying *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. The meeting will take place in the Dining Room. Anyone is welcome to join us.

CHILI & SOUP SUPPER

The Women of the Church will host a Chili & Soup Supper on Thursday, February 1 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be multiple types of chili and soup, cornbread, crackers, and all the fixins! Ronda Hancock will be the speaker. This event is free. Call the church office to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

The season of Lent starts early this year—February 14. So, it's not too soon to be thinking about how you plan to walk with Jesus more closely as a Lenten discipline.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER - FEBRUARY 13, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

- In the fellowship hall – Mardi Gras themed

INTERACTIVE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - FEBRUARY 14

- Come at any time between 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm
- Several stations in the sanctuary will prepare you for Lent and introduce you to our Lenten worship series, "Wandering Heart."
- New labyrinth to walk in our gym.
- No Wednesday night activities or supper.

THE MORE YOU KNOW...ABOUT FBC

On Wednesday evenings this winter, let's join together in the fellowship hall at 6:00 pm to learn some new things—or to be refreshed on some things—about First Baptist Church of Rome. This will be a fun and interactive time to dive deeper into our identity, to ask questions, and to grow in our understanding of who we are and why we do what we do as a church.

JANUARY 31 *Holy, Holy, Holy: Why & How We Worship as We Do*

FEBRUARY 7 *Walking with Jesus: Labyrinths and Other Lenten Disciplines*

WALKING WITH JESUS, A GALLERY EXHIBIT

You will be hearing about our congregation's focus in 2024—Walking with Jesus. The FBC Gallery will reflect this theme in its first exhibit this year. We invite you to participate by sharing framed drawings, paintings, photography, and even three-dimensional art that can be displayed in a glass case. Some questions that might encourage your creative expression: On what paths have you journeyed? What supported you on those paths? How have you sensed the presence of Jesus on life's journey? Art should be labeled and delivered to the church office by February 6 and will be on display through Easter. Contact Tamara Smathers if you have questions.

GROWING WHOLE, NOT OLD, NEW DATE:

APRIL 6 Please mark your calendars for Growing Whole, NOT Old on Saturday, April 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at FBC Rome in the Fellowship Hall. This workshop is sponsored by the Health Ministry Committee of FBC and will feature presentations by health professionals from many specialties. Local health agencies will be present to showcase their products and services. The cost is \$20 per person which includes programming, lunch, workbook and community resources. Pre-Registration is open now through March 27.

You may sign up by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions or would like to learn more information, please contact Sharon Baker.



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MISSIONS

BRIDGES RELAUNCH

On February 24 we will relaunch the Bridges Out of Poverty Community Initiative. The Bridges Steering Committee and Task Force are busy planning the details of this event. The Bridges Community Initiative is focused on bringing all community sectors together to make a positive impact on poverty in our community. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 24, 2024. If you have questions or would like to know how you can be involved, contact Nick Georgian or Keith Phillips.

2023 HANDS OF CHRIST- CHRISTMAS EMPHASIS

As we move forward in this new year, we celebrate HOCC and all that God has done and all that He continues to do. Thank you for your generosity and outpouring of love, prayers, support and resources to families in need. Because of your generosity we were able to be the hands of Christ to 41 families meeting a variety of needs such as vehicles, counseling, toys and clothing, furniture, family date nights, camp for teen mothers and their babies, YMCA summer camp, covered bills, heater and so much more. Whether you prayed, made a financial contribution, volunteered to wrap gifts, shop or deliver, your generosity and acts of kindness made a difference. Thank you ALL for being the Ministry of Hands of Christ. Last but not least, thanks for Amy Cox and Kate Barron for their faithful leadership and passion that makes this ministry and mission possible. So thankful for the countless hours they've spent identifying and meeting the urgent needs in our community and making sure families experience the hope of Jesus, not only during Christmas, but throughout the year. When you see Amy and Kate, please express your gratitude and appreciation!

EXTENDED FAMILY

Frances Raines celebrated her 99th birthday with the Joy Bible Study class and other friends on January 10. Happy Birthday, Frances!



SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, January 28, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ansley Saville on the occasion of her birthday by Dean Saville and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 4, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Audrey Cooper and Bill Bryson on the occasion of their birthdays by Billy and Kathy Cooper.

There are several dates available on the flower calendar. Should you be interested in inquiring about the availability please call the church office and speak with Karen Garrett.

January 27 - February 9

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, January 27

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves 706.506.9948

Sunday, January 28

Missions Committee	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	
Deacon Retreat	12:00 pm

Monday, January 29

Women's Bible Study Group, D.R.	10:00 am
Stephen Ministry, Conf. Rm.	1:30 pm
First Baptist Ringers	5:15 pm

Wednesday, January 31

Family Night Dinner Served, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Prayer Time and Bible Study, F.H.	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Prayer and Hangout,	
Student. Rm.	7:00 pm

Thursday, February 1

Bridges Out of Poverty, F.H. and Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
Women of the Church Chili & Soup Supper	6:00 pm

Saturday, February 3

Minister on Call	Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141
Student Barbecue Fundraiser Pick Up	3:00 to 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 4

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	
Hymn Festival Choirs Rehearse	2:30 pm
Hymn Festival at FBC	4:00 pm

Monday, February 5

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
Stephen Ministry, Conf. Rm.	1:30 pm
First Baptist Ringers	5:15 pm

Wednesday, February 7

Properties Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Family Night Dinner Served, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Prayer Time and Bible Study, F.H.	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Adult Sanctuary Choir, Choir Suite	6:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Prayer and Hangout,	
Student. Rm.	7:00 pm

Thursday, February 8

Bridges Out of Poverty, F.H. and Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
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Friday, February 9

Finance Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Strengths Based Parenting Workshop	5:00 pm

THIS WEEK: JANUARY 28

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Garden or Gardener?"

PREACHER: Dr. David Hull

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:35-45

ANTHEM: Proclamation of Service...Joseph Martin

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

JANUARY 31

Mixed Green Salad

Roast Pork Loin with Mushroom Gravy

Escalloped Potatoes

Acorn Squash Roasted

Apple Cobbler with Ice Cream

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Hamburgers

Sliced Peaches

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.506.9948

NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 4

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Sacred Rhythms"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:29-39

ANTHEM: There's A Wideness In God's Mercy...
arr. John Purifoy

AFTERNOON HYMN FESTIVAL AT 4 P.M.

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

FEBRUARY 7

Mixed Green Salad

Baked Chicken with Rosemary

Roasted Quartered New Potatoes

Sauteed Green Beans

Chocolate Cake

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Baked Chicken with Rosemary, Applesauce,

Chocolate Cake

MINISTER ON CALL:

Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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