



Ash Wednesday SERVICE

March 5 | 6:00 P.M.
SANCTUARY

FROM OUR PASTOR

It's here! Our new website launches today, February 28. The address is the same — www.fbcrome.org — but the website is all new, created by our Director of Communications, April Lucas. She will tell you that the work took longer than expected—nine months, to be exact. But the new website, as you know, is not the only thing she has been working on. She's done a wonderful job in all areas of communication for our church, and that has kept her very busy. So, she appreciates everyone's patience as she spent countless hours developing the new site.

Our new website is streamlined and uncluttered, keeping up with the trends of website designs today. It is mobile-friendly, so you will be able to navigate very easily from all your devices. And the primary audience for our new website is outside of our church. As you know, in today's world, a website is the first place people go if they want to learn about the church. So, we wanted to make sure visitors to the website can quickly discover a good and true sense of what makes First Baptist Rome unique and inviting.

Does that mean the website is of no use to the membership? Of course

not! You will easily find the constantly updated information you're looking for whenever you visit the site. But remember that the best way to stay up to date with what's going on at First Baptist is to follow the church on social media and sign up for our weekly digital newsletter, the *e-Spire*, by scanning the QR code, or by reaching out to April.

Whether you are exploring our website, reading the *e-Spire*, or keeping up with the church through social media, I hope these online tools will keep you connected and help you to grow in your faith.

Your pastor and friend,

David



CHILDREN'S CORNER

SAVE THE DATE

The Children's Auction Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 23 from 5 - 7 p.m. Join us to help raise money for a new playground! Auction items have ranged from babysitting to gift certificates/baskets from local businesses, tickets to sports games, stays in cabins/vacation homes, baked goods....the list is truly endless. If you have an item, service, or experience they would like to include, please contact Kristen Mathis.

PARENTING SEMINAR

Every Wednesday night through April 16 at 6 p.m. in the Builders Sunday School room, Kristen will lead a parenting seminar on the book, "14 Talks by Age 14" by Michelle Icard. While you are invited to purchase the book and read along, that will not be necessary to participate. This is a great book for parents no matter the age of your children!

PRESCHOOL AMAZON WISHLIST

Scan the QR Code to help stock our preschool! Any items purchased from this list will be sent directly to the preschool. Please consider supporting them in any way you can!



STUDENT NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The youth are in need of teachers for Sunday morning Bible Study and Wednesday nights to start in the new year. If you have a heart for teaching and would like to join the rotation, please contact Heather Shores!

GLOBAL MISSIONS



2025 OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

During March we will take up an Offering for Global Missions. 100% of your gifts for the Offering will support the long-term presence of CBF field personnel serving in the United States and around the world.



OUR GOAL: \$45,000

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES: RETURN TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

In the Old Testament Lesson for Ash Wednesday, the prophet Joel gives us the call of Lent: "Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart. . . Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." (Joel 2:12-13) God calls to us and invites us to come back to Him. Throughout this Lenten season, we will focus on different ways of "turning" that help us to return to God.

PRAYER STATIONS FOR LENT

The Prayer Room will host a different prayer station each week during Lent beginning March 9. These stations will offer you a chance to get away from the rush and hurry of life and enjoy some quiet time with God during a most holy season.

YOUTH LED WORSHIP SERVICE

The Youth Choir will lead the church in a special service on March 16 at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. Please come and support our youth and the hard work they have put into crafting this service.

NEW BOOK STUDY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Sign up to explore C.S. Lewis's transformative classic "Mere Christianity," a powerful exploration of faith that offers a rational and compelling case for Christian belief. This seven-week book study begins Wednesday, February 19 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room. Participants will explore and unpack Lewis's logical approach to understanding God, morality, and the core tenets of Christianity. Through our discussion, you will hopefully discover why this book has helped generations of readers develop a more thoughtful and profound understanding of their faith. Please email Chris Barbieri at umdigitaldeacon@gmail.com to sign up and so he can send you the reading plan.

BEHOLD...A NEW THING ISAIAH 43:19

CBF Global Missions Study led by our Pastor Wednesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. The Fellowship Hall

A TIME TO PAUSE: SPENDING LENT WITH THE PSALMS

The season of Lent invites us to pause, reflect, and pray in the busyness of life. The Psalms are a good resource for pausing. Each Wednesday night at 6:00 in the Dining Room, our pastor will help us to pause to explore a psalm and a theme that can draw us closer to God.

