

## THIS WEEK: JUNE 2

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: To God Be the Glory

SERMON: "God Is: All-Knowing"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 23-24

ANTHEM: Psalm 139...Allen Pote

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

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (JUNE 1-2):  
David Brooks 252.916.7174

## NEXT WEEK: JUNE 9

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: To God Be the Glory

SERMON: "God Is: All-Powerful"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 8; Psalm 118:14

ANTHEM: My Eternal King...Jane Marshall  
The Majesty and Glory of Your Name...  
arr. Tom Fettke

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WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (JUNE 8-9):  
Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

# THE SPIRE

## SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST LIVE ON  
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND  
VIA [WWW.FBCROME.COM](http://WWW.FBCROME.COM)

## SUMMER SERIES

### PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

Wednesdays | May 15 - June 12

12:00p.m. in the Chapel

12:30p.m. Lunch in the Dining Room

MAY 15 | LED BY KEITH REAVES  
MAY 22 | LED BY TAMARA SMATHERS  
MAY 29 | LED BY DAVID BROOKS  
JUNE 5 | LED BY GWEN STEPHENS  
JUNE 12 | LED BY KRISTEN MATHIS



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## A MESSAGE FROM KEITH

As I look back at 25 years, many memories stick out. Dozens of Senior Adults luncheons, trips and mission trips have taken me to 24 countries and 36 states and territories. The friendships and memories made on these trips are treasured, priceless and will last a lifetime.

I've had the pleasure of leading choirs in many sacred spaces: The International Church Music Festival in Chester, England, where the Sanctuary Choir led worship in a little English church that was built in the 1100s, or at the founding of the New Baptist Covenant meeting in Atlanta with President Carter and John Grisham, where we were the only choir invited to sing. Our youth and adult choirs provided concerts in the Washington National Cathedral with full orchestra, and what an opportunity to have the music ministry produce two professional recordings: one with favorite anthems and one a Christmas album.

I recall special services, such as a hastily planned, but meaningful community worship service on September 11, 2001. We've enjoyed hymn festivals with local churches, many youth-led services, children's choir musicals and handbell offerings.; composer weekends with people like Mary McDonald and Joseph Martin helped us get to know them and their music better. Seasonal services like Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve, and of course the annual "Christmas at First Baptist" concert, which has grown so much in 25 years and is now a Rome tradition.

I am proud of many things, but especially of our Sunday morning worship service and its high standards our congregation has come to appreciate and anticipate. Our service has a coherent theme for the day, our worship leaders (whether ministers, laypeople or musicians) are knowledgeable, prepared, and take their responsibilities seriously. For many people, the 11 a.m. service is the only hour they will focus on God that week. I don't want a minute of that crucial and special time wasted.

Our children's and youth choir programs are one-of-a-kind in Rome. My goal for them has always been to have music they learn in church to be a part of the "soundtrack" of their formative years...music that they can return to as they get older to help them through times, much like the scripture they have memorized.

I have been with you as family members have been born, have married and have passed away. That may be the most meaningful thing of all...just being with you. Being available and knowing that you can count on me and that I can count on you is a powerful and comforting thing.



## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday, June 9, in our morning worship service, we will recognize Keith Reaves for 25 years of service as our Senior Associate & Minister of Worship. Make plans to be here as we give thanks to God for Keith and celebrate his silver anniversary with First Baptist Church!

It is hard to single out individuals when a person has been at it as long as I have, but I want to first thank my wife, Hilary, and all of my family, for the myriad of ways they have loved and supported me. Thanks to all of the staff and ministers I have worked with over the years. They have been so encouraging and have been my closest friends. Thanks to the hundreds of volunteers in the music ministry for your faithfulness and for always striving to do your best. Finally, to Joan Hill and Beverly Harris; none of what I do each week could be accomplished without their incredible gifts, their professionalism and their love of music and leading in worship.

I came to First Baptist Church in 1999 with a simple job description: Plan worship. Things have been added over the years, but I still see as my primary role to provide authentic, well-planned worship where people can encounter a loving and holy God each time we meet. I want the worship experience to be "real" and cause people to use and share what they learn in worship outside the walls of the church. Thank you for the opportunity to do what I love to do and for making FBC the best place in the world to work and to worship.

