

YOU ARE INVITED TO A DAY OF

## Celebration

HONORING

Keith & Hilary Reaves

SUNDAY | 26 | APRIL

WORSHIP | 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

RETIREMENT RECEPTION | 2:00-4:30 in the Fellowship Hall

## FROM OUR PASTOR

### Putting Easter into Practice

Easter Sunday has come and gone, and now we find ourselves in the Great Fifty Days of Easter — a season in which we continue to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus. But we don't just rejoice that Jesus was raised from the dead. We are called to live each day in light of the resurrection.

How do we do that? Do we simply return to our routines, believing that resurrection only applies to life after death? It is easy to slip back into ordinary patterns and forget the good news we have proclaimed. Yet we can resist that tendency by choosing to practice resurrection in our daily lives.

Here are a few simple ways:

- **Look for life.** Our default is often to focus on what is wrong. Instead, treat each day like a search for signs of hope — evidence that the living Christ is still at work among us.
- **Give thanks to God.** Not a moment passes without some gift of grace. Gratitude reshapes our perspective and opens our eyes to the presence of Christ in all things.

- **Reach out and restore.** Each week, take one step toward healing — mend a relationship, encourage someone who is weary, or check on a person who feels forgotten.
- **Release something.** Let go of a grudge, a fear, or a habit that drains life. When we allow these things to “die,” God often brings forth new life — freedom, renewal, and deeper trust.
- **Worship God.** Praise God every day and gather with others on Sunday to worship. Each Lord's Day is a fresh celebration of the resurrection of Jesus and a reminder that we are a people shaped by his life.

During these Great Fifty Days, may we not only remember the resurrection — but practice it, day by day, as followers of the risen Christ.

Your pastor and friend,

*David*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### PARENTAL LEAVE CONTACT

With Kristen Mathis on parental leave March 30 through May 26, please send any questions/concerns to Children's Committee Chair Amber West. Her number is 770-608-3176.

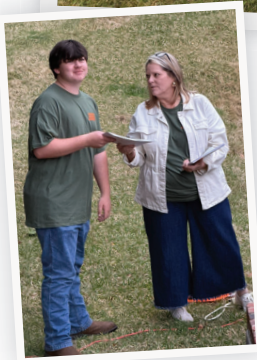


**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
**SPRING CONCERT**

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 29 | SANCTUARY | IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SUPPER  
Treble Makers | Music Makers | Children's Choir

## STUDENT NEWS

### CBF'S MISSION MADNESS



*Our students had a great time in Macon at CBF's Mission Madness! Thank you to all students and chaperones for attending!*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# I AM WITH YOU.

*a sermon series on John 21*

**APRIL 12 | JOHN 21:1-14**  
**"WHERE YOU ARE"**

**APRIL 19 | JOHN 21:15-19**  
**"WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN"**

**APRIL 26 | ISAIAH 6:1-8**  
**JOEL SNIDER PREACHING**  
**KEITH'S LAST SUNDAY**

**MAY 3 | JOHN 21:20-25**  
**"WHERE YOU ARE GOING"**  
**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

### JOAN HILL ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After nearly 70 years as a church organist and more than 27 years at FBC, Joan Hill announced her retirement on Monday, March 23. We appreciate all that Joan has meant to the church. We will honor her and her ministry in worship June 7. In the meantime, we are grateful that Kim Tunnell, Music Associate, has agreed to serve as organist until a permanent replacement for Joan can be found.

### SPRING CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our Spring church conference will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, April 22, at 6 p.m. Make sure to join us to hear from the ministers and staff about the life of our church.

### SAFETY & SECURITY TEAM REMINDER

Based on member requests, six additional handicap-reserved parking spaces are now available on Sunday mornings and during special events. The spaces are marked with blue cones near the corner of 4th Avenue and 1st Street in front of the Sanctuary.

Did you order a T-shirt? Make sure to bring your money by the church office ASAP!



