

Tell us about your prayer requests:

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, March 5

<i>Kids Connect</i>	9:35 a.m.
<i>Compass</i>	9:45 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.
Personnel Committee	3:00 p.m.
Snack Social	4:10 p.m.
Youth <i>Koinonia</i>	4:10 p.m.
Adult Handbells	4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 6

Deacons' Meeting	6:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, March 7

<i>Bach's Lunch</i>	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, March 8

Fellowship Meal	5:00 p.m.
Agape Kids	6:00 p.m.
Youth: Agape	6:00 p.m.
Celtic Evening Liturgy	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 9

Lunch at the Crossroads	Noon
Zumba	6:00 p.m.

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.

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 _____

Connect Now

Freedom. Friendship. Faith.

March 5, 2017

Celtic Evening Liturgy

Wednesdays, March 8 – April 5 • 6:00 p.m. • Crouch Chapel

You are invited to this contemplative evening worship experience, with prayers and liturgy informed by the Celtic tradition. This service invites you to enter into a place of rest, prayer, and reflection. The atmosphere is one of stillness and peace. Musically, you will hear expressions from Celtic and other local traditions. Silence has a place of importance at various intervals as well. Visually you can expect to see a darkened space with many lighted candles. Each week, Mack Dennis will lead a homily around the Lenten themes of giving alms, saying prayers, fasting, healing, and penance and reconciliation. Often, you will hear testimony from one of our church members. Agape kids will explore the same Lenten themes on Wednesday nights. This will deepen Lenten reflections and practices for the whole family and will enrich your journey through this season.

The Celtic Evening Liturgy is a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend, family member, or acquaintance to join you. This service is intended to be inclusive and welcoming of all people. We invite you to this experience, hoping it will allow you a deeper place of spiritual attentiveness, a place where you experience God in your midst.

Lenten Worship • Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

March 12, Second Sunday in Lent

The Beginning of Faith • Genesis 12:1-4a

Come Down, O Love Divine by Ralph Vaughn Williams, Adult Choir

March 19, Third Sunday in Lent

How to Come to Worship • Psalm 95

O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord by Emma Lou Diemer, Adult Choir; service music by the Youth Handbell Choir

March 26, Fourth Sunday in Lent

How Jesus Prays • John 9:1-41

The King of Love My Shepherd Is, arr. Dan Forrest, Adult Choir and FBCA Orchestra; service music by the FBCA Orchestra

April 2, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Guest preacher, Dr. Bill Sherman

My Jesus, I Love Thee, arr. Paul Sjolund, Adult Choir; service music by the Adult Handbell Choir

Children



& Youth

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 @ 4:10 P.M.

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

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

Get Connected

Have Fun

Grow in Faith!



ORGAN CONCERT

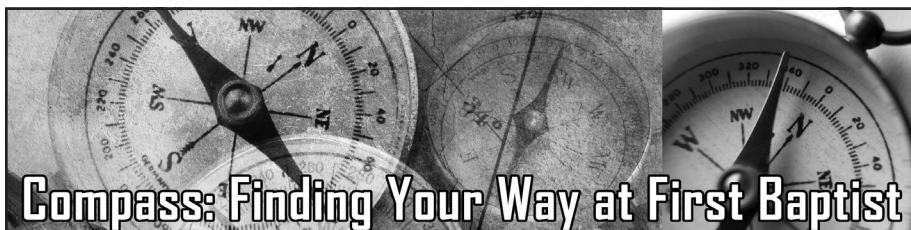
Bach's Lunch

Tate Addis, organist

featuring works from J.S. Bach, George Baker, Walter Hilse, Al Travis

Tuesday, March 7 - 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



Sundays, March 12, 19, 26 • 9:45-10:35 a.m. • Conference Dining Room

If you are new to the First Baptist Church of Asheville family, or if you've been here for a while and are interested in getting more deeply involved in the mission and ministry of the church, please join the ministers for this time of fellowship and conversation about our faith tradition, our worship life, and the many ways to be a part of this community of faith. Compass is an opportunity to ask questions about the church, meet the ministerial staff, get to know other people on their journey of faith and church connection, and learn how to get involved in our common life and ministry.

During our time together, we will provide a brief orientation to our ministries, talk about our worship and the ways we read and interpret scripture together, and discuss next steps for becoming more involved. Each week will be led by one or more of our ministers. Contact Tommy Bratton at 828.252.4781 for more information.

Enneagram: The Road Back to You

Wednesdays, March 15 – April 12 • 9:00-11:00 a.m. • MB303 • Led by Laura Addis

Ignorance is bliss – except in self-awareness. What you don't know about yourself can hurt you and your relationships – and even keep you in the shallows with God. Do you want help figuring out who you are and why you're stuck in the same ruts? The Enneagram is an ancient personality type system with an uncanny accuracy in describing how human beings are wired, both positively and negatively. In *The Road Back to You*, Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile forge a unique approach – a practical, comprehensive way of accessing Enneagram wisdom and exploring its connections with Christian spirituality for a deeper knowledge of ourselves, compassion for others, and love for God. **This series requires pre-registration and purchase of a workbook (\$10).** Contact April Nance, anance@fbcas.net, to register.

Sacred Garden Informational Session

Wednesday, March 15 • 5:15-5:45 p.m. • Conference Dining Room

The Sacred Garden Team invites you to meet in the Conference Dining Room on the dates and times listed above to learn more about how you can purchase a niche/memorial plaque or support the garden with a gift. If you have any questions or want an informational packet about the garden, please contact Leah Brown at 252-4781.



Helping Friends with Gifts of Food

Grab a green FBCA bag this Sunday. Take it home and fill it up with the items on the attached list. We'll share these gifts of food through our own pantry as well as outside agencies. Thank you for the difference you make through these simple gifts. Bring your bags back by March 19.

We Need Your Children's Clothing

Our clothes closet needs clothing for babies and young children. Bring these items and drop them off in the game room. Thank you for your donations as we help young families at Lunch @ the Cross Roads and beyond.

FBCA Men's Softball

Come out for a great time of fun and fellowship. Registration is due mid-March. Season starts end of April. Sign-up in the atrium or contact Carlos Collazo at 545.1468, ccollazo@borgwarner.com or Tim Wilson at 244.7814.

Did You Know?

Lent is a season of 40 days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. This 40-day period represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring temptation and preparing to begin his ministry of reconciliation. Lent is typically a time of self-examination, reflection and repentance, in preparation for the coming of Easter. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the 40 days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter."

Making a Connection

March 5, 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.