## 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!

### VBS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We need volunteers for VBS decorating preparation weekly each Wednesday and Thursday, from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Karen Foss.



## STUDENT NEWS

**JUNE 10** - Mystery Lunch at 11:30am

**JUNE 16** - Deadline to sign up for the Atlanta Braves vs. Pittsburgh Pirates on June 28. Cost is \$25.

Please contact Nicki Hunt for more information regarding these events.

### PATERNITY LEAVE CONTACT

While Nick is away on paternity leave, contact Julie McCormick with any questions about missions at FBC and Steve and Nicki Hunt with questions about Student Ministry.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATION

The Fellowship Hall renovation project continues with a slight delay that will be worth the wait.

The ceiling has a lovely smooth surface as the hard plaster ceiling has been replaced with sheetrock which is kinder to the ears. After painting the ceiling, a fresh coat of paint will be applied to the walls, columns, and wood trim. Next steps will include installation of new lighting, speakers, and finally the audio visual equipment.

Also, take time to visit the newly framed and updated portraits of our First Baptist Church pastors which are now displayed on the wall across from the Conference Room.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DEACON ELECTION

Thanks to everyone who submitted deacon nominations. The slate of 14 deacon nominations will be announced in July, followed by our Deacon Election in morning worship on **Sunday, August 4**.

### COMING SOON: DEACON-LED MINISTRY TEAMS

Have you heard the news? Our deacon ministry is changing! Starting on September 1, our deacons will no longer have families assigned to them for the Deacon Family Ministry Plan. Instead, deacons will serve on one of six different Deacon-Led Ministry Teams.

- **CONNECTIONS TEAM:**

Providing care and support for church members by reaching out to individuals and families. The team will also promote and enhance opportunities to build relationships among church members.

- **HOSPITAL CARE TEAM:**

Caring for and supporting church members and their families who are hospitalized. Team members visit church members during or immediately following hospital stays.

- **NEW MEMBER ENGAGEMENT TEAM:**

Welcoming new members to the congregation, introducing new members to others in the church to help in developing new relationships. Small group connections will be encouraged and fostered by this team.

- **OUTREACH TEAM:**

Leading the church to welcome guests to FBC by reaching out to our guests with phone calls, notes, text messages, emails, and visits.

- **PRAYER TEAM:**

Praying intentionally and continually for the congregation. This team will also provide opportunities for the church to pray and to learn how to pray.

- **SERVICE & SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM:**

Coordinating and providing hands-on assistance with service projects for church members and the community.

### ANYONE CAN JOIN ONE OR MORE OF THESE TEAMS.

While the teams will be led by our 42 active deacons, every member of the church is invited to get involved and participate in these great ministries. **For more information, please talk with our chair of deacons—Bobby Keith—or our pastor.**

## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:  
Lori Kinsell

## STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

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

- **KEITH REAVES**, SENIOR ASSOCIATE & MINISTER OF WORSHIP – 25 years on June 8
- **JAN DANDRIDGE**, CUSTODIAN – 23 years on June 12

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, June 2, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of his birthday by Marsha Dempsey and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, June 2, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Shirley Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, June 9, are given to the glory of God by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, June 9, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Bosworth and Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Ransom by George and Bess Bosworth.

## GIVING TO GOD

Fiscal Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,295,000
Support Received	\$1,361,320
Operating Expenses Budgeted	\$1,295,000
Operating Expenses Actual	\$1,410,716

June 1 – June 14

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 2

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
Worship available on:	
Comcast Channel 44 / FBC Website / YouTube Channel	
Students Diving Into the Word – Keith family pool	6:00 pm

### Monday, June 3

Committee on Committees, Conf. Rm.	5:00 pm
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### Wednesday, June 5

Prayers & Reflections, Chapel & Dining Room	12:00 pm
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### Monday, June 10

History Committee, Conf. Rm.	10:00 am
Finance Committee, Conf. Rm	12:00 pm
Deacons' Meeting, F.H.	5:30 pm

### Wednesday, June 12

Prayers and Reflections, Chapel and Dining Room	12:00 pm
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Gwen's Ordination  
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