



Pray for our members who are traveling to Immokalee, FL to aid CBF partner, Cultivate Abundance, in various projects.

**FEBRUARY 18 - 22**

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

### THE BALL IS ROLLING

Last week, we posted the job opening for our newly-created Church Administrator position. An email went out to our membership with the job description, and the position was posted on the Rome Floyd Chamber of Commerce website. We have already received some resumes. I am as eager as you are to discover the person whom we will hire for this crucial role on our church staff. The Church administrator will supervise our financial operations, oversee our buildings and property, and manage our support staff. If you would like to recommend anyone for the position, please let me know.

I'm also glad to inform you that the search for our Minister of Discipleship & Missions has begun. Coleman Fannin is leading the search committee that includes Bobby Jones, Bob Layfield, Robin Phillips, Nancy Ratcliffe, Ashley Smith, and Tim Taylor. It won't be too long before we receive resumes and interview candidates. This minister will help us to balance the two aspects of the Christian life—inward growth and outward service. As followers of Jesus, we are called to develop our inner spiritual lives with God while also focusing our energy on reaching out to love and serve our neighbors. We summarize this calling in our church's mission statement: Seeking the Heart of Christ

(discipleship, inward growth) ... Being the Hands of Christ (missions, outward service). Let's pray together for the person whom God will call to help us grow as disciples and minister to our neighbors.

The final step in our current staffing process is, of course, calling a new Minister of Students & Young Adults. We are currently determining nominees for the search committee and hope to present the full committee to our deacons and congregation soon. In the meantime, under the leadership of Heather Shores and Kristen Mathis, both our student and young adult ministries are growing and doing well. Add to your prayers these ministries and the process of discovering the minister who will lead them.

As you can tell, the ball is definitely rolling in our very deliberate and thoughtful process of being fully staffed once more. Thank you for your patience, your active participation, and your prayers as we move forward.

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.

### LENT KIT PARENT WORKSHOP

Join Kristen in the Builders Sunday School room on Wednesday, February 26, from 6 - 7 p.m. for a breakdown of this year's Family Lent Kit! We will walk through all the materials and ways to use them best for your family schedule. Kits will be available for pick-up on this night.

### PARENTING SEMINAR

Every Wednesday night from March 12 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!

## 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!



THANK YOU for your support of our Students BBQ Fundraiser this year! 75 racks of ribs and 125 butts were purchased by our wonderful and generous FBC members. Profits raised will be used for student camps and trips.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENIOR ADULT FALL TRIP TO SWITZERLAND/AUSTRIA/BAVARIA

Only a few spaces remain for our trip in October. The \$300 per person discount will expire on February 23. For more information about the trip, please contact Keith Reaves.

### BOOK CLUB MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Feb 17. Although it's Presidents Day, the church will be open, so we'll meet in the dining room. For those who want to eat lunch, we'll meet at Schroeder's (406 Broad Street) at 11:30ish. Our book is Counting Miracles by Nicholas Sparks, and the discussion will be led by Vicki Gee.

### 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](mailto:umdigitaldeacon@gmail.com) to sign up and so he can send you the reading plan.

### JOIN THE 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!

### 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.

### ORGAN PROBLEMS

The organ in the Sanctuary has been experiencing problems, some related to the weather and some related to the age of parts in the console. Our organ technician has been to FBC three times already this year to address these issues. We hope that after the last visit on February 5 when some replacement parts were installed and also working on ways to address the extremely low humidity in the room during the winter all will be well.

## HYMN FESTIVAL



We had a wonderful afternoon of making music together with four other CBF congregations on January 26 at our Hymn Festival at North Broad Baptist Church.

Thanks to all who helped, planned and participated.

## STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

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

- **JANICE PINSON**, FINANCE ASSISTANT – 1 year on January 20
- **MELINDA DUKE**, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PASTOR – 12 years on February 22

## GIVING TO GOD

### JANUARY 2025

Offerings Received YTD	\$999,447.00
Budgeted Offerings YTD	\$356,965.00
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$199,441.00
Actual Expenses YTD	\$871,025.00

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, February 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ted A. Owens by Joanne Owens and Family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Josephine and Hubert Lowe by Dick and Pat Lowe Johnston.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, February 23, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Larry Atwell by Joanna Atwell and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 23, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Nell Ansley Briley on the occasion of her birthday by Ansley and Dean Saville and family.

February 15 - February 28

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 16

Adult Faith Formation Committee, Conf. Rm.	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 ( <i>delayed by one week</i> )	
Search Committee, Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm

### Monday, February 17 - Wednesday, February 19

Weekday Preschool Winter Break

### Monday, February 17

Women's Bible Study Group	10:00 am
Women of the Church Book Group, D.R.	1:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Suite	5:15 pm
Personnel Committee, Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm

### Wednesday, February 19

Foundation Board Meeting, Conf. Rm.	4:00 pm
Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Student Missions, Bloom Closet	5:45 pm
Adult Seminars	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

### Thursday, February 20

Bridges Out of Poverty, F.H. and Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm
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### Sunday, February 23

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship/World Hunger Offering	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website	
YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 ( <i>delayed by one week</i> )	

Strategic Planning Committee, F.H.	12:00 pm
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Student Small Group, The Chosen	5:30 pm

### Monday, February 24

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

### Wednesday, February 26 - Friday, February 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

### Wednesday, February 26

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, February 27

Weekday Preschool Sweetheart Ball, D.R.	12:00 pm
Bridges Out of Poverty, F.H. and Comm. Rm.	6:00 pm

## THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 16

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: "We Want to See Jesus"

SERMON: "On Our Level"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 6:17-26

ANTHEM: In His Hands...arr. Marty Parks

SPECIAL MUSIC: Paula Pasqua, violin

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

### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

#### FEBRUARY 19

Mixed Green Salad, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes,  
Mixed Vegetables, Key Lime Pie

CHILDREN'S OPTION: Hamburgers, Tater Tots, Fruit  
Cocktail, Key Lime Pie

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (FEBRUARY 14-16):  
David Brooks 252.916.7174

# THE SPIRE

## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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## NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 23

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: "We Want to See Jesus"

SERMON: "Hearing One Another"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 6:27-38

ANTHEM: Down By the Riverside...arr. John Rutter

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### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

#### FEBRUARY 26

Mixed Green Salad, Baked Cod with Lemon-Garlic  
Butter, Rice Pilaf, Sauteed Green Beans with  
Almonds, Cherry Cobbler and Ice Cream

CHILDREN'S OPTION: Chicken Fingers, Sliced Pears,  
Cherry Cobbler and Ice Cream

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (FEBRUARY 21-23):  
Keith Reaves 706.506.9948

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