



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

JOIN US AS WE GATHER AT HIS TABLE
AS A FAMILY OF BELIEVERS

DURING MORNING WORSHIP AT 11:00AM

FROM OUR PASTOR

Who Are We Becoming?

With the start of a new season and a new month, let's ask ourselves a question as a church: Who are we? I wonder how you answer that question for yourself and when you are asked about First Baptist Rome. For the month of October, my sermons will be guided by that very question: Who are we? What holds us together? What shapes us? What are we known for? And what matters most?

At the same time, on Wednesday evenings, we have begun an important and very practical conversation about our faith. We are spending this fall exploring John Mark Comer's *Practicing the Way* and considering what it means not simply to believe in Jesus, but to actually practice the way of Jesus.

I believe there is something wonderfully complementary about these two conversations that we will share together on Sundays and Wednesdays in October. One asks, "Who are we?" The

other asks, in effect, "How are we becoming who Jesus calls us to be?"

As we move into fall, I hope you will find ways to be part of both conversations. Join us on Wednesday evenings as we explore what it means to practice the way of Jesus. And join us on Sundays in October as we reflect on who we are together as members and friends of First Baptist Rome. Perhaps these conversations will lead us to an even deeper question: **Who is God calling us to become?**

I look forward to discovering the answer together.

Your pastor and friend,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

PUMPKIN PATCH FUN IS HERE!

Join us for our annual pumpkin patch outing on Saturday, October 24, at 10 a.m. at Lazy Creek Farms Pumpkin Patch. Fellowship with other parents while your kids run through the corn maze, jump on the trampoline, slide, and race cars. This is a great time every year, we hope you will join us!

SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for some adults with a heart for working with kids who need a one-on-one adult for a little extra special help. These are wonderful kids who just need some help staying focused, and occasionally a break from the classroom when they are overwhelmed or overstimulated. If this sounds like it could be a perfect fit for you, please reach out to Kristen Mathis directly at (502) 693-5644 or email kmathis@fbcrome.org.

STUDENT NEWS

REGISTER NOW FOR CBFGA'S FALL RETREAT

Our CBFGA youth fall retreat will be November 13-15 in Dahlonge at Camp Glisson. The cost is \$180 per student. Registration and deposit of \$90 per student is due by October 1. If your student is interested in going, please reach out to John Bishop for more details and registration info.

MUSTARD SEED CHALLENGE

On Sunday, September 13, we gathered in Maplewood for our Mustard Seed Challenge! This activity gave students and members of the church an opportunity to give back. Students went to the houses of church members to see what faith in community can look like when we ask for help. This event was rooted in Matthew 13:31-32.

MISSIONS

OCTOBER MISSION PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Our October Mission Partner is Restoration Rome. Housed in a former elementary school building, Restoration Rome is a hub for bringing together public, private, and faith-based partners to strengthen and restore children and families in Christ's name. Their efforts include collaboration with multiple partner to provide education, accessible resources, improved communication, as well as innovative and comprehensive services to help meet the needs of families in our community. First Baptist has been partnering with Restoration Rome for a number of years. Most recently, our Service and Special Projects team installed some much needed canopies outside to help provide some shady spots for families to enjoy some outside time together. Be in prayer for the leadership and staff of Restoration Rome as they continue to seek ways to provide care and resources for foster parents and children in the foster care system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW YOUNG ADULT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Are you a Young Professional looking for a place on Sunday mornings. Join us for Bible study at 9:45 a.m. in Room 310 on the 3rd floor. For questions, contact Suzanne Reece or April Lucas.

OCT. 15 - SENIOR ADULT TRIP

Our Senior Adult ministry is headed to Alabama! Please join us on October 15 for a day trip to remember! We will start with a visit to the Rim of the Little River Canyon with places to stop and view the beauty of the canyon. From there we head to lunch at The Rooted Table. Anyone fans of the band, Alabama? After lunch we continue to the Alabama Fan Club and Museum before returning to Rome. Play some mountain music and register for this trip today! The cost is \$25 per person, with lunch being on your own. Register by calling the church office. Deadline is October 3.

THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL RETREAT!

What a great weekend we shared during our churchwide retreat. It was a joy to have Chuck Poole with us to help us think more about "The Difference Jesus Makes" in our lives. It was also a gift to spend time together as a church family enjoying meals, sharing our stories, and fellowshiping with one another. A HUGE thank you to all of our church staff, as well as so many of our committee leaders and members who helped to make the weekend a success.

