

## Minister to Students & Young Adults CALL WEEKEND JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 1

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

YOUTH AND SEARCH COMMITTEES HAVE DINNER WITH THE CANDIDATE

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. - THE CANDIDATE MEETS WITH COLLIDE AND YOUTH STUDENTS, AND COLLIDE AND YOUTH PARENTS.

12:30 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M. - LUNCH MEETING WITH YOUNG ADULTS AT BLOSSOM HILL.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:30 A.M. TO 9:45 A.M. - THE CANDIDATE WILL MEET WITH THE CONGREGATION. LIGHT BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED.

9:45 A.M. - CANDIDATE WILL LEAD STUDENT SUNDAY SCHOOL.

5:30 P.M. - THE CANDIDATE JOINS WITH STUDENTS FOR SUPPER AND THEIR SUNDAY NIGHT PROGRAM.

## FROM OUR PASTOR

### Prepare the Way

As you know, we have an exciting weekend coming up at the end of this month — a time to consider a candidate who is coming in view of a call to become our Minister to Students and Young Adults. Our search for this minister has been lengthy, but I think you will be pleased with the person whom our search committee is recommending.

Moments like this invite us to slow down and remember who we are and how God works among us. This weekend is not an audition, nor is it merely a set of meetings and schedules. It is, at its heart, a holy conversation — a chance for us and the candidate to listen together for God's leading. We will be asking not only, *"Is this person gifted?"* but also, *"Is this the right fit for this season of ministry among our students and young adults?"* And the candidate will be asking similar questions about us.

Between now and then, I invite you to join me in prayer:

- Pray for wisdom and clarity — for the candidate and for our congregation.

- Pray for our students and young adults, that God is already at work shaping the next chapter of ministry among them.
- Pray that we would be gracious hosts, attentive listeners, and faithful discerners of God's call.

When the weekend arrives, I encourage you to participate as you are able: attend opportunities to meet the candidate, listen carefully, ask thoughtful questions, and introduce yourself. Coming together, I believe we can sense God's calling and respond.

As we prepare for the call weekend, may we do so with confidence — not in our own certainty, but in God's promise to guide us and the candidate to answer God's call.

Let us prepare the way with prayer.

*David*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### LOVE BUG LUNCH

If you have a child preschool-age or younger, you are invited to our Valentines Love Bug lunch on Sunday February 22 in the Fellowship Hall directly following worship. RSVP will be available soon!

### HELP NEEDED DURING SUMMER

We will need some extra help in the Sunday morning worship care rotation this summer as college interns return home for a few months. If you would be willing to serve on a Sunday morning during the worship hour in June, July or early August, please reach out to Kristen.

## STUDENT NEWS

### SAVE THE DATE FOR MARCH MISSION MADNESS

This year March Mission Madness will be in Macon, Georgia from March 13-15. Students are invited to join in for this weekend of hands-on mission work. Students will worship, serve, play and work together while learning to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. A \$50 deposit is due by February 8 to secure your spot. More info will be available soon! If you have any questions, please reach out to April Lucas.

### STUDENT WINTER RETREAT

Please pray for our chaperones and students as they head to Ober, Gatlinburg for this year's winter retreat January 23 – January 25.

## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT COMMUNITY KITCHEN

You will see 4 tables and bins set up around the church for our current food drive to benefit the Community Kitchen. The following items are requested:

Chef Boyardee Items

Chunky Soups

Vienna Sausages

Please make sure any cans donated have pop-tops.

### CHOIRS RESUME REHEARSALS

All of our choirs and ensembles have resumed rehearsals and you are welcome to be a part of these ministry groups. See the rehearsal times on the calendar. Contact Keith Reaves for more information or just show up for rehearsal. We are beginning Lent and Easter music now. It's a great time to join!

### JOURNEY TO EASTER

It seems the candles of Christmas have barely cooled, but it's almost time to turn our hearts and minds to the season of Lent. Stay tuned for an interactive, devotional experience focused on the Lenten season. This guided opportunity will include a child-friendly option, as well as a more adult-focused option. This experience will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18. More details coming soon.

### WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

It's only January, but we are already looking ahead to the 2026-2027 school year! Registration begins on February 2. We would love to schedule a time to visit the preschool with you. Contact [mwood@fbcrome.org](mailto:mwood@fbcrome.org) for more information. The registration form will be available at [fbcrome.org](http://fbcrome.org).

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BROADCAST MINISTRY

Our Broadcast Ministry is seeking volunteers! We need a few people to operate cameras during our services. No experience required; everything can be taught. Your commitment is only one Sunday per month. Please contact Bob Harris for more information [robertharris5249@comcast.net](mailto:robertharris5249@comcast.net).

