

Tell us about your prayer requests:

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, January 15

<i>Kids Connect</i>	9:35 a.m.
Bible Study for All Ages	9:45 a.m.
Worship (<i>Preschool Care</i>)	11:00 a.m.
Youth Handbells	2:00 p.m.
Asheville Youth Choirs	3:00 p.m.
Snack Social	4:00 p.m.
Youth: Koinonia	4:30 p.m.
Adult Handbells	4:30 p.m.
Youth SLT Meeting	5:30 p.m.

Monday, January 16

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 17

<i>Invitation to Romans</i> Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Senior Adults: <i>Jubilee</i>	11:00 a.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 18

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.
Brass Quintet	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 19

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.

Connect Now

Freedom. Friendship. Faith.

January 15, 2017

Engaging Faith, Engaging Community

Deep faith leads to a shared faith with our neighbors and strangers alike. It is a traveling faith as well. In the coming years, we will meet our community outside our walls, engaging and loving them where they are. We will move into new venues, modeling the love of Jesus and inviting others into relationship with God and with us.

Encouraging church members to commit themselves more fully to the work of the church of Jesus Christ. Our challenge will be to grow deeper together, engaging our faith life more fully and whole-heartedly. This will show up in our attendance and prayer life, our friendships and study of the Bible. Engaging faith will connect us in more meaningful ways to God and one another.

Senior Adults: Jubilee • Tuesday, January 17 • 11:00 a.m. • Dining Room

All Senior Adults are invited to join us for fellowship, entertainment, and a delicious meal. This month's program is titled, Planning for Your Future. The cost is \$3 for the meal and first-time guests eat free. Contact Leah Brown at 252.4781 for more information.

Chapel Bible Study • Wednesday, January 18 • Chapel • Led by Mack Dennis

The Gospel of Matthew: The Life, Death, and Resurrection of the Messiah

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. Come and join us!

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.

Children



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!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN 2017

Save the Dates *Get Involved*

Engage our Community

MANNA FoodBank • Tuesday, February 14 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Help pack and sort food with fellow FBCA members to care for people in our community facing food shortages. Sign-up in the Atrium or contact Sarah Whitlock at swhitlock@fbca.net or 252.4781.

MANNA FoodBank • 4th Thursday of the month • 1:00 p.m.

A wonderful group of senior adults meets every 4th Thursday of each month at J & S Cafeteria at Riveridge at 11:45 a.m. for lunch. The group then heads to MANNA FoodBank at 1:00 p.m. to sort and pack food for the hungry throughout our region. It is a monthly moment of fellowship and service. Like to join them? Contact Ed Graham at edgraham03@gmail.com or 628.5857.

Room in the Inn • February 26 – March 4, 2017

We will be hosting and providing a safe haven for women to stay who are transitioning out of homelessness. Multiple volunteer opportunities are available including cooking a warm meal, transporting the women during the day, staying as an overnight host, bringing fresh flowers, making care packages and more. Contact Dorothy Porter at dorothy.porter01@gmail.com or 778.2010 to volunteer.

Join the Vanderbilt Bible Study

Join a team of senior adults who lead Bible study and fellowship at Vanderbilt Apartments every other Tuesday from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Share food and relationships. Be a part of the conversation. Get to know a new friend. Contact Ed Graham at edgraham03@gmail.com or 628.5857.

Adopt the Vanderbilt/Battery Park Food Pantry

Many of the residents at Vanderbilt and Battery Park live on less than \$700 per month. Near the end of the month, some have to choose between food and medicine. We can help by stocking their emergency food pantry overseen by the Resident Services Coordinators of the two facilities. These trained social workers partner with residents to improve day-to-day living. Your small group or Bible study class may want to adopt a month or a full year, taking up mini collections of targeted items and delivering them to the pantry. Contact Ed Graham at edgraham03@gmail.com or 628.5857.

Kairos Prison Ministries

Kairos Prison Ministries spiritually trains and sends teams of clergy and laity persons into correctional facilities to share the love of Jesus to those that are incarcerated. Team members build relationships by returning monthly for Kairos Reunions and by participating in weekly letter writing. We need team members to help support our INSIDE teams by working on the outside. Contact Mark Embler at member@charter.net or 258.2278 to get involved.

Did You Know?

First Baptist Church of Asheville thrives through its volunteers! Each week, over 75 feed the hungry, tutor children, or share in some other mission. 50 or so teach adults the Bible. 20 nurture the faith of our youth while another 35 tend the journeys of our children. While literally hundreds participate in our music programs, 20 plus volunteers sort music or welcome students at AFTA or organize for the next service. Others help with administrative and hospitality needs in our church office or Wednesday church fellowship meals. Think of these as souls responding to and nurturing that light that comes into the world at Christmas. At first, just a small flame. But, how it shines as we welcome the love of God into our lives.

You can join in sharing this sacred light with the world. Grab a friend. Organize a small group. Find a mission for your Bible study class. On the facing page, we have some new ways you can make a difference. Take that step by calling those listed or contacting the church office. You can also complete the Connect Now card and simply note the ways you want to be involved. Someone will be in touch.

Making a Connection

January 15, 2017

- 1st-time guest
- 2nd-time guest
- 3rd-time guest
- Regular attender
- 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.