If you were unable to attend or if you missed a session of the retreat, a recording of the teaching sessions will be available soon! Please reach out to Suzanne Reece to learn more about how to obtain the video.

SENSIBLE SHOES WOMEN'S GROUP

The women's spiritual conversations groups (also known as "Sensible Shoes" groups), are up and running. We have a morning group and an evening group meeting each week. These groups will walk together for approximately eight weeks on a spiritual journey. If you were not able to join us this time around, there will be new opportunities for similar experiences in the future.

THINKING ABOUT TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL?

If you've ever thought you might like to serve as a Sunday School teacher, or maybe you've been a teacher in the past, and you'd still like to teach occasionally -- would you consider joining a group of folks willing to serve as substitute teachers when our regular teachers need to be away? This doesn't happen often, but occasionally, it's nice to have someone to call. A Sunday or two is a great way to continue to use your gifts for leading and teaching. If you're willing to be a part of team of folks who are available to sub periodically, please contact Suzanne at sreece@fbcrome.org to be added to the Substitute Teacher list.



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

David, Margaret
and Jonathan
Roland joined
September 13 by
Transfer of Letter.



Amy and Paul
Burgess joined
September 9 by
Transfer of Letter.



GIVING TO GOD

AUGUST 2026

August Offerings	\$192,540.00
August Budgeted Offerings	\$135,000.00
August Expenses	\$178,913.00
August Budgeted Expenses	\$176,793.00
Actual Offerings YTD	\$2,026,514.00
Budgeted Offerings YTD	\$2,047,147.00
Actual Expenses YTD	\$2,347,654.00
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$2,415,043.00

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, September 27, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Tom Lumpkin on the occasion of his birthday by Diane Lumpkin and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, September 27, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Quinette Harbin by Buford Harbin and family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, October 4, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Milton Tippin, Jr., Jennette Todd Tippin and Todd Tippin by Jenny and Joe Walter.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, October 4, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ernest, Doris and John Rudert by the Edward Rudert family and the Robert Rudert Family.

September 26 - October 9

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, September 27

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)	
Sunday School Teacher Appreciation & Training, D.R.	12:00 pm
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	12:00 pm
Sunday Night Live (SNL), Youth Room	6:00 pm

Monday, September 28

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
Missions Committee, D.R.	12:00 pm
FBC Ringers, Choir Suite	5:15 pm

Tuesday, September 29

Sensible Shoes Group (morning), Parlor	10:00 am
Sensible Shoes Group (evening), Parlor	6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 30 - Friday, October 2

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Wednesday, September 30

Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Activities, Children's Halls	5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study, "Practicing the Way" F.H.	6:00 pm
Youth Activities, Youth Room	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	7:00 pm

Thursday, October 1

Bridges Out of Poverty, Comm. Rm. & F.H.	5:30 pm
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Sunday, October 4

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Sunday Night Live (SNL), Youth Room	6:00 pm

Monday, October 5

Women's Bible Study, D.R.	10:00 am
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Tuesday, October 6

Sensible Shoes Group (morning), Parlor	10:00 am
Prayer Shawl Meeting, Parlor	1:00 pm
Sensible Shoes Group (evening), Parlor	6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 7

Properties Committee, Conf. Rm.	12:00 pm
Family Night Dinner, F.H.	5:00 pm
Children's Activities, Children's Halls	5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study, "Practicing the Way" F.H.	6:00 pm
Youth Activities, Youth Room	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	7:00 pm

Thursday, October 8

Bridges Out of Poverty Class, F.H. & Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm
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seeking His heart | Being His hands

THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 27

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Water for Life"

PREACHER: Rev. Tamara Smathers

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 17:1-7

ANTHEM: "Assurance"

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

September 30

Spinach Salad, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Cherry Cobbler

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

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (SEPTEMBER 25 - 26):

Kristen Mathis 706.509.2003

NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 4

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SERMON: "What Unites Us?"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

ANTHEM: "Lord You Have Been Our Dwelling Place"

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

October 7

Mixed Green Salad, County Fried Steak with White Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Medley of Vegetables, Apple Cobbler

Children's Option: Hamburgers, Chips, and Fruit

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (OCTOBER 2 - 3):

John Bishop 706.509.2003

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

DID YOU KNOW?

JOIN FBC'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Did you know we have a prayer shawl ministry within our church? Members who love to knit and sew consistently get together to fellowship and create various items for those of us who are experiencing happy moments, sad moments, or may need a little encouragement. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact Diane Wilson!



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

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