



## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY IS MAY 4



CHANDLER BAGBY



FINDLEY BLALOCK



BO BROOKS



ABBY HORN



CAMPBELL HUNT



AARON LEWIS



ALEX MARTIN



BROOKLYN McCLELLAN



EMILY RITCHIE



BRADLEY SANKER



SAM TWENTE



BRITNEY VU

*Also celebrated but not pictured: Grayson Avery*

*Come by and see the graduates' display tables in the front of the gymnasium  
as we celebrate their accomplishments!*

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS PROGRAM

Our year-end program for all three children's choirs will be Wednesday, April 30, at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Join us for an Alaskan Adventure at True North VBS, where we will learn that Jesus is our compass! Campers will learn to trust Jesus in this wild world as we traverse the Alaskan wilderness together. Kids will explore how Jesus is their compass and guide in all situations. We will learn a Bible story each day that shows us Jesus is our faithful friend that we can always trust in and rely on. True North VBS will be June 23 - 26, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. It is for children 3 years old-4th grade. Spots are limited, so make sure to sign up soon through the QR code!



# 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!

# MISSIONS

## BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY - THANK YOU!

On Thursday, March 27, the Bridges Out of Poverty program celebrated the accomplishments of 10 individuals with a graduation ceremony. These individuals spent 6 months exploring their personal situations and challenges within our community. Using that information, they began creating their future life story. For everyone who supports Bridges, whether financially, offering your time to provide meals, transportation or childcare on Thursday nights or being a Success Coach to our graduates, we say thank you! We are in need of 3 additional female Success Coaches. If you are interested in becoming a Success Coach, please contact Keith Phillips.

# GIVING TO GOD

## MARCH 2025

March Offerings	\$162,032.00
March Expenses	\$161,030.00
March Budgeted Offerings	\$175,000.00
March Budgeted Expenses	\$191,802.00
Offerings Received YTD	\$1,295,809.00
Actual Expenses YTD	\$1,220,019.00
Budgeted Offerings YTD	\$1,197,500.00
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$1,280,257.00

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PARKING GUIDELINES

The center aisles of the lot across the street (next to the Courthouse Administrative Offices) are available for members to use when visiting the church. However, during the hours of 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and the hours of 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Wednesday, you must have an FBC decal on the back of your vehicle. Decals can be picked up in the church office. These guidelines do not apply on Saturday and Sunday, or in side lot next to the Community Room entrance, but we ask that you keep this lot open for members with physical restrictions.

## WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

We have a few spaces left for the 2025-2026 school year. Come join us!

## SENIOR ADULTS TO ATLANTA BRAVES STADIUM

The Senior Adult Committee is offering a trip to tour Truist Park on Thursday, May 29. We depart from the church at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$50 per person for ticket and transportation. Lunch will be on your own in the Battery after the tour. Call Karen Garrett in the church office to register by May 20.

## SMART DRIVER COURSE OFFERED

The Senior Adult Committee is sponsoring the AARP Smart Driver classroom course on May 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. Most insurance companies offer at least a 10% discount (some offer more) on completion of the course, if certain criteria are met. Cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Bring a sack lunch; drinks and snacks will be provided.

To register call Kelly Terry, our instructor, at 423-243-8146. Space

## ROME AREA PRAYER BREAKFAST

Please join us at the Rome Area Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at the Forum River Center, 7 - 8:30 a.m. No charge. Complimentary breakfast provided by Chick-fil-A. Join fellow Christians in prayer for our community. Featured speaker: NY Times bestselling author and international speaker, Eric Metaxas. Tickets are required and available in the church office through Monday, April 29.

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH EVENT

Join us on Sunday April 27 at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a time of laughter, snacks and getting to know one another better. We will have a panel of five fabulous FBC women from various ages and stages of life who will answer questions about their life, their faith and their unique journey as a woman. RSVP is encouraged so that we can prepare for you!



## PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

Prayers & Reflections will begin Wednesday, May 7 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be \$8 per person.

## EXTENDED FAMILY

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY RAY RHODES!



Ray Rhodes recently celebrated his 85th birthday on April 15. One of our more recent members, he and his daughter Sonya Davis joined FBC in 2022. Ray is a resident at Highlands Senior Living. Happy Birthday, Ray!

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, April 27, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Harold and Helen Deason Smith by Anne Snyder, Connie Hyde, Rod Smith and Cindy Dye.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 27, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George and Natalie Reynolds by Ruth Reynolds.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 4, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jimmy Lawson by Jane Lawson and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 4, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Joanne Owens on the occasion of her birthday by her family.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR April 26 - May 9

### Sunday, April 27

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, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Women of the Church Event, F.H.	3:00 pm
Student Small Group Event	5:30 pm

### Monday, April 28

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

### Tuesday, April 29

Deacon Nominating Committee, Conf. Rm.	2:00 pm
Bridges Out of Poverty Task Force, Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm

### Wednesday, April 30 - Friday, May 2

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

### Wednesday, April 30

#### Final Family Night of Spring

Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Student Activities and Discipleship	5:45 pm
Adult Seminars	6:00 pm
Children's Choirs Spring Program, Sanctuary	6:15 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

### Saturday, May 2

Prayer Team, Chapel	11:00 am
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### Sunday, May 4

Missions Committee, F.H.	8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	9:45 am
Worship/Youth Choir Sings	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website	
YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (delayed by one week)	

Strategic Planning Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
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### Monday, May 5

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
History Committee, Conf. Rm.	2:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Suite	5:15 pm

### Wednesday, May 7

Prayers & Reflections	12:00 pm
Properties Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm

## THIS WEEK: APRIL 27

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

EASTER WORSHIP SERIES: "Surprised by God"

SERMON: "Called as A Witness"

PREACHER: Rev. Kristen Mathis

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 5:27-32

ANTHEM: Empty Now...arr. Joseph Martin

SPECIAL MUSIC: First Baptist Ringers

& Jackson Pruett, Music Ministry Intern

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

### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

FINAL FAMILY NIGHT OF SPRING

#### APRIL 30

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

CHILDREN'S OPTION: Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookies

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (APRIL 25 - 27):

Keith Reaves 706.506.9948

# THE SPIRE

## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

## SERVICE & SPECIAL PROJECTS

### A REMINDER FROM THE SERVICE & SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM

The Service and Special Projects Deacon-Led Ministry Team is here to help you with (almost) any project you may need! If you need assistance with service projects please email a request to John Wilson at [john.s.wilson@verizon.net](mailto:john.s.wilson@verizon.net) or Troy Fitzpatrick at [troyhfitzpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:troyhfitzpatrick@gmail.com). Examples are, but not limited to, yard work, minor home repairs, moving furniture, and transportation assistance.



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## NEXT WEEK: MAY 4

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

GRADUATE SUNDAY

EASTER WORSHIP SERIES: "Surprised by God"

SERMON: "An Unlikely Friendship"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 9:1-20

ANTHEM: Season of Promise...Mark Hayes

SPECIAL MUSIC: Youth Choir

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### PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

#### MAY 7 AT NOON

Chicken Salad, Spinach Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad, Croissants, French Silk Pie

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (MAY 2 - 4):

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644