

Tell us about your prayer requests:

**Opportunities for the Week**

**Sunday, January 1**  
*Kids Connect* 9:35 a.m.  
 Bible Study for All Ages 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship (*Preschool Care*) 11:00 a.m.

**Monday, January 2**  
 Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, January 3**  
 Bach's Lunch 12:05 p.m.  
 Christian Crafters 1:30 p.m.  
 Zumba Toning 5:00 p.m.  
 Zumba 6:00 p.m.  
 Yoga 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 4**  
 Fellowship Meal 5:00 p.m.  
 Agape Kids 6:00 p.m.  
 Agape Youth 6:00 p.m.  
 Chapel Bible Study 6:00 p.m.  
 Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, January 5**  
 Lunch at the Crossroads Noon  
 Zumba 6:00 p.m.

**Please contact me.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**I am ready to take a first step regarding:**

- Adult Bible Study
- Becoming a Church Member
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- College Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- Senior Adult Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Mission Opportunities
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**FBCA Hearing Loop**  
 Our Sanctuary has a hearing loop that broadcasts an audio signal of the music, preaching, and other prayers or readings directly to the hearing aid t-coil. This loop signal is effective in the pews on the ground floor of the Sanctuary. We hope this helps as our members and guests worship together.



**Sanctuary Flowers**  
 Flowers may be placed in honor or in memory of a loved one in the Sanctuary for worship. Please contact the church office at 252.4781 for more details.

 For more information visit [www.fbca.net](http://www.fbca.net).

# Connect Now

Freedom. Friendship. Faith.

January 1, 2017



ORGAN CONCERT

## Bach's Lunch

Kyle Ritter, organist

**Tuesday, January 3 - 12:05-12:35 p.m. - Sanctuary**  
 Box lunches available for \$5 following the concert.

*Sponsored by the Academy for the Arts at First Baptist Church of Asheville*

**Wednesday Evening Activities Resume January 4 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Adults: Chapel Bible Study**

***The Gospel of Matthew: The Life, Death, and Resurrection of the Messiah***  
**Crouch Chapel • Led by Mack Dennis**

This winter Bible study will engage some of the Gospel of Matthew's most inspiring and perplexing passages. We will pay special attention to Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount, his miracles and parables, and, as we come closer to Holy Week, the passion and resurrection narratives. Each lesson will highlight how the distinctiveness of Matthew's account of Jesus carries direct applications for being disciples today. The first week, January 4, we will begin by exploring the meaning of the Wise Men's journey to Bethlehem. Come and join us!

**Youth: Agape**

Jesus teaches us that the greatest commandment is to love God with all of our mind, heart, soul, and strength, and that is exactly how we structure our Wednesday evening youth gatherings. Each week of the month offers a different experience, as we use our minds through thoughtful discussions of faith & culture (week 1), use our hearts through our First Shine 2 ministry for young adults with special needs (week 2), use our souls through creative projects and activities (week 3), and use our strength in local service projects and excursions (week 4).

**Children: Agapekids**

This is a time for preschoolers and children to participate in missions, faith development, and worship. Our older children will focus on spiritual formation while learning about community and participating in missions while our younger children will learn Bible Stories, do missions, and participate in faith-based music education sessions.



**KIDS CONNECT --- SUNDAYS @ 9:35 A.M.**

**BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL AGES --- SUNDAYS @ 9:45 A.M.**

**YOUTH HANDBELLS --- SUNDAYS @ 2:00 P.M.**

**ASHEVILLE YOUTH CHOIRS --- SUNDAYS @ 3:00 P.M.**

**YOUTH KOINONIA --- SUNDAYS @ 4:30 P.M.**

**AGAPEKIDS --- WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00 P.M.**

**YOUTH AGAPE --- WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00 P.M.**

**Get Connected**

**Have Fun**

**Grow in Faith!**

**Tuesday Bible Study • Disciple: Invitation to Romans**  
**January 10 – February 28 • 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. • MB302**

**Facilitated by Ginny Morris and Tommy Bratton**

It is difficult to overstate the importance of Romans in the Christian tradition. Some of the great formers and re-formers of church teaching were themselves formed by their reading of Romans. As a result, Paul's teachings in Romans come to us mediated through the history of the church's interpretations of his letter. The challenge of reading Romans, then, is to learn to have our own interpretive conversation with the text itself, in spite of centuries of commentary on the text. Register for this small group by emailing April Nance, [anance@fbca.net](mailto:anance@fbca.net), or by calling the church office at 252.4781.

# HELPING FRIENDS stay WARM



## A Sleeping Bag and Blanket Appeal

Help us restock our supplies of blankets and sleeping bags. Bring your lightly used heavy blankets and sleeping bags. We'll pass them along to the guests at *Lunch at the Crossroads*. Drop these off in the game room. We'll find a good place for them. If you don't already have some blankets and sleeping bags, stop by Goodwill and pick some up.

### Did You Know?

Pray for our mission team in Cuba! Amy Durchack, Bud Hughes, Steve Metcalf, Martha & Jim Worley, and our interpreter, Mark Siler are on mission from December 30 - January 6 in Las Tunas, Cuba with our friends at Eloheim Church. They will share New Year's fellowship with them and complete the following tasks:

- Install another water filtration system using Sawyer filters
- Participate in an anniversary service at Eloheim Church and neighboring churches
- Deliver prayer books that the FBCA children have made to share with the Cuban children
- Deliver books in English/Spanish that FBCA children have selected to start a lending library at the Eloheim Church
- Take instruments and a sound system that will be used by the FBCA youth on their trip next summer plus needed medicines and personal items to church members

Pray as they explore future opportunities with our friends in eastern Cuba.

### Making a Connection

January 1, 2017

1st-time guest

2nd-time guest

3rd-time guest

Regular attendee

Member

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Change in contact information

**Email** (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age** (please check)

Preschool

Grade

<18

18-29

30s

40s

50s

60s

70s

80+

*Tear off this card and place in the offering plate when it is passed or hand to the minister at the close of worship.*