

# THE SPIRE

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## FLORIDA MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION



Join us on Wednesday, April 10 at 6 p.m. to hear reflections from the Florida Mission Trip! We will have a special presentation where you will get to see pictures of the mission work that was accomplished and hear testimonies from the mission team.



## 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.



## FROM OUR PASTOR

### WHEN DOES JESUS SHOW UP?

The Emmaus story in Luke 24 is a familiar one to many of us. It's the account of two followers of Jesus who were walking the seven miles from Jerusalem to their hometown of Emmaus on Easter afternoon. As you can imagine, they were overwhelmed with grief and confusion. Their dear friend and Lord, Jesus, had been crucified, and apparently someone had stolen his body from the tomb. Can you imagine their emotions as they made that long walk home?

But as they walk, a stranger comes along and joins them, asking, "What are y'all talking about?" Conversation pursues as they continue walking, and when they get to Emmaus, the two companions invite their new friend to eat supper with them in their home. Over the meal, as the new friend takes bread, blesses it, breaks, and gives it to his hosts, they recognize that it is Jesus, risen from the dead! They had no idea that they had been *walking with Jesus!*

Before they could say anything at the table, Jesus vanished from their sight. Shocked and overwhelmed with joy, they raced back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples that Jesus was alive and that he had walked with them, talked with them, and broke bread with them. What an amazing story! It's worth reading often, reminding us that Jesus shows up in various ways as we walk our own path.

Take some time in this Easter season to notice how Jesus shows up in your everyday life. Look for him as you walk, as you work, as you play, as you share a meal with family and friends. Then, come to worship throughout the month of April as we revisit the Emmaus story, seeking to answer the question, "*When Does Jesus Show Up?*"

Walking with you,

*David*





## 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!

### CHILDREN'S END OF YEAR PROGRAM

The children's end of year program will be Wednesday, April 17. All 3 choirs will sing and missions classes will give a report on what they have been learning! Please have your child in their choir room by 5:45 p.m.; the program will start at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## STUDENT NEWS

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7-** NO Youth Choir or Small Groups (City and County Spring Break)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 -** NO Student Gathering (City and County Spring Break)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14 -** Small Groups

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 -** FINAL Student Gathering

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21 -** Small Groups

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

### STUDENT PARENT MEETING

Join us for a brief Student Parent Meeting on Sunday, April 14 immediately following worship in the Dining Room. Nick will discuss his paternity leave plans and go over the summer calendar!

## STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

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

- **MELISSA WOOD**, WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR – 24 years on April 10
- **NICK GEORGIAN**, MINISTER OF STUDENTS AND MISSIONS, 2 years on April 11
- **TAMARA SMATHERS**, MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION, 17 years on April 22

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP SERIES: WHEN DOES JESUS SHOW UP?

|          |                                |                                  |
|----------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| April 14 | "When We Least Expect It"      | Luke 24:13-35                    |
| April 21 | "When We Open Our Doors"       | Luke 24:13-35                    |
| April 28 | "When We Break Bread Together" | Luke 24:13-35<br>(Lord's Supper) |



### 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.

### ALL HANDS ON WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, APRIL 18-19

FBC Rome does a fantastic job of helping members of our community with home repair projects. All Hands On invites us to invest a couple of days working within the church building—removing clutter and broken equipment.

In addition we will carefully box items from the Parlor before the Fellowship Hall renovation begins. We need trucks and trailers and also those with a sharp eye to repair needs. There will be a job for everyone.

## HEALTH

### 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.

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

### WOC BOOK CLUB

The next Women of the Church Book Club meeting is Monday, April 15. Diane Wilson will lead, and the group will be studying Sandra Dallas's "Whiter Than Snow."



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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 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.

## MENS MINISTRY

### 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.



## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, April 7, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Hill by Joan Hill and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 7, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Clara Mattingly on the occasion of her birthday by Dee and Molly Yancey and Mitzi Breen.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, April 14, are given to the glory of God and in honor of my daughters: Susan, Sharon and Jennie by their mother, Joanne Owens.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 14, are given to the glory of God, provided by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

## April 6 - April 19 MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, April 6

Minister on Call

David Brooks 252.916.7174

### Sunday, April 7

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 8 - Thursday, April 11

Weekday Preschool Spring Break

### Monday, April 8

Women's Bible Study Group, D.R.

10:00 am

Ruble Whitworth Group, D.R.

11:30 am

Finance Committee, Conf. Rm.

12:00 pm

Stephen Ministry, Conf. Rm.

1:30 pm

First Baptist Ringers, Choir Suite

5:00 pm

Deacons' Meeting, F.H.

5:30 pm

### Wednesday, April 10

Family Night Dinner Served, F.H.

5:00 pm

Children's Choirs

5:45 pm

Prayer Time and Florida Mission Report, F.H.

6:00 pm

Sanctuary Choir, Choir Suite

6:45 pm

### Thursday, April 11

Bridges Out of Poverty, F.H. and Comm. Rm.

6:00 pm

### Saturday, April 13

Minister on Call

Tamara Smathers 706.266.7141

### Sunday, April 14

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

Student Ministry Small Groups

5:45 pm

### Monday, April 15

Women's Bible Study, D.R.

10:00 am

Women of the Church Book Group, D.R.

1:00 pm

Stephen Ministry, Conf. Rm.

1:30 pm

First Baptist Ringers, Choir Suite

5:15 pm

### Wednesday, April 17

Family Night Dinner Served, F.H.

5:00 pm

Children's Choirs rehearse

5:45 pm

Prayer Time and Bible Study, F.H.

6:00 pm

Children's Choirs and Missions Program

6:15 pm

Sanctuary Choir, Choir Suite

6:45 pm

Student Discipleship, Prayer and Hangout,

7:00 pm

Student. Rm.

### Thursday, April 18

Bridges Out of Poverty, F.H. and Comm. Rm.

6:00 pm

## THIS WEEK: APRIL 7

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Life Beyond the Tomb"

PREACHER: Nick Georgian

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-31

ANTHEM: A Jubilant Song...Allen Pote

SPECIAL MUSIC: Emma Allen

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

### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

#### APRIL 10

Mixed Green Salad

Homemade Chili Con Carne

Condiment Bar

Cornbread

Baked Potatoes

Lemon Sorbet

#### CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Chili

Fruit Cocktail

Lemon Sorbet

MINISTER ON CALL:

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

## NEXT WEEK: APRIL 14

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *When Does Jesus Show Up?*

SERMON: "When We Least Expect Him"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:13-35

ANTHEM: Not Ashamed...arr. Dan Forrest

SPECIAL MUSIC: Emma Allen and

Emma Sprayberry, duet

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### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

#### APRIL 17

Mixed Green Salad

Pan-Fried Pork Cutlets with Hoisin-Katsu Sauce

Steamed Basmati Rice with Almonds

Honey-Ginger Glazed Carrots

Macadamia Cookies

#### CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Chicken Fingers, Applesauce

Chocolate Chip Cookies

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](http://WWW.FBCROME.COM)

## EXTENDED FAMILY

Charlesean Bennett continues to improve after several months of hospitalization and rehab. Her family has continued to give her great support. Charlesean is married to Tom, and their children are Amy Schriever (shown here with Charlesean) and Jeff Bennett. Charlesean is presently at Riverwood Senior Living in Rome. How wonderful to see her doing so well!



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