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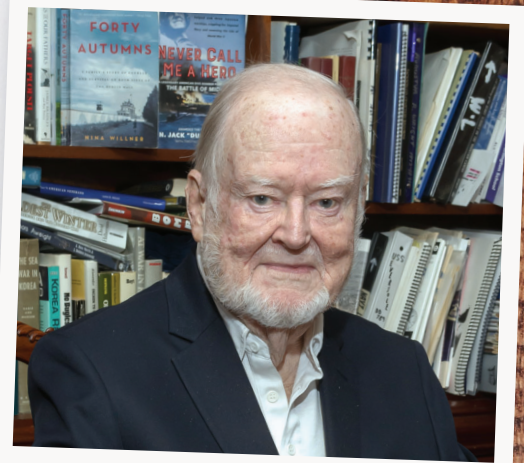
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Frank Barron, Jr.

Frank Barron, Jr. is recognized this year for 80 years of continuous membership in First Baptist Church of Rome.

Frank was baptized by Dr. Bunyan Stephens on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1944, with nine other individuals. Those baptized were adults, teenagers, and several classmates of the "Junior" boys Sunday School. We are grateful to Frank for his faithful church membership as we remember our own baptisms and those who encouraged our faith



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. You may sign up on the FBC webpage or by scanning the QR Code. Contact Nick Georgian or Jack Smith for more information.



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 & she will do her best to find the answer or the person who knows the answer!

STUDENT NEWS

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - Small Groups

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - FINAL Small Groups | **Pizza and S'mores at the Hunt home**

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE SUMMER THEME AND CALENDAR COMING SOON!

SENIOR RECOGNITION - SUNDAY, MAY 12

Please mark your calendars for Senior Recognition on Sunday, May 12. We have 9 seniors as a part of FBC Rome including: Bryson Bridges, Anna Clark, Emalee Collins, Mary Blair Fuller, Sarah Beth Gee, Ava Girard, Peyton Sumner, Evan Sumner and James Vu. I am looking forward to this special day together as we give God thanks for our wonderful seniors and celebrate all their many accomplishments!

PATERNITY LEAVE CONTACT

Paternity Leave Contact while Nick is away on paternity leave will be Julie McCormick, with any questions about missions at First Baptist Church.

Contact Steve and Nicki Hunt with questions about Student Ministry!

HEALTH

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

ROME AREA PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Annual Rome Area Prayer Breakfast will be held on Thursday, May 2nd, at the Forum River Center at 7 a.m. Complimentary tickets are available in the church office until April 22. This year's speakers are Lee Strobel, noted apologist, and author and Rome native, Billy Neal Moore, who was featured in Strobel's New York Times bestseller, "The Case for Faith." Make plans now to attend.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATION

After months of planning, we are finally ready for the renovation of our Fellowship Hall. The work will begin on **Thursday, April 25**, and the expected date of completion is **May 31**. Included in renovation:

- Resurfacing and painting the ceiling
- A fresh coat of paint on the walls
- New lighting, speakers, and heat/air returns
- New ceiling-mounted projector and retractable screen

The project comes with some temporary inconveniences, of course, so please be patient as **access to the Fellowship Hall and kitchen will be limited and six parking spots in front of the sanctuary will be blocked off for the use of a construction dumpster**. The end result will be a brighter, more functional Fellowship Hall that will better serve the needs of our congregation!



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Planning for a pilgrimage to Jordan and Israel have resumed with high hopes. Watch for exact dates to be announced in the next month for late April and early May, 2025.

WORSHIP SERIES: WHAT DOES GOD ASK OF US?

Micah 6:6-8

May 5 "To Do What is Right"

May 12 "To Love Kindness" - Graduate Sunday

May 19 "To Walk Humbly with God" - Ordination of Gwen Stephens

BRADEN HOOD LIFE VERSE

"It is God who arms me with strength
and keeps my way secure."

2 Samuel 22:33



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MISSIONS

BRIDGES- GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM

As we work towards the end of the 6th Getting Ahead Program, we are still in need of volunteers to provide meals and child care every Thursday evening. 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. Please contact Keith Phillips or Alice Clements for more information.



BRIDGES SUCCESS COACHES NEEDED!

Bridges Out of Poverty is seeking volunteers to serve as Success 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 am to 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.

THANK YOU CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAY LEADERS

A huge thank you to all of the people who direct our children's choirs and to all who help with the mission education programming on Wednesday nights. Your program was informative and entertaining. We thank you for all you do to inspire, inform and encourage our children's interests and talents! We will see you in August!

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, April 21, are given to the glory of God, provided by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 21, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Adrian S. Bowers by the Gene Bowers Family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, April 28, are given to the glory of God, provided by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 28, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Harold Smith by Helen Smith and Family.

April 20 – May 3

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21

- Adult Faith Formation Committee, Conf. Rm. 8:30 am
- Missions Committee, D.R. 8:30 am
- Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
- Bible Study 9:45 am
- Worship 11:00 am
- Worship also available on FBC Website /Comcast Channel 44/YouTube Channel
- Student Ministry Small Groups 5:45 pm

Monday, April 22

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

Tuesday, April 23

- Weekday Preschool Circus Day 10:00 am
- Men's Steak Dinner 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 24 – Friday, April 26 FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Wednesday, April 24

- Final Family Night Dinner Served, F.H. 5:00 pm
- Prayer Time and Church Conference, F.H. 6:00 pm
- Sanctuary Choir, Choir Suite 6:45 pm
- Student Messy Game Night, Student Room 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 25

- Bridges Out of Poverty, D.R. and Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

Sunday, April 28

- Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
- Bible Study 9:45 am
- Worship 11:00 am
- Worship also available on FBC Website /Comcast Channel 44/YouTube Channel
- Student Ministry Small Groups 5:45 pm

Monday, April 29

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

Tuesday, April 30

- Committee on Committees, Conf. Rm. 5:45 pm

Wednesday, May 1

- Properties Committee, Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm

THIS WEEK: APRIL 21

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: "When Does Jesus Show Up?"

SERMON: "When We Open Our Doors"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24: 13-35

ANTHEM: Come By Here...arr. Kyle Pederson

SPECIAL MUSIC: Sydney Godfrey

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

FINAL FAMILY NIGHT MENU

APRIL 24

Mixed Green Salad

Potato Salad

Fried Chicken

Fried Okra

Strawberry Pie

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Fried Chicken

Fried Okra

Strawberry Pie

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (APRIL 20-21):
David Brooks 252.916.7174

NEXT WEEK: APRIL 28

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: When Does Jesus Show Up?

SERMON: "When We Break Bread Together"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:13-35

ANTHEM: Come Find His Rest...arr. Dan Forrest

ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (APRIL 27-28):
Keith Reaves 706.506.9948

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

WELCOME APRIL LUCAS!

First Baptist Church is happy to introduce April Lucas to our church staff! April has come on board as our new Director of Communications, with extensive knowledge of website building and design, marketing, communications and social media best practices. April lives in Rome with her husband, Jonathan, their son, Eli, and multiple pets. She is a graduate of Berry College and has been in Rome since beginning her studies there in 2006. April comes to us from Garden Lakes Baptist Church, where she is currently a member. She volunteers with multiple community agencies through her memberships at Garden Lakes Baptist and Junior Service League of Rome. In her spare time, she designs and sells children's T-shirts, travels far and wide with her friends and family, and watches way too many serial killer and World War II documentaries. We are so excited to have April on our team!



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