# MISSIONS

## HANDS OF CHRIST SERVE DAY IS APRIL 18

We can't believe it, but it is already time for Hands of Christ Serve Day. Please scan the QR code to sign up for one of the following locations: Davies Shelter, Family Resource Center, NWSGA Hunger Ministries, 1st Responder Appreciation, Free Clinic of Rome, Living Proof Recovery. If you are having trouble with the form, please contact Kris Wilder in the church office for registration help.



# GIVING TO GOD

## FEBRUARY 2026

February Offerings	\$142,352.00
February Budgeted Offerings	\$175,000.00
February Expenses	\$204,520.00
February Budgeted Expenses	\$176,451.00
Offerings Received YTD	\$1,104,844.00
Budgeted Offerings YTD	\$1,112,147.00
Actual Expenses YTD	\$1,040,685.00
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$1,131,922.00

# SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, April 12, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Joanne Owens by her family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 12, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ansley Saville by Dean Saville and family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, April 19, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Keith Reaves by the Sanctuary Choir.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 19, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gene and Adrian Bowers by the Bowers Family.

April 11 - April 24

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Sunday, April 12

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, April 13

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Mission Group, D.R.	11:30 pm
Finance Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Deacons' Dinner/Meeting, F.H.	5:30 pm

## Wednesday, April 15

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
Prayer Time and The Free Clinic of Rome Presentation, F.H.	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6:45 pm

## Saturday, April 18

### Hands of Christ Serve Day

## Sunday, April 19

Adult Faith Formation Committee, Conf. Rm.	8:30 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, April 20

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
Missions Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Personnel Committee, D.R.	12:00 pm
Women of the Church Book Group, Comm. Rm.	1:00 pm
Minister of Worship Search Committee, Conf. Rm.	5:15 pm

## Tuesday, April 21

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor	1:00 pm
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## Wednesday, April 22

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
Church Conference, F.H.	6:00 pm
Children's and Collide Missions	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal w/Orchestra	6:45 pm

## THIS WEEK: APRIL 12

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *I Am With You*

SERMON: "Where You Are"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 21:1-14

ANTHEM: "Amen, Amen"...arr. Lloyd Larson;  
Iley Barnes, soloist

### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

#### APRIL 15

Spinach Salad with Craisins, Apples, Blue Cheese, and Walnuts, Chicken Monterey with Canadian Bacon and Sauce Mornay, Roasted Red Potatoes, Medley of Squashes, Mixed Berry Cobbler  
Children's Option: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookies

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (APRIL 10 - 11):  
Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

## NEXT WEEK: APRIL 19

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *I Am With You*

SERMON: "Where You Have Been"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 21:15-19

ANTHEM: *Give Me Jesus*...arr. Trevor Manor

SPECIAL MUSIC: Mary Donahue

### FAMILY NIGHT MENU

#### APRIL 22

Mixed Green Salad, Pan-fried Pork Cutlets, Hoisin-Katsu Sauce, Steamed Basmati Rice with Almonds, Honey-Ginger Glazed Carrots, Macadamia Cookies  
Children's Option: Breaded Chicken Fingers, Applesauce, Chocolate Chip Cookies

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (APRIL 17 - 18):  
Keith Reaves 706.506.9948

# THE SPIRE

## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

## VBS REGISTRATION IS LIVE!

Check communications from Kristen for the registration link, or reach out to April Lucas in the church office!



JOIN US ON OUR  
*Journey to*  
**Egypt**

June 22-25, 9-11:30AM

Register today!  
\*for kids 3 years old-4<sup>th</sup> grade\*

at FBC Rome Vacation Bible School

The banner features a large image of the Great Pyramids of Giza in Egypt. Two smaller inset images are present: one on the left showing a temple with columns, and one on the right showing a book cover titled "EGYPT Joseph's Journey from prison to palace" with a cartoon illustration of a man and a boat.

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

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