

Tell us about your prayer requests:

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 _____

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, March 12

Kids Connect 9:35 a.m.
Compass 9:45 a.m.
 Bible Study for All Ages 9:45 a.m.
 Worship (*Preschool Care*) 11:00 a.m.
 Youth Handbells 2:00 p.m.
 Asheville Youth Choirs 3:00 p.m.
 Snack Social 4:10 p.m.
 Youth: *Koinonia on the Road* 4:30 p.m.
 Adult Handbells 4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 13

Crossroads Parents' Meeting 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 14

Christian Crafters 1:30 p.m.
 Zumba Toning 5:00 p.m.
 Zumba 6:00 p.m.
 Yoga 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15

Fellowship Meal 5:00 p.m.
 Sacred Garden Meeting 5:15 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 16

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.

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March 12, 2017

Scriptural Stations of the Cross

The Via Dolorosa (Latin, "Way of Sorrows" or simply "Painful Way") is a road within Jerusalem that is said to be the path that Jesus walked, carrying his cross, on the way to his crucifixion. This 2,000 ft path is today marked by nine Stations of the Cross, with a remaining five stations located inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. From the past centuries through today, the Via Dolorosa is a celebrated place of Christian pilgrimage. The faithful and seekers alike come to walk the path that Jesus walked, searching their own hearts and discovering Jesus' path of self-giving love.



One of our church's young adults, Allison Royal, has shared her artistic gift by painting these fourteen Stations of the Cross, which are now hung in Crouch Chapel. We invite you to stop by the chapel sometime during this Lenten season to reflect on these paintings and to listen for the voice of God's Spirit speaking to you. There will be a booklet with scripture, prayers, and questions to guide your journey through the Stations, reflecting on Jesus' journey, as well as your own.

Celtic Evening Liturgy

Wednesdays through 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.

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 @ 4:10 P.M.
AGAPEKIDS --- WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00 P.M.
YOUTH AGAPE --- WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00 P.M.

Get Connected
Have Fun
Grow in Faith!

Compass: Finding Your Way at First Baptist

Sundays, March 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@fbca.net, to register.

Sacred Garden Info. Session • March 15 • 5:15 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.

Jubilee Luncheon • Tuesday, March 21 • 11:00 a.m. • Crocker Auditorium

All senior adults are invited to join us for fellowship, programs that inspire, entertain, and inform, and a meal in our Dining Room. This month's program features the A.C. Reynolds Madrigal Singers. The cost is \$3 for the meal and first-time guests eat free. Please contact Leah Brown at 252.4781 or lbrown@fbca.net for more information.

First Baptist Church of Asheville Golf Tournament

Thursday, March 30 • Etowah Valley Golf Club • Tee times begin at 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$45 per person (includes lunch) • A box lunch will be provided at the start.

This is a golf social outing for us to meet other members with like interests and to get to know others at First Baptist Church of Asheville. You do not have to register a foursome. Everyone will be divided up across age, gender, etc. We are also looking for business owners within our church to sponsor holes for some prizes. We hope to have longest drive, closest to the pin, best shot/worst shot. All for fun!

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 at the Crossroads* 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.

Lenten Worship Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

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

April 9, Palm Sunday

Who Is This? • Matthew 21:1-11
Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates
by William Matthias
Our children will process with palm
branches.

Did You Know?

First Baptist Church of Asheville sponsors the Academy for the Arts at First Baptist (AFTA). Through this ministry, three community choirs will be sharing in churches throughout our community in the Lenten season. On March 5, the Concert Choir, grades 3-6, sang at St. Mark's Lutheran. Today, the Middle School Chorale will sing at Abernethy United Methodist Church while the High School Chorale will lead in worship at Trinity Methodist. The Middle and High School Chorales will share in worship at FBCA on Youth Sunday, April 30. About 100 students are involved in the four AFTA choirs, Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Making a Connection

March 12, 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.