- March 19 – Psalm 25: Paths
- March 26 – Psalm 27: Faces
- April 2 – Psalm 63: Blessing
- April 9 – Psalm 130: Waiting
- April 16 – Psalm 118: Thanksgiving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN RUBLE-WHITWORTH MISSION GROUP

This mission group consists of women in the church who seek to carry out FBC's mission by supporting local mission projects and projects around the world. The group meets the second Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Join us for the next meeting to find out more information!

SENIOR ADULTS TO GIBBS GARDENS

The Senior Adult Committee is offering a Gibbs Gardens April 3. We depart from the church at 9:15 a.m. Cost is \$25 per person for ticket and transportation. Lunch will be on your own at the cafe. This is prime daffodil time. The trip will happen rain or shine and no refunds will be available for cancelations. Call Karen Garrett in the church office to register

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be Monday, March 17 at 1 p.m. in the Dining Room. The group is reading "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict. Fran Jordan will lead the discussion. They will read Wade Monk's debut novel "The Imperfect Hand of Fate" in April.

MISSIONS

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

Bridges Out of Poverty will graduate its 7th cohort in late March.

The Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World model is to pair up each graduate with a Success Coach. A Success Coach role is to help guide the graduate as they apply the principles from Getting Ahead and continue their life journey. The coach's role is both challenging and rewarding. If you are interested in becoming a Success Coach please contact Keith Phillips and he can answer any questions you may have. A Success Coach orientation will be held in the Dining Room on Saturday March 15 from 9 a.m. to noon.



SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, March 3, are given to the glory of God and provided by the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 3, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don Clements by the Clements Family.

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 9, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Nancy Thompson, beloved parents and grandparents by Margaret and Jason Marion, Blythe and Archer.

March 1 - March 14

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, March 1

Prayer Team, Chapel 11:00 am

Sunday, March 2

Missions Committee, F.H. 8:30 am
 Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410) 9:00 am
 Bible Study 9:45 am
 Worship 11:00 am
 Available on: FBC Website
 YouTube Channel
 Comcast Channel 44 (*delayed by one week*)
 Youth Choir Rehearsal, Chapel 12:00 pm
 Minister of Discipleship & Missions 5:30 pm
 Search Committee

Monday, March 3

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

Tuesday, March 4

Tai Chi, Comm. Rm. 10:00 am
 Deacon Led Connections Team, Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm

Wednesday, March 5

Properties Committee, Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm
 Family Night Dinner, F.H. 5:00 pm
 Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 6:45 pm

Thursday, March 6

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

Sunday, March 9

Finance Committee, Conf. Rm. 8:15 am
 Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410) 9:00 am
 Bible Study 9:45 am
 Worship/Baptism 11:00 am
 Available on: FBC Website
 YouTube Channel
 Comcast Channel 44 (*delayed by one week*)
 Youth Choir Rehearsal, Chapel 12:00 pm
 Minister of Discipleship & Missions 5:30 pm
 Search Committee

Monday, March 10

Women's Bible Study, D.R. 10:00 am
 Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group, D.R. 11:30 am
 History Committee, Conf. Rm. 2:00 pm
 First Baptist Ringers, Choir Suite 4:45 pm
 Deacons' Meeting, F.H. 5:30 pm

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13

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

THIS WEEK: MARCH 2

SUNDAY WORSHIP TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

WORSHIP SERIES: "We Want to See Jesus"

SERMON: "A Change Would Do You Good"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 9:28-36

ANTHEM: To Love Our God...arr. Mark Hayes

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY TESTIMONY

BY NANCY RATCLIFFE

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

MARCH 5

Spinach Salad with Walnuts, Craisins and Oranges,
Seafood Gumbo, Chicken and Andouille
Jambalaya, White Rice, Breaded Okra, King Cake

CHILDREN'S OPTION: Pancakes with Syrup

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2):
Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

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NEXT WEEK: MARCH 9

SUNDAY WORSHIP THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

WORSHIP SERIES: "Return to God With All Your Heart"

SERMON: "Turn Away"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 4:1-13

ANTHEM: GOD IS OUR REFUGE...ARR. ALLEN

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

MARCH 12

Spinach Salad with Bacon, Chopped Eggs, Red
Onion, Tortellini Minestrone, Seafood Gumbo,
Brunswick Stew, Cornbread, Chocolate Chip
Cookies

CHILDREN'S OPTION: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Toma-
to Soup, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Fresh Fruit

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (MARCH 7 - 9):
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