

## THIS WEEK: MAY 25

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: "Surprised by God"

SERMON: "The Power of One"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 16:9-15

ANTHEM: Every Road...arr. Dave Williamson

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

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

### PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

MAY 28 AT NOON

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, French Fries, Baked Beans, Pickles, Fresh Fruit Salad

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (MAY 23 - 25):

Keith Reaves 706.706.506.9948

MEMORIAL DAY MINISTER ON CALL (MAY 26):

David Brooks 252.916.7174

## NEXT WEEK: JUNE 1

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: "Surprised by God"

SERMON: "True Freedom"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 16:16-34

ANTHEM: The Cross of Christ

...arr. Mary McDonald

### OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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### PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

JUNE 4 AT NOON

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Macaroni Salad, Lemon Bars

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (MAY 30 - JUNE 1):

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

# THE SPIRE

## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

## STEPHEN MINISTRIES

### STEPHEN MINISTRIES TRAINING

Join us for another training for Stephen Ministries, taught by Gwen Stephens. Training sessions begin August 12 and continue every Tuesday from 3 - 5 p.m. through October 28. Stephen Ministers are trained in the art of Pastoral Care for people in crisis. Many members have done this training and use it in their daily lives. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Gwen to sign up. Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.



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## TRUE NORTH

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

JUNE 23 - 26

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



## IT'S TIME FOR VBS!

TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE  
CONTACT KRISTEN MATHIS.

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN  
AGES 3 YEARS - 4TH GRADE,  
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE.



## FROM OUR PASTOR

### You Are Blessed

Have you spent much time with the Beatitudes of Jesus lately? You may recall that they are found in Matthew 5:1-12. Take a moment to read through them slowly, receiving the blessing of God as you do.

In my attempts to follow Jesus faithfully, I come back to these beloved blessings of Jesus time and again. I draw strength, and my spirit is renewed when I carry just one of these blessings with me in my heart and mind throughout a given day or week. Reciting a blessing from Jesus brings me back to him and puts my day in the right perspective.

Even as Jesus blesses me, I wonder how I can be a blessing by reflecting his meekness, his hunger and thirst for righteousness, his mercy, his peace. And the blessing that he gives to all who strive to make peace might be the most relevant and timely blessing for our world today that is rife with division and distrust: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called

children of God" (Mt 5:9, NRSV). Or, in the always practical language of The Message: "You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family."

God blesses every effort that we make to resist the temptations of competing and fighting with one another. Cooperating and making peace in our relationships, even and especially with our opponents and enemies, is a true source of God blessing us all. And when we choose to make peace, when we attempt to understand someone else, when we show people how to cooperate, then we live into our authentic identity as children of God — children who are beloved, blessed, and befriended by Jesus.

May the peace and blessing of Christ be with you.

David

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### VBS DONATIONS NEEDED

If you would like to donate items for VBS this year, we are in need of white bed sheets (any size) and decron material

### SUMMER CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Children's & Collide Summer Calendars are out and available online or printed at the preschool welcome desk. Keep an eye out on social media as we highlight summer events!

## GIVING TO GOD

### APRIL 2025

April Offerings	\$177,200.00
April Expenses	\$218,275.00
Offerings Received YTD	\$1,473,008.00
Actual Expenses YTD	\$1,438,294.00

## PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

### The History of First Baptist Rome

WEDNESDAYS | MAY 7-JUNE 11  
12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

- MAY 7** CINDY RUBLE  
CBF Field Personnel
- MAY 14** GINGER SMITH & VIRGINIA BOLTON  
Early Pastors
- MAY 21** BOB HORTMAN  
The Secrets of Our Prayer Room
- MAY 28** NINA LOVEL  
Thankful for Friendships
- JUNE 4** JOHN MCCLELLAN  
First Baptist Church and the CBF
- JUNE 11** BOB HORTMAN  
FBC Rome Theological Discourse

### LUNCH & LEARN

If you are new to FBC, we invite you to a Lunch & Learn opportunity immediately following worship on Sunday, June 1 in the Dining Room. Our ministers will be in attendance to share information and answer your questions about the church. Lunch is complimentary, but reservations are needed by Wednesday, May 28, by calling the church office or emailing Melinda Duke at mduke@fbcrome.org.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FBC 101 CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Are you a new member of FBC Rome? This class is for you! Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 1, as we cover the basics of life at FBC, hear from and ask questions of our ministers, take a tour of the church and fellowship with each other.

### CHOIRS CONCLUDE

Congratulations to our three children's choirs and their leaders for their inspiring singing on April 30 at their spring concert. All of the choirs were enthusiastic and well-trained. It was a great year of learning. Particular recognition was given to Diane Lumpkin, who has served our children through music ministry for more than 50 years. The Youth Choir also sang for the last time until fall for Graduate Sunday on May 4. We will miss our seven seniors, who provided great leadership and encouragement to our younger members.



Left: The Children's Choir  
Below, left: The Treble Makers  
Below: The Music Makers



### 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.

### WEAR RED PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Remember to wear red in worship on June 8 as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost literally means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated 50 days after Easter. Red, the color associated with Pentecost, recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. Red also reminds us of the blood of martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who, by the power of the Spirit, hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

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## MISSIONS

### BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

The Bridges Out of Poverty Task Force is pleased to announce the launch of the 8th Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World program on Thursday May 22.

As we begin the next program, we will need volunteers to provide meals, transportation and child care on Thursday evenings. For all who have volunteered in the past, or supported us financially, we are deeply grateful. Sharing the love of Jesus as a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to get to know the participants and how they are just people like us. They've just been dealt a bad hand in life, and for the most part cast aside by our community.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve individuals in our community who are willing to work to improve their life situation and become contributors in our community, please contact Alice Clements (meals), Robin Phillips (transportation) or Marty Willingham (child care).

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Bridges Out of Poverty Rome-Floyd County as we work to improve the lives of those struggling with poverty in their life.

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 25, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Payne by Mary Louise Payne, Kevin, Chad and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 25, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edd and Bea Richards by Sharon Baker.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, June 1, 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 1, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Mrs. Shirley Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

May 24 - June 6

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 25

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 (delayed by one week)	

### Monday, May 26

**Memorial Day - Church Office Closed**

### Wednesday, May 28 - Friday, May 30

FBC serves Community Kitchen

### Wednesday, May 28

Prayers & Reflections, F.H.	12:00 pm
Committee on Committees, Conf. Rm.	5:00 pm
Men's Steak Dinner, F.H.	6:00 pm

### Thursday, May 29

Senior Adult Trip to Truist Park	
Bridges Out of Poverty Class, Comm. Rm. & F.H.	6:00 pm

### Sunday, June 1

Missions Committee, Conf. Rm.	8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
FBC 101 Class, F.H.	9:45 am
Worship/Communion	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website	
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Lunch and Learn, D.R.	12:00 pm
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### Wednesday, June 4

Prayers & Reflections	12:00 pm
Properties Committee, Conf. Rm.	1:00 pm
Budget Preparation Committee, Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm

### Thursday, June 5

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