

THE SPIRE

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Community Holy Week SERVICES

HOSTED BY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
12:00 NOON

MONDAY, MARCH 25
Rev. Camille Josey preaching
Silver Creek Presbyterian Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 26
Rev. David Brooks preaching
First Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
Rev. Bernard Young preaching
Relevant Church

A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE EACH DAY.

Maunder Thursday SERVICE

Join us for this special service
March 28 at 7 p.m. We will
celebrate communion, hear the
story of the last hours of Jesus
and hear special music from the
Sanctuary Choir. This is one of
the most moving services of the
year and helps prepare us for
the joy of Easter.



Easter Sunday

MARCH 31

8:30 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.

Breakfast and Flowering of the
Cross with Family Photos

9:45 A.M. Bible Study

11:00 A.M. Worship

Our Easter morning traditions begin with a big church-wide breakfast before Bible Study, flowering the cross and family photographs in the Courtyard, and a service of worship celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and singing of the Hallelujah Chorus! Please make your plans and invite others to join you.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration for Vacation Bible School is open. VBS this summer is June 24-27, 9-11:30 a.m. Please register early to help us plan, as Kristen will be on maternity leave for much of the time leading up to VBS!

MATERNITY LEAVE CONTACT - KAREN FOSS

Maternity Leave Contact for Children's Ministry is Karen Foss. Please direct any questions to Karen and she will do her best to find the answer or the person who knows the answer!

STUDENT NEWS

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - (PALM SUNDAY) Youth Choir rehearsal at 9:45 AM, Youth/Children Sing for Worship, Small Groups

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 - Student Gathering

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - NO Youth Choir or Small Groups

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 - Student Gathering

THE EDGE GATHERING FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

COMING SOON

Finances with Janice Davis - FBC Rome,

HEALTH

GROWING WHOLE, NOT OLD WORKSHOP SATURDAY APRIL 6TH FROM 8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM 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. In addition, local health agencies will be present to showcase their products and services. Don't miss this humorous and informative program designed to address the special needs of senior adults including recommended screenings, vaccines, and tools to maximize healthy aging. The cost is \$20 per person which includes programming, lunch, workbook and community resources. Pre-Registration is open now through March 27. To register, please scan the QR Code.



NEW TAI CHI CLASS!

**FBC ROME AND NORTHWEST GEORGIA AAA PRESENT:
TAI CHI CLASS**

TIME: Tuesday 10:00-11:00 a.m.

WHEN: Through May 7

WHERE: Community Room at FBC Rome

COST: FREE

If you have any questions or would like to learn more information about the workshop or Tai Chi, please contact Sharon Baker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS/MISSIONS YEAR-END PROGRAM

Join us in the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17 as all of our Children's Choirs and missions groups present their year-end program. The choirs will meet in their regular choir rooms at 5:45 p.m. to warm up and rehearse.

WALKING THE LABYRINTH

For centuries Christians have walked the printed or paved circular paths called labyrinths.

This ancient tradition allows us to calm and center ourselves. As we walk, we release into God's hands, and then receive God's gifts in prayer.

Many labyrinths are outdoors. FBC Rome has a new labyrinth painted on canvas—a version of the Chartres Cathedral labyrinth. It will be in the gym Wednesdays and Thursdays after 2:00, Fridays and Sundays when the church is open. Prayer guides are available, including one specifically for children.

During Holy Week the Labyrinth will be available for use every day after the Holy Week services. On Maundy Thursday praying while walking the Labyrinth can help prepare us for the Maundy Thursday service.

Please wear clean socks or shoe covers (both will be provided).

STRENGTHS-BASED PARENTING

WEDNESDAYS, 6:15 P.M. ROOM 300

Join us on Wednesday evenings as we dive deeper into the strengths of our children. Tamara Smathers, Stephanie Lewis, and Janie Hortman meet with parents to share observations and develop what we learned at Family Strengths Camp. We meet at 6:15 p.m. in room 300 in the Education Building, Third Floor.

ADULT CHOICES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEMINARS

FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 27 FROM 6:00-6:45 P.M.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Led by our Pastor in the The Fellowship Hall

In keeping with our desire to walk more closely with Jesus this year, let's take some time on Wednesday nights during Lent to consider different ways that we experience Jesus. Based on the book, *Freeing Jesus*, by Diana Butler Bass, we will seek to rediscover Jesus in some fresh ways.

March 27 Jesus as Presence:
Matthew 28:20



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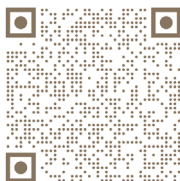
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MISSIONS

BRIDGES- GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM

As we continue with our 6th Getting Ahead Program, we are still in need of volunteers to provide meals and childcare every Thursday evening through the end of April. We invite you to consider how God might be calling you to be a part of impacting lives through the mission and ministry of Bridges. Thank you for your support and generosity towards the mission and ministry of Bridges. To learn more or if you would like to volunteer, please scan the QR Code or contact Keith Phillips or Alice Clements.



BRIDGES SUCCESS COACHES NEEDED!

