

JOIN US FOR FAMILY NIGHT KICKOFF!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

DINNER SERVED | 5:00PM – 6:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY
TO FOLLOW DINNER

*The Adult Sanctuary Choir will meet in the
choir room at 7:00pm for rehearsal.
This is a great time to join!*

HELP US WELCOME JOHN AND CAROLINE BISHOP HOME TO ROME!

We would like to gift the Bishops
with a welcome wagon filled with
items that help them settle into
their new home.

If you'd like to provide a gift or
gift cards, please bring them
with you to the Fellowship Hall
during Family Night Dinner.

Welcome home, John and
Caroline!



FROM OUR PASTOR

We Need Each Other

How often do we take for granted the loving and caring relationships that God has given us in this life? Quite often, I would argue, and that is to our detriment. Whenever we are discouraged, lonely, afraid, or frustrated, our spirits can be lifted when we focus on the gift of people in our lives who support us, who love us, and who walk with us.

In his book, *Searching for Happiness*, Martin Thielen tells of a fascinating show he watched one time on the History Channel. It told of a group of paleontologists who found the fossil remains of an ancient human being. When they examined the fossilized bones, they discovered the man's leg had been badly broken but then healed. They came to the conclusion that this man must have had a community to care for him. Had he been a solitary individual, he would have died right away. The elements and wild animals would have killed him within days. But this fellow was part of a community who cared for him until his leg healed and he could fend for himself again (pp. 94-95).

As members and friends of First Baptist Rome, we are part of a

community that genuinely cares for one another. I've known this to be true in so many ways, and I've seen our care in action lately as families have lost loved ones to death and as members of our church have been receiving medical treatments or undergoing surgery. Our children receive the care of loving adults, and your youth thrive when they have friends and mentors who are there for them. I've also witnessed growth in relationships among our ministers and church support staff who care for one another and who care for our congregation.

Our care and love are modeled, of course, after Jesus our Lord. Throughout his life and ministry, he developed relationships and needed relationships with others. He loved God with all his heart, but he also loved his neighbor as himself. And he calls us to do the same.

Your pastor and friend,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

WE LOVE PASSPORT KIDS!



STUDENT NEWS

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD AT M28 SUMMER CAMP!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUG. 5 - CHOIR DINNER AND REHEARSAL

Please join us for our annual choir potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. on August 5 in the dining room. If you're interested in joining the choir, this is a great time to check it out! We will have fellowship around the table, then sing through music for the fall and Christmas.

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 its 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. 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. 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. 23 - SUMMER OF THE GOSPELS

By the time you read these words, we will be 2/3 of the way through our Summer of reading the Gospels. We hope you are finding this experience to be meaningful in ways you may have never expected. If you'd like to join in a conversation about what reading the Gospels has been like for you, mark your calendars for our end of the Summer conversation on August 23 at 5:30 p.m.

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!

AUG. 30 - LUNCH & LEARN

New to FBC or want to learn more? Join us in the Dining Room immediately following worship on Sunday, August 30, for our next Lunch & Learn! Please RSVP to the church office.



MISSIONS

AUGUST MISSION PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Started in 2009 by several downtown churches, the Community Kitchen has deep roots at FBC. Community Kitchen serves lunch to as many as 150 individuals in need every day. Volunteers from First Baptist help prepare and serve the meal on the last Wednesday-Friday of each month. Community Kitchen is funded by donations from churches, individuals, businesses, and civic organizations. In addition, Community Kitchen offers laundry and shower facilities for those in need. For the month of August, we will be collecting items to help the Community Kitchen. Collection bins will be in the Community Room, the Foyer, and the Fellowship Hall. 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.

Packs of Peanut Butter Crackers

Vienna Sausages

Single Serve Ravioli

Canned Soup

Granola/Nutri-grain or Protein Bars

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Our next Bridges Out of Poverty Getting Ahead Class will begin on Thursday, April 13, 2026 at First Baptist Church. We need volunteers to help with meals, transportation, and childcare. If you are interested in volunteering, please scan the QR code to sign up. If you have any questions about the program or what it means to volunteer, please contact Keith Phillips at 678-296-1671.



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

Frank Murphy
joined July 19
by
Transfer of Letter.
We are happy to
have Frank back
home at FBC!



seeking His heart | Being His hands

August 1 - August 14

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, August 2

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship/Deacon Election	11:00 am
Available on: FBC Website	
YouTube Channel	
Comcast Channel 44 (delayed by one week)	

Tuesday, August 4

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor	1:00 pm
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Wednesday, August 5

Properties Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Choir Dinner, F.H.	5:30 pm

Sunday, August 9

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410)	9:00 am
New Deacon Orientation, F.H.	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, August 10

Finance Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Deacons' Meeting, (no supper), F.H.	5:30 pm

Tuesday, August 11

Meet the Teacher, Weekday Preschool	11:00 am
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Wednesday, August 12

Weekday Preschool First Day	
Family Night Kickoff Dinner	5:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	7:00 pm

Thursday, August 13

Bridges Out of Poverty Class, F.H. & Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm
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SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 2, are given to the glory of God and in honor of the First Baptist Church TV Ministry by the Gaynelle Grizzard family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 2, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Roebuck on the occasion of her birthday by Floyd Roebuck.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 9, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sam and Ruth Talley by Jim and Jennifer Talley and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 9, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Stanley Self and Bill Self by Patricia Self and family.

THIS WEEK: AUGUST 2

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: **Bearing Fruit**

SERMON: "Living Faithfully"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 25:14-30

ANTHEM: "Praise to The Lord, The Almighty"

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH

AUG. 23 - CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH & CONVERSATION

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

The 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. Sign up in the narthex on Sunday mornings or call the church office during the week.



FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (JULY 31 – AUGUST 1):

John Bishop 706.509.2003

NEXT WEEK: AUGUST 9

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: **Bearing Fruit**

SERMON: "Gentle Strength"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 11:28-30

ANTHEM: "Be Still My Soul"

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www.fbcrome.org

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

FAMILY NIGHT KICKOFF!

August 12

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato
Salad, Chips, Cookies and Ice Cream

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (AUGUST 7 – 8):

Gwen Stephens 706.509.2003