

Tell us about your prayer requests:

Please contact me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**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 19

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| <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. |
| Christian Form. Council: Adult    | 12:15 p.m. |
| Youth Handbells                   | 2:00 p.m.  |
| Asheville Youth Choirs            | 3:00 p.m.  |
| Snack Social                      | 4:10 p.m.  |
| Youth: <i>Koinonia</i>            | 4:30 p.m.  |
| Adult Handbells                   | 4:30 p.m.  |
| FBCA Orchestra Rehearsal          | 5:30 p.m.  |

#### Tuesday, March 21

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| 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, March 22

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| Enneagram Book Discussion | 9:00 a.m. |
| 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. |
| FBCA Orchestra Rehearsal  | 7:00 p.m. |

#### Thursday, March 23

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| Lunch at the Crossroads | Noon      |
| Missions Council        | 5:30 p.m. |
| Zumba                   | 6:00 p.m. |

#### Friday, March 25

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| Youth Hike | 2:00 p.m. |
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#### 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.



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# Connect Now

Freedom. Friendship. Faith.

March 19, 2017

### Celtic Evening Liturgy • Wednesdays through April 5 • 6:00 p.m. • Crouch Chapel

*This week's theme is Fasting.*

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. The Celtic Evening Liturgy is a wonderful opportunity to invite others 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.

### 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](mailto:lbrown@fbca.net) for more information.

### Youth Hiking Trip • Saturday, March 25 • 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth are invited to meet at FBCA and share in a short but picturesque hike to Fryingpan Tower. Everyone should bring a water bottle and money for dinner, and sign up in the Youth Assembly Room in order to ensure adequate transportation.

### 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 26.

### Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies in memory or in honor of a loved one may now be ordered for the sanctuary. Lilies