



Congregational Lunch & Conversation

Sunday, August 23 | 12:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Stay after worship for a complimentary lunch, hosted by our Minister of Worship Search Committee.

After lunch, Dr. Bill Owen, with the Center for Healthy Churches, will facilitate our conversation about our worship and music ministry and the values that will shape the search for our next Minister of Worship. Childcare, birth – 5th grade, will be provided after lunch and during our conversation.

Reservations for lunch are needed. Scan the QR code, or sign up in the narthex on Sunday mornings or call the church office during the week.



FROM OUR PASTOR

Congregational Conversation

By now, you know that we are gathering together on August 23 for lunch and conversation as a congregation. I hope you are making plans to be present. Around tables, we will consider a few simple questions about our worship/music ministry, and the future God is calling us toward. Together, we'll reflect on experiences that have shaped our faith, the values we hope will always define worship at First Baptist, and the qualities we believe are most important in our next Minister of Worship.

This will be more than a listening session. It is an opportunity for spiritual discernment as we talk with one another and listen to each other. As we listen and talk, we trust that God will help us recognize the gifts and leadership our congregation needs for the next chapter of our life together.

Whether you have been a member for fifty years or five months, your voice matters. Every generation has something to contribute, and every perspective will help the search committee better understand who we are and where God is leading us.

So, please plan to stay after worship for lunch and conversation. Come ready to listen as much as you speak, to encourage one another, and to pray for God's guidance throughout this important season. We look forward to sharing this time together as we seek the person God is preparing to lead us in worship and to be another minister among us.

Your pastor and friend,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

CBFGA CHILDREN'S RETREAT

Our retreat has been rescheduled for September 18-20 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA. This is for 3rd-5th graders. Reach out to Kristen Mathis to register your child!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of some more people to serve in our rotation for nursery/toddler care during the worship hour. You can choose to serve 1-3 times per semester as you are comfortable. Please reach out to Kristen if you are interested. We are currently trying to fill the fall/winter calendar of Sundays!

STUDENT NEWS

JOIN US FOR SNL – SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE!

We have begun our Sunday night programming for the year and would love for you to join us! Middle and High School students will meet in the youth room each Sunday from 6 - 7:30 p.m. for food, fellowship, and study. See you there!

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

Rosalind Batchelor
joined August 2
by
Transfer of Letter.



Julie Keener
joined August 2
by
Transfer of Letter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUG. 16 - LET'S GET BACK TO BIBLE STUDY

It's been a summer of trips, camps, relaxation and spending time with family...but now it's time to get back into Bible Study. Join us for promotion Sunday on August 16. Children, youth, and students will move up to their new Sunday School classes, and adults are encouraged to find a class if they don't already have one. Summer has been great, but we are excited for our family to be under the same roof again!

AUG. 16 - WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION INTEREST MEETING

Would you like to join other women in conversation about the deeper parts of our spiritual journey? Have you wondered how spiritual practices might impact your walk with Jesus? If you're interested in learning more, join us for an interest meeting on Sunday, August 16, at 6 p.m. in the Dining Room.

AUG. 19 - CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our next church conference will be on August 19 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following Family Night Dinner. At this conference you will be able to see and discuss the first draft of our 2026-2027 Church Budget, so please make sure to attend!

AUG. 30 - FIFTH SUNDAY FAITH DEVELOPMENT

August 30 is our next fifth Sunday faith development talk. Youth and adults please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. to hear from Laura Tadlock, Minister to Senior Adults & Adult Discipleship from Vestavia Hills Baptist Church in Vestavia Hills, AL. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

- BEVERLY HARRIS, PIANIST – 28 years on August 1
- KAREN GARRETT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – 21 years on August 22
- DAVID BROOKS, PASTOR – 4 years on August 22
- SUSAN BAGWELL, PRE-K – 8 years on August 6
- LISA HUGGINS, PRE-K – 10 years on August 4
- CAITLIN CROWDER, PRE-K – 2 years on August 5
- KATIE DOVER, PRE-K – 3 years on August 1
- DIANE RITTENHOUSE, PRE-K – 3 years on August 1
- KATIE SMYTH, PRE-K – 2 years on August 19

We celebrate them and give thanks for all they do in service to God and our congregation.



MISSIONS

AUGUST MISSION PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: COMMUNITY KITCHEN

This list includes items to assist the Community Kitchen in making weekend food bags for individuals needed food assistance when the Community Kitchen isn't open. Please make sure any canned items are pop-top. Donation baskets are in the Foyer, Community Room entrance, and the Fellowship Hall.

Packs of Peanut Butter Crackers

Vienna Sausages

Single Serve Ravioli

Canned Soup

Granola/Nutri-grain or Protein Bars

SUCCESS COACHES NEEDED!

Bridges "Getting Ahead" program is seeking dedicated Success Coaches. Coaches are partnered with a graduate to offer guidance, support, and encouragement as they reach key milestones. It's a meaningful role built on mentorship, connection, and friendship.



Interested?
Contact Keith: 678.296.1671



SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of our wedding anniversary by Marsha Dempsey.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruland and Mr. and Mrs. Al Wilson on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries by Hal and Debbie Ruland and Dan and Judy Roebuck.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 23, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jill Salter by Jeremy Salter and children.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 23, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jana Weidemann on the occasion of our wedding anniversary by Bill Weidemann.

August 15 - August 28

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, August 16

Adult Faith Formation, Conf. Rm.	8:30 am
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Back to Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website	
YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (<i>delayed by one week</i>)	

Monday, August 17

Missions Committee	12:00 pm
Personnel Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Women of the Church Book Group, Comm. Rm.	1:00 pm

Tuesday, August 18

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor	1:00 pm
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Wednesday, August 19

Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Church Conference, F.H.	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	7:00 pm

Thursday, August 20

Stewardship Committee, Conf. Rm.	4:00 pm
Bridges Out of Poverty, Comm. Rm. & F.H.	5:30 pm

Sunday, August 23

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship/World Hunger Offering/Communion	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website	
YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (<i>delayed by one week</i>)	
Congregational Lunch & Conversation, F.H.	12:00 pm
Summer of the Gospels Discussion, D.R.	5:30 pm

Tuesday, August 25

Weekday Preschool Water Day	9:30 am
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Wednesday, August 26 - Friday, August 28

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Wednesday, August 26

Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	7:00 pm

Thursday, August 27

Bible Study Teacher Training & Appreciation, F.H.	12:00 pm
Bridges Out of Poverty Class, F.H. & Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm

THIS WEEK: AUGUST 16

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: *Bearing Fruit*

SERMON: "The Trellis of Self Control"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:42-50; Titus 2:11-15

ANTHEM: "Here I Am, Lord"

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

August 19

Spinach Salad, Chicken Parmesan, Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce, Sauteed Zucchini, and Strawberry Pie

Children's Option: Chicken Tenders, Chips, and Fruit

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (AUGUST 14 - 15):

Suzanne Reece 706.509.2003

NEXT WEEK: AUGUST 23

SUNDAY WORSHIP

COMMUNION SUNDAY

WORSHIP SERIES: *Bearing Fruit*

SERMON: "When We Get Up from the Table"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1-2

ANTHEM: "At the Cross"

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

August 26

Mexican Salad, Taco Bar, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, and Lemon Meringue Pie

Children's Option: Tacos, Fruit

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (AUGUST 21 - 22):

David Brooks 706.509.2003

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

THANK YOU!

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU



Our sincere thanks to First Baptist Church of Rome! We are beyond grateful to you for the use of your space on Sunday, July 26. Continued blessings, Pastor Charles Reese Jr. and the Metropolitan Church family.

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

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