

Foundation FEBRUARY

Join us throughout the month of February to learn more about FBC's Foundation and the role it plays in the life of our church.



FROM OUR PASTOR

Foundation February

Did you know that our church has a foundation? Not just a physical foundation that supports our buildings, but a financial foundation — the First Baptist Foundation — that was started in 2006. At that time, wise leaders in our church stepped out in faith and endowed funds that became our Foundation. Since then, our Foundation has grown, and the earnings from our Foundation support the ministries, the fellowship, and the numerous mission endeavors of our congregation each year.

What makes our Foundation truly meaningful is that it exists because people who loved this church believed in its future. Over the years, some made gifts in gratitude; some made gifts in memory of loved ones; some included the church in their estate plans as a final testimony of faith. All of them shared a common conviction: that God's work here would continue beyond their own lifetime.

The First Baptist Foundation is, at its heart, an act of hope. It is a way of saying that the work God is doing in and through our church matters not only for today, but for generations yet to come. Gifts given to the Foundation are not spent immediately; instead, they are invested so that their earnings can support ministry year after year.

Over time, the Foundation has continued to grow, strengthening our ability to grow disciples of Christ, to serve as the hands of Christ, and to take good care of the personnel and property that are so vital to our congregation.

Throughout the next month — Foundation February — you'll hear more about how the Foundation supports ministry, how it contributes to our operating budget, and how you can participate—now or in the future. This is not about replacing our annual giving, which remains essential to our day-to-day ministry. Instead, the Foundation is about long-term faithfulness: planting trees whose shade we may never sit under, trusting that others will.

Thank you for being part of a congregation that cares not only about where we have been, but where God is calling us next. Let us continue to partner with God, laying a firm foundation for today and for years to come.

Your pastor and friend,

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 to Kristen by February 15!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Parents Night Out will be March 6, from 5:30 - 8 p.m. for kids of all ages. The cost \$15 for the first child and \$5 more for each additional sibling. Sign-up will be available closer to time.

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

REGISTER NOW 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.

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR OUR YOUTH-LED SERVICE

This year's Youth-Led service will be Sunday, March 1, at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. Please add this date to your calendar and make plans to support our youth!

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SENIOR PROGRAM

**NEXT SESSION:
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
4:00 PM IN THE PARLOR**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOURNEY TO EASTER

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we will begin a churchwide Journey to Easter experience through the season of Lent. This 6-week experience is an invitation to walk through the season of Lent as a time of preparing our hearts, minds, and souls for Easter. There will be two separate devotional guides — one for adults and one for parents/grandparents to use with children. In addition, the devotions lead to an interactive experience that offers the opportunity to set up a Lenten display in your home for this season. A bag of supplies will also be available for everyone — all ages. Devotional guides and supplies will be available beginning Sunday, February 15.

YOUNG MEN'S LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Using the Journey to Easter devotions and scripture, men will have the opportunity to join in a small group experience to take their Lenten discussions to the next level. Coleman Fannin will lead this group on Wednesday evenings during the season of Lent beginning Wednesday evening, Feb. 25. Location to be determined.

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!

NEW MINI-SPIRE

By now you have hopefully had the opportunity to see and receive announcements from the Sunday morning Mini-Spire. A copy of the Mini-Spire is placed in each Sunday school room for teachers to share. The Mini-Spire is an opportunity to keep up with the latest news at First Baptist. Be sure to ask your Sunday school teacher about it, and make sure the news is shared in your class.

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration begins February 2. We would love to schedule a time to visit the preschool with you. Contact mwood@fbcrome.org for more information. The registration form will be available at fbcrome.org.

RUBLE-WHITWORTH MISSION GROUP

The Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group will host Tina Bartleson, Director of the Family Resource Center, on Monday, February 9, at 11:30 a.m. We look forward to learning more about the Center's work to empower families through healthy child development education and other initiatives. A light lunch will be served. All are welcome. No reservations necessary.

SENIOR ADULTS VISIT CHATTANOOGA

The senior adult group will depart for Chattanooga for *The Sound of Music* Thursday, February 12, at 5:15 p.m. We will NOT stop to eat on the way, so please make sure you eat before or bring something with you.



