

## Church Picnic

Sunday, October 13  
Morrison Campground

Mark your calendars, October 13 at 4pm, Morrison Campground. Games, food catered by Moe's BBQ, fellowship, Old Time Gospel Singing, petting zoo and pumpkin painting.

## FROM OUR PASTOR



Two years ago, when I came to Rome to serve as your pastor, I was not the only new kid on the block. Nick Georgian had been serving as our Interim Minister of Students & Missions for just a few months, and everyone was still getting to know Nick. I quickly learned what a delight

that was—getting to know Nick! He is filled with genuine joy, positivity, and love for everyone, and his exuberance and optimism are contagious. His joy and love have translated into a wonderful 2+ years of caring ministry with our students and leading our mission efforts. It was an easy decision to call Nick to his full-time role with us, and we are a better congregation because of Nick's ministry.

Now, Nick, Aubrey, and their children are answering a call to a new place of ministry—Mountaintop Church in Birmingham. Nick will finish his work with us on September 30. As he begins his new ministry role on October 15, I believe God will bless Mountaintop Church with Nick's life and his spiritual gifts. Nick will excel at reaching unchurched people and joyfully loving them as a witness to God's love for all of us through Jesus.

We will miss Nick, Aubrey, Halle, Emory, and Annie Jane. But we wish them well, and I'll always be grateful that First Baptist Church played a key role in Nick's life as he was baptized by immersion and then ordained to the ministry by our congregation. Nick will carry these experiences with him for the rest of his life, and we will always have the joy of knowing that God used our lives and our love to bless Nick and affirm his call to ministry.

The Lord bless you and keep you, Nick, as you go. We will pray for you, and we know that you will pray for us.

Grace and peace,

*David*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

# PASSPORT

Empowering Students • Embracing the World • Extending Grace

### PASSPORT REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!

Passport Kids Camp this summer is July 13-16 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA. This camp is for kids who have completed 3rd grade-6th grade. Registration opens October 1st, so please let Kristen know if your child has interest in going with us. Partial and full scholarships are available upon request, please don't hesitate to ask!

## STUDENT NEWS



### WELCOME HEATHER SHORES!

We have been blessed by God as Heather Shores answers the call to serve as our Interim Minister to Students. She has already started, partnering with Nick Georgian for a few weeks until she steps up on October 1 to lead our student ministry and to love our students and their families. Join us in welcoming Heather and supporting her as she helps our students to grow in faith, to love one another, and to be the hands of Christ.

### RIVER DAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Students will meet at Dixon Landing at 1:30 p.m. The trip is six miles long; takeout will be at Heritage Park in downtown Rome, around 5:30 pm. Following our river fun, we will eat at Las Palmas for dinner! Dinner is covered by the Student Ministry.

### OTIS RAYBON'S LIFE VERSE

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MUSIC & WORSHIP

Our choirs and ensembles have begun fall rehearsals with new members and lots of enthusiasm! It is not too late to join. Contact Keith Reaves for details.

- **SANCTUARY CHOIR:** Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.
- **CHILDREN'S CHOIRS (AGES 3 THROUGH 5TH GRADE):** Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.
- **YOUTH CHOIR:** Sundays following worship
- **FIRST BAPTIST RINGERS:** Mondays at 5:15 p.m.

*Save the Date!*

26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
*Christmas at First Baptist*  
CONCERT  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 4 P.M.

### THE JESUS WORLDVIEW INITIATIVE

On Sunday, October 20, Adults will meet together at 9:45 a.m. to hear guest speaker, Dr. John Pierce, Director of the Jesus Worldview Initiative. John will also preach in morning worship. As a Religion and Philosophy major at Berry College in the 1970's Johnny found his place to FBC Rome. John served as Baptist Campus Minister at Georgia Tech before becoming Managing Editor of the Christian Index and then the Executive Editor of Nurturing Faith Journal (formerly Baptists Today) for an impressive 24 years.



On Sunday, September 15, First Baptist Church of Rome entered into an Encourager Church covenant with Rick and Ellen Burnette and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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# WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:  
Chad & Lindsay Woods  
and Ava Ann and Barrett Woods

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 22, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Mary Morris by Priscilla Barnett and Mary Ruth Sikes.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 22, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Claborn and Ann Bradfield on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 29, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Tom Lumpkin on the occasion of his birthday by Diane Lumpkin and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 29, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Quinette Harbin by Buford Harbin and family.

## GIVING TO GOD

August 2024

Offerings Received	\$115,779.00
Budgeted Offerings	\$140,000.00
Budgeted Expenses:	\$176,504.00
Actual Expenses	\$166,700.00

September 21 – October 4

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 22

Adult Faith Formation, Conf. Rm.	8:30 am
Men's Ministry, F.H.	9:00 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
Available on: Comcast Channel 44	
FBC Website	
YouTube Channel	
Youth Choir, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Children's Committee, Conf. Rm.	4:00 pm
Student Small Groups & Dinner, F.H.	6:00 pm

### Monday, September 23

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

### Tuesday, September 24

Future Staffing Task Force	5:30 pm
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### Wednesday, September 25

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

### Thursday, September 26

Bridges Out of Poverty, FH and Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
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### Sunday, September 29

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
Available on: Comcast Channel 44	
FBC Website	
YouTube Channel	
Youth Choir, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Student River Day	2:00 pm

### Monday, September 30

Women's Bible Study Group, D.R.	10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite	5:15 pm

### Wednesday, October 2

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

### Thursday, October 3

Bridges Out of Poverty, Community Rm, F.H.	6:00 pm
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## THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 22

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *A Faith that Works*

SERMON: "Gentle Wisdom"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

ANTHEM: *Then Sings My Soul...*  
arr. Mary McDonald

BAPTISM

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

### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

#### SEPTEMBER 25

Coleslaw, Fried Catfish with Hushpuppies,  
Rice Pilaf, Buttered Lima Beans,  
Mixed Berry Cobbler

CHILDREN'S OPTION:  
Cheese Pizza

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (SEPTEMBER 21-22):  
David Brooks 252.916.7174

## NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 29

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *A Faith That Works*

SERMON: "Powerful Prayer"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: James 5:13-20

ANTHEM: *The Meditations of My Heart...*  
arr. Elaine Hagenburg

FAMILY DEDICATION FOR BEN, KRISTEN & BENJI MATHIS

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### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

#### OCTOBER 2

Baked Lasagna with Meat Sauce  
Fried Zucchini  
Tiramisu

CHILDREN'S OPTION:  
Spaghetti

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (SEPTEMBER 28-29):  
Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

# THE SPIRE

## THANK YOU!

*The Spire*, which has been printed and mailed since 1962, was first published weekly, then bi-weekly, and is currently provided in both printed and electronic versions. *The Spire* improved greatly in 2013 when Christie Canova Carey assumed the responsibility for its layout and design. She has designed many of our logos, created publications for special emphases, and advised us along the way. In 11 years, Christie has never increased her charges! We owe her a deep debt of gratitude. Christie is completing her contracted work on the Spire with this issue. Thank you, Christie!



*Thank you, FBC Rome, for allowing me to serve you these past 11 years as a designer! I enjoyed getting to keep a pulse on the church family I grew up with as I designed each newsletter, logo, brochure, and stewardship material. I will miss partnering with you! Stay in touch: christie@3cexpressions.com or www.3CExpressions.com. – Christie Canova Carey*

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