

Heritage . . .

One hundred seventy-five years—that's how long First Baptist Church has been a part of the Rome community. But the years only tell part of the story. As a church, the years mean nothing without faithful dedication to missions, Bible study, prayer, worship, and Christian relationships. Thus, our heritage is not measured in years alone, but in the faithful discipleship of succeeding generations who have served Christ and carried out the mission he has given this congregation. This brochure gives you a preview of Sunday worship celebrations that help mark 175 years of such faithfulness. These worship opportunities not only help us to remember our heritage, but also prepare us for continued faithfulness in the decades to come.

As a part of the 175th anniversary of the founding of FBC, we will publish tidbits about our history in the "Spire." Watch for interesting facts about our long history and the many people who have served God through FBC.

Also, watch the Spire and www.fbcrome.org for additional information about each month's celebration.

Monthly Emphases

May 17, 2009 Kick Off for 175th Year

9:15 - Nursery opens at FBC
9:45 - Special service at West 1st St.
Location
11:00 - Worship at FBC to include
celebration for conclusion of Touching
Tomorrow

June 21, 2009 Celebrate Relationships

One of our stated core values is "In Relationships - Family." June's special emphasis will be on the varied relationships which bind us together as a part of Christ's family.

August 23, 2009 Celebrate Bible Study

At the core of "Seeking His Heart" is Bible study and the application of God's Word in our lives. The anniversary emphasis for August highlights the heritage of Bible teaching at First Baptist.

Sept. 13, 2009 Celebrate the Music Heritage

Our worship includes a focus on excellence in music. The September emphasis highlights the quality of our music heritage. Composer Joseph Martin will participate in morning worship and in an afternoon concert.

Oct. 18, 2009 Celebrate Global Missions

In his letter to the Romans, the Apostle Paul says: "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world." What was said about that First Century congregation could be said about FBC. October's emphasis will focus on our heritage of involvement in global missions offering.

Nov. 15, 2009 Celebrate Generosity

The generosity of our members provides the financial resources to accomplish the mission God has given us. November's emphasis celebrates the God-inspired generosity of our congregation.

Dec. 2009 Celebrate Advent Past-Advent Present

This year's Advent season will utilize worship features from four eras of our heritage: the Civil War, the Great Depression, the end of World War II, and the present.

Jan. 17, 2010 Celebrate Sending

First Baptist Church has raised up many individuals to serve God's Kingdom. Some are pastors, some are missionaries, and many fill a variety of positions. This month's emphasis will celebrate all who have been called and sent by First Baptist to serve the work of the Kingdom.

Monthly Emphases (Continued)

February 14, 2010 **Celebrate A New Generation**

When speaking of children and youth, many individuals describe them as *the future of the church*. They are not simply the future; rather they are the present and the future all wrapped into one. This Sunday recognizes the importance of our younger members now and into the future.

March 21, 2010 **Celebrate Those Behind the Scenes**

No church can function without the faithful service of many members who labor faithfully behind the scenes. The quiet commitment to Christ is a major factor in our congregation's ability to achieve its mission. On this Sunday, we will give thanks to many who serve, often without desire for recognition.

April 18, 2010 **Celebrate Church and the Community**

The location of our facilities, in the heart of downtown Rome, says a lot about our involvement in the life of our community. This month's worship emphasis will focus on the involvement of our church and individual members who invest in Christian witness and influence in Rome, Georgia.

May 16, 2010 **175th Anniversary**

First Baptist Church of Rome was founded on May 16, 1835. On this Sunday, we celebrate exactly 175 years of dedication to Jesus Christ. Following a special worship service at FBC, all members and guests are invited to a lunch celebration at the Forum.

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