Bridges Out of Poverty is seeking volunteers to serve as Success Coaches (formerly referred to as Life Coaches) for the graduates of the current Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World program. Bridges will host a Success Coach Orientation on Saturday April 20 in the FBC Dining Room from 10:00 - noon. If you would like to learn more about becoming a Success Coach please join us. All current coaches are welcome to join and share stories. If you have any questions please contact Keith Phillips.

FLORIDA MISSION TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

This past week, we had a mission team of 13 members that partnered with CBF field personnel, Rick and Ellen Burnette, in Immokalee, FL. Our team included: Sam Ratcliffe, Bill Weidemann, Gayle Monk, Bob Hortman, John Wilson, Diane Wilson, Nancy Ware, Gwen Stephens, Randy Holland, Miriam Peterson, Troy Fitzpatrick, Julie McCormick and Nick Georgian. Our mission work included helping to complete a project at a local church that will benefit the area when aid workers are needed in natural disasters. We also had the opportunity to join in a number of regular activities at Cultivate Abundance including a food share serving over 400 Immokalee farm workers on Friday afternoon. Nick is grateful for each of our mission team members and for their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in His name!

Nick is also grateful for your support and prayers for us as we traveled and served throughout the week. Hear more about our mission experience on April 10 at 6 p.m.



SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Palm Sunday, March 24, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wydelle Clark by Kathy and Larry Osborn and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, March 31, are given to the glory of God by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

March 23 – April 5

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, March 23

Minister on Call
Labyrinth in Gym

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

Sunday, March 24

Labyrinth in Gym
Adult Faith Formation, Conf. Rm. 8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Youth and Children's Choir, Sanctuary 9:45 am
Bible Study 9:45 am
Children meet for Palm Procession, F.H. 10:30 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel
Student Small Groups 5:45 pm

Monday, March 25

Women's Bible Study Group, D.R. 10:00 am
Holy Week Services & Lunch, 12:00 pm
First Methodist Church, David Brooks, preacher
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Suite 5:15 pm

Tuesday, March 26

Holy Week Services & Lunch, 12:00 pm
First Methodist Church
Weekday Preschool Egg Hunts 12:00 pm

Wednesday, March 27 – Friday, March 30 First Baptist Serves Community Kitchen

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Labyrinth in Gym
Holy Week Services & Lunch, 12:00 pm
First Methodist Church
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, Sanctuary 6:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Prayer and Hangout, 7:00 pm
Student. Rm.

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday Service/Communion, Sanctuary 7:00 pm

Friday, March 29

Good Friday, Church office closed
Flower Committee 9:00 am

Saturday, March 30

Minister on Call
Keith Reaves 706.506.9948

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday
Breakfast/Flowers of the Cross/Family Pictures 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

Monday, April 1

No Women's Bible Study today
Stephen Ministry, Conf. Rm. 1:00 pm

Tuesday, April 2

Bridges Steering Committee, Conf. Rm. 5:00 pm

Wednesday, April 3

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
Sanctuary Choir, Choir Suite 6:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Prayer and Hangout, 7:00 pm
Student. Rm.

Thursday, April 4

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

seeking His heart | Being His hands

THIS WEEK: MARCH 24

SUNDAY WORSHIP

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT:

PALM SUNDAY/PASSION SUNDAY

SERMON: "What the Donkey Tells Us"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: John 12:12-16

ANTHEM: Jesus Paid It All...arr. Robert Sterling

SPECIAL MUSIC: Combined Youth and
Children's Choirs

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

MARCH 27

Caesar Salad, Ragu All Bolgnese, Bow Tie Pasta
with Shrimp and Pesto Sauce, Garlic Bread,
Tiramisu

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Spaghetti and Meatballs
Chocolate Pudding

MINISTER ON CALL:

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

NEXT WEEK: MARCH 31

SUNDAY WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

SERMON: "And I Hope"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-12

ANTHEMS: Easter Festival...Michael S. Bryson
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today...Jeremy Bankson
Festival Easter Hymn on GRAFTON...K. Lee Scott
Hallelujah from Messiah...G. F. Handel

SPECIAL MUSIC: Matthew Becher, soloist

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

APRIL 3

Spinach Salad with Craisins, Walnuts, Apples and
Blue Cheese; Chicken Monterey with Canadian
Bacon; Sauce Mornay; Roasted Red Potatoes;
Medley of Squashes; Mixed Berry Cobbler

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Chicken Fingers, Pasta Salad, Mixed Berry Cobbler

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.506.9948

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

MEN'S MINISTRY STEAK DINNER

WHEN: TUESDAY, APRIL 23

WHERE: FBC ROME, FELLOWSHIP HALL

TIME: 6 - 7:30 P.M.

PRESENTER: ROBERT HORTMAN

Please mark your calendars and invite a friend! The
steak dinner is \$15 per person and a RSVP is needed
by Wednesday, April 17. You may sign up on the FBC
webpage or by scanning the QR Code on one of the
Steak Dinner flyers around the church. Contact Nick
Georgian or Jack Smith for more information.

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www.fbcrome.com

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