MISSIONS

FEBRUARY MISSION PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity has been partnering with individuals, churches, and non-profits to build more vibrant and prosperous communities since 1976. In that time more than 62 million people in countries all around the world have been a part of building not only their homes, but building a better life and a better future for their families and communities.

First Baptist Church has a long history of partnering with Habitat. Five years ago, FBC built a house in South Rome. In addition, we recently had volunteers spend five days painting the inside of a local Habitat home just a few miles from our church. Currently, we set aside \$4,500 every quarter to go toward our next churchwide build. Today we have approximately \$75,000 collected and waiting for our next church build. It takes approximately \$100,000 to build a Habitat home. How might God be inviting you to be a part of the work and ministry of Habitat for Humanity?

HANDS OF CHRIST SERVE DAY

The 2026 HOC Serve Day will be Saturday, April 18. Please go ahead and add this date to your calendar. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

JAN HARDEMAN'S LIFE VERSE:

“The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

Zephaniah 3:17

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, February 1, are given to the glory of God and provided through the Jo Huffman Flower fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 1, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Audrey Cooper and Bill Bryson on the occasion of their birthdays by Billy and Kathy Cooper.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, February 8, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilbur Keene on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Buddy and Ellen Keene.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 8, are given to the glory of God and in honor of FBC Ministers and Staff by Earl and Mary Rolan.

There are openings on the flower calendar in the months of March, April, and July. Please contact Karen Garrett in the church office if you are interested in providing a beautiful arrangement in the Narthex or Sanctuary for a Sunday.

Seeking His heart | Being His hands

January 31 - February 13

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, January 31

Call Weekend

Candidate Meets with Collide/Students, parents 10:00 am
Lunch Meeting with Young Adults, Blossom Hill 12:30 pm

Sunday, February 1

Call Weekend

Candidate Meets Congregation, F.H. 8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study 9:45 am
Candidate Leads Student Sunday School 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
Candidate Meets with Student Small Groups 5:30 pm

Monday, February 2

Women's Bible Study, D.R. 10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal 5:15 pm

Wednesday, February 4

Weekday Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 9:50 am
Properties Committee, Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm
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, Sanctuary 6:45 pm

Saturday, February 7

Prayer Team, Chapel 11:00 am

Sunday, February 8

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)

Lunch & Learn, D.R. 12:00 pm
Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm
Small Groups 4:00 pm
The Edge, Parlor 4:00 pm

Monday, February 9

Women's Bible Study, D.R. 10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group, D.R. 11:30 am
Finance Committee, Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers Rehearsal, Choir Suite 4:45 pm
Deacons' Meeting, F.H. 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 11

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: FEBRUARY 1

SUNDAY WORSHIP

EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERIES: Rise and Shine

SERMON: "Walking in the Light"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: MICAH 6:1-8

ANTHEM: Where Charity and Love Prevail...

Dan Forrest

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

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

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

FEBRUARY 4

Mixed Green Salad, Roast Pork Loin with Mushroom Gravy, Escalloped Potatoes, Acorn Squash Roasted, Apple Cobbler with Ice Cream

Children's Option: Hamburgers, Sliced Peaches, Apple Cobbler with Ice Cream

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (JANUARY 30 - 31):

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

EXTENDED FAMILY

Jane Tucker was recognized January 21 as "Best in the Nest" by Phoenix Senior Living at the Retreat at Loganville. The picture shows Jane (seated) with three First Baptist friends who came to celebrate with her. (L-R): Hilary Reaves, Merrill Davies, and Jenny Cooper.



Please visit us for more information:
www.fbcrome.org

NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 8

SUNDAY WORSHIP

EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERIES: Rise and Shine

SERMON: "If You Want Your Light to Shine"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 58:1-9A

ANTHEM: My Eternal King...Jane Marshall

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

FEBRUARY 11

Mixed Green Salad, Baked Chicken with Rosemary, Roasted Quartered New Potatoes, Sauteed Green Beans, Chocolate Cake

Children's Option: Baked Chicken with Rosemary, Applesauce, Chocolate Cake

WEEKEND MINISTER ON CALL (FEBRUARY 6 - 7):

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

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