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, January 18, are given to the glory of God and provided through the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, January 18, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bill Weidemann on the occasion of his birthday by Jana Weidemann.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, January 25, are given to the glory of God and provided through the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, January 25, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ansley Saville on the occasion of her birthday by Dean Saville and family.



# WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEMINARS

## NEW SEMINARS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Beginning January 28, three seminars will be offered:

### 1. TALES OF CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Dining Room

January 28 | Adam and Eve | Genesis 3:6, 8, 14-21 - David Brooks

February 4 | Cain and Abel | Genesis 4:1-16 - Jimmy Gentry

February 11 | Noah and the Flood | Genesis 6:11-14; 7:11-14; 8:1, 15-16; 9:12-16 - David Brooks

### 2. DON'T SING SONGS TO A HEAVY HEART

Led by Gwen Stephens, this study will guide us in how to relate to those around us who are suffering. You can purchase the book by scanning this QR code. Please make sure you purchase the book before the study begins on January 28. The location of the study will be announced closer to Wednesdays resuming.



### 3. PAYING ATTENTION TO THE WINTER OF OUR SOULS

In these winter days of January and February we experience many cold days filled with too many hours of darkness. This season reminds us we also experience seasons of winter in our souls. How might we pay attention to these winters in our souls, and what are the gifts of winter we might discover together? Join in this 3-week conversation led by Suzanne Reece as we acknowledge the winter of our souls and how God is present to us in these dark seasons.

# GIVING TO GOD

## NOVEMBER 2025

November Offerings	\$143,890.00
November Budgeted Offerings	\$175,000.00
November Expenses	\$164,772.00
November Budgeted Expenses	\$188,254.00
Offerings Received YTD	\$300,717.00
Budgeted Offerings YTD	\$355,000.00
Actual Expenses YTD	\$428,138.00
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$509,125.00

## DECEMBER 2025

December Offerings	\$508,412.00
December Budgeted Offerings	\$330,000.00
December Expenses	\$189,539.00
December Budgeted Expenses	\$181,719.00
Offerings Received YTD	\$809,129.00
Budgeted Offerings YTD	\$685,000.00
Actual Expenses YTD	\$616,970.00
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$690,845.00

January 17 - January 30

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Sunday, January 18

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	12:00 pm

## Monday, January 19

<b>MLK Day - Church Office Closed</b>	
<b>Weekday Preschool Closed</b>	
Women of the Church Book Group, Comm. Rm.	1:00 pm

## Wednesday, January 21

Weekday Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary	9:50 am
Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs Rehearsals	5:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Student Rm.	5:45 pm
Adult Seminar, F.H.	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	6:45 pm

## Friday, January 23 - Sunday, January 25

Children's Ministry Retreat, Eatonton	
Student Winter Retreat, Ober, Gatlinburg	

## Sunday, January 25

Adult Faith Formation Committee, Conf. Rm.	8:30 am
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)	
Youth Choir Rehearsal	12:00 pm
Dinner With Friends Kickoff Dinner, D.R.	5:00 pm

## Monday, January 26

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
Personnel Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite	5:15 pm

## Wednesday, January 28

Weekday Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary	9:50 am
Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Choirs Rehearsals	5:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Student Rm.	5:45 pm
Adult Seminars	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6:45 pm

## THIS WEEK: JANUARY 18

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERIES: *Rise and Shine*  
SERMON: "The Limits of the Light"  
PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks  
SCRIPTURE: *ISAIAH 49:1-7*  
ANTHEM: *A Vision of You...Cindy Berry*

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU  
**JANUARY 21**  
Ambrosia Salad, Breakfast Casserole, Sausage Patties/Bacon, Hash Browns, Danish Pastries  
Children's Option: Breakfast Casserole, Apple-sauce, Danish Pastries

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (JANUARY 16 - 17):  
**Suzanne Reece 205.907.7484**

# THE SPIRE

## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

## YOU ARE INVITED TO LUNCH & LEARN

SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 8  
DINING ROOM  
12:15 PM



## NEXT WEEK: JANUARY 25

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERIES: *Rise and Shine*  
SERMON: "Light in the Land of Shadows"  
PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks  
SCRIPTURE: *ISAIAH 9:1-4*  
ANTHEM: *A Jubilant Song...Allen Pote*  
ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU  
**JANUARY 28**  
Caesar Salad, Chicken Parmesan, Penne Pasta, Fried Zucchini, Tiramisu  
Children's Option: Fried Chicken Fingers with Marinara, Spaghetti, Fruit Cocktail, Chocolate Pudding

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (JANUARY 23 - 24):  
**Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644**

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