

## JOIN US FOR OUR 190th CELEBRATION

May 18th, 2025

**FELLOWSHIP HALL | 9:45AM**

Join us as our History Committee presents a short play about the history of FBC!

Light refreshments and coffee will be provided. Youth and Adult Bible Study classes will not meet so that everyone can attend this momentous event!



## FROM OUR PASTOR

Did you know that First Baptist Church of Rome was founded on May 16, 1835, just one year after the birth of the city of Rome, Georgia? On that day, seven individuals voted to organize the Rome Baptist Church, and a “divine service” followed, probably consisting of prayers, hymns, scripture reading, and sermons by each of the three ministers that were present. Rev. Hugh Quinn served as our first pastor. Since then, First Baptist Rome has evolved and grown into the vibrant and active congregation that we know and love today.

Next Sunday, May 18, we will give thanks to God for our church and celebrate our 190th anniversary. I’m looking forward to coffee and light refreshments, our history committee’s dramatic retelling of our history, and a wonderful time of worship and praising God for our rich history and God’s constant faithfulness and guidance. I hope you are planning to be here.

Beyond next Sunday’s anniversary celebration, you can visit our

website to learn more about our 190 years of history. Members of our History Committee have written some very interesting articles about First Baptist Rome, which you can find here: [www.fbcrome.org/history-of-fbc](http://www.fbcrome.org/history-of-fbc). You will also find four books written on the history of First Baptist Rome from inception to the year 2010.

As we recognize our 190th anniversary, join with me in thanking our History Committee and everyone who has had a role in helping us to celebrate well and to praise God joyfully. Thanks be to God for his faithfulness to us and for First Baptist Church of Rome!

Your pastor and friend,

*David*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### 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!



### 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!

## 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!

## EXTENDED FAMILY

*Barbara Leach has been a faithful member of FBC Rome since she joined in 1983. She is 94 years old and lives with her daughter in Charlotte, NC. Barbara never misses an opportunity to worship with us each week via live stream.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PARKING GUIDELINES

The center aisles of the lot across the street (next to the County 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.

### 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 Cherry, our instructor, at 423-243-8146. Space

### THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Thanks to everyone who gave so generously this spring to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Offering for Global Missions. On March 1, our Missions Committee challenged the congregation with a goal of \$45,000, and that goal was surpassed on Easter Sunday. Thanks be to God! Every dollar of the offering is used to ensure the long-term presence of our CBF field personnel, including salaries, benefits, housing, and children's educational needs.

### DEACON NOMINATIONS

It is time to begin the process to nominate individuals to be considered as a deacon. If there is someone you would like to nominate as a new deacon, please obtain a form and email it to [mduke@fbcrome.org](mailto:mduke@fbcrome.org), or hand it to Melinda Duke in the Pastor's Office. The deadline for nominations is Monday, May 19. Forms can be picked up in the church office during office hours, OR from the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Remember, a nominee must have been a member at FBC for at least one year. You may nominate up to 16 individuals.

# 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

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## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 11, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Alice Davies and John and Etsie Johnson by the Davies family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 11, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Art and Barbara Crowe on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Art Crowe.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 18, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hazel Hay Dowd, Doris Dellinger Dowd and Edward Dowd by their children.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 18, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stevens, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stevens, Jr. by the Charles Stevens family and the Jon Albrecht family.

May 10 - May 23

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 11

- Finance Committee, Conf. Rm. 8:15 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*)

### Monday, May 12

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

### Tuesday, May 13

- Weekday Preschool Graduation, Sanctuary 12:00 pm

### Wednesday, May 14

- Prayers & Reflections, F.H. 12:00 pm
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 5:30 pm

### Thursday, May 15

- Weekday Preschool Last Day
- AARP Driver Safety Course, D.R. 8:30 am

### Sunday, May 18

- Adult Faith Formation Committee, Conf. Rm. 8:30 am
- Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410) 9:00 am
- Sanctuary Choir/Handbells Rehearsal 9:20 am
- 190th Celebration, F.H. 9:45 am
- Worship 11:00 am
- Available on: FBC Website
- YouTube Channel
- Comcast Channel 44 (*delayed by one week*)

### Monday, May 19

- Women's Bible Study, D.R. 10:00 am
- Women of the Church Book Group, D.R. 1:00 pm
- Personnel Committee, Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm

### Wednesday, May 21

- Prayers & Reflections 12:00 pm
- Foundation Meeting, Conf. Rm. 4:00 pm

## THIS WEEK: MAY 11

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

EASTER WORSHIP SERIES: "Surprised by God"

SERMON: "Surprisingly Simple"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 9:36-43

ANTHEM: Where Charity and Love Prevail  
...arr. Dan Forrest

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

### PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

#### MAY 14 AT NOON

BLT Club Sandwich, Pickle, Potato Chips, Potato Salad, Brownies

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (MAY 9 - 11):  
Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

# 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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[www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org)

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## NEXT WEEK: MAY 18

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

CELEBRATING 190 YEARS OF MINISTRY

SERMON: "Getting Out of God's Way"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 11:1-18

ANTHEM: Our Hope for Years to Come  
...arr. Stan Pethel;  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
...arr. Joel Raney

SPECIAL MUSIC: First Baptist Ringers

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### PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

#### MAY 21 AT NOON

Quiche Lorraine, Fresh Fruit Salad, Spinach Salad, Blueberry Muffins, Key Lime Pie

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (MAY 16 - 18):  
David Brooks 252.916.7174