

TRUE NORTH

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

VBS WORK DAYS EACH WEEK

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

TUESDAY - THURSDAY | GYM

VBS ITEMS NEEDED!

IF YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE ITEMS THIS YEAR,
HERE IS WHAT WE NEED:

WHITE SHEETS (OF ANY SIZE)
DACRON (LOOSE FILLING OR ROLLED SHEETS)
WHITE SPRAY PAINT
GLITTER SPRAY PAINT
WHITE TREES
SNOW BALLS
STUFFED ARTIC ANIMALS (MOOSE, FOXES,
POLAR BEARS, ETC)

FROM OUR PASTOR

Plain and Clear

I love my front porch. From this cool spot, I can listen to the birds chirp and sing. On a recent morning, using an app on my phone, I counted no less than ten different birds vocalizing in languages that I cannot translate. I wonder what they were saying.

As I listen to the chattering birds from my porch, I am reminded of that first Pentecost Day for the apostles and other believers in Jesus who were in Jerusalem ten days after the risen Jesus ascended into heaven. According to Acts 2, they were all together in one place when God's Holy Spirit came down and filled the entire house where they were sitting. Then, divided tongues of fire rested on their heads. The Holy Spirit had filled each of them and gave them the ability to speak in various languages, communicating with a variety of Jews from all over the world who had gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost. Speaking in the native tongues of all, the Spirit-filled Christians shared the good news of Jesus and many people came to believe.

I may not be able to understand all the different chirps and tweets and peeps of the birds in my yard, and I cannot speak any language other

than English, but as a Spirit-filled follower of Jesus, I am called to make the good news of Jesus plain and clear to everyone I meet. Just as those first Christians did on the day of Pentecost, we can all do our part to live and speak in ways that communicate the love of God. Do our words and actions help our neighbors to know God more clearly, or do we get in the way and make it muddled? I hope and pray the answer is the former, not the latter. May each of us do our part to make the good news of Jesus plain and clear.

Back to the birds that I hear from my porch. Most of them are heard, but not seen. They hide among the green leaves of the trees. But there is one who can't hide. His red feathers flash brightly as he chirps and sings. It's a cardinal—a red bird—a bird the color of Pentecost, reminding me of the Spirit that came down and made all things plain and clear. And he reminds me to tell you to wear your **RED** this Sunday as we celebrate the day of Pentecost together.

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! True North VBS will be June 23 - 26, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Pre-school and Kindergarten registration is full, but we still have a few spots for rising 1st-5th graders. Sign-up today 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!

COLLIDE AND CRUMBL

Collide students please make plans to join Kristen and Ben at their home for fun, fellowship and Crumbl Cookies on Wednesday, June 11 from 5 - 8 p.m.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

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

- **KEITH REAVES**, SENIOR ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC – 26 years on June 8
- **JAN DANDRIDGE**, CUSTODIAL – 24 years on June 12

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

The History of First Baptist Rome

12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
LUNCH PROVIDED AT \$8/PERSON

JUNE 4 JOHN MCCLELLAN
First Baptist Church and the CBF

JUNE 11 BOB HORTMAN
FBC Rome Theological Discourse

SENIOR ADULTS TO SWITZERLAND/AUSTRIA

The Senior Adult Committee is offering a trip to Switzerland and Austria October 22-31. We have forty registered for the trip but there is room for a few more. Contact Keith Reaves for more information.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

In the fall of 2024, Diane Wilson conceptualized the revival of the prayer shawl ministry at Rome First Baptist Church. Our inaugural meeting was held on November 22, 2024. Since then we have crafted and delivered over thirty prayer shawls and prayer cloths to church members. We currently have twelve members and hope to expand. If you already know how to knit or crochet, we would love for you to join us. If you would like to learn, we have patient tutors, especially Diane! On the first Tuesday afternoon of each month, we convene at each other's homes on a rotational basis. On the third Tuesday of each month we meet in the church parlor from 1 - 3 p.m. You are not required to attend every meeting; join us when you can! We have happily procured our own yarn and found the experience deeply rewarding. If you wish to contribute to the ministry, we welcome donations of yarn or gift cards to Michael's or Hobby Lobby. Please contact Diane Wilson or Sandra Gibson-Hester for more information.



STEPHEN MINISTRIES

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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. 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.



MEN'S STEAK DINNER



The Men's Steak Dinner was a success!

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, June 8, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Terry and Cathy Dollar on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by their family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, June 8, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Bosworth and Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Ransom by George and Bess Bosworth.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, June 15, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane and Hobart Hortman by their family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, June 15, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Richard Gray by Edith Gray and family.

June 6 - June 19

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, June 8

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, June 9

Deacons' Meeting, F.H. 5:30 pm

Wednesday, June 11

Prayers & Reflections, F.H. 12:00 pm
 Minister of Students and Young Adults 6:00 pm
 Search Committee, Conf. Rm.

Thursday, June 12

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

Sunday, June 15

Adult Faith Formation Committee, 8:30 am
 Conf. Rm.
 Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410) 9:00 am
 Worship 11:00 am
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Monday, June 16

Women of the Church Book Group, D.R. 1:00 pm
 Personnel Committee, Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm

Tuesday, June 17

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor 1:00 pm

Wednesday, June 18

Budget Preparation Committee, 5:30 pm
 Conf. Rm.
 Minister of Students and Young Adults 6:00 pm
 Search Committee, Conf. Rm.

Thursday, June 19

Juneteenth - Church Office Closed
 Bridges Out of Poverty Class, 6:00 pm
 Comm. Rm. & F.H.

THIS WEEK: JUNE 8

SUNDAY WORSHIP

PENTECOST SUNDAY (WEAR **RED!**)

SERMON: "The Ultimate Surprise Party"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:1-21

ANTHEM: Hymn of Fire...arr. Eugene Butler

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

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

FINAL PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

JUNE 11 AT NOON

Fried Chicken Sandwich on Hamburger Bun, Red Rooster Mayo, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Pasta Salad, Brownies

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (JUNE 6 - 8):

David Brooks 252.916.7174

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST LIVE ON
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND
VIA WWW.FBCROME.ORG

SERVICE & SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM

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 or Troy Fitzpatrick at 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: JUNE 15

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "You CAN Handle the Truth!"

PREACHER: Dr. Jimmy Gentry

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 5:1-5; JOHN 16:12-15

ANTHEM: In God's Name...

arr. Jerome Williams/Brian Bailey

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WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (JUNE 13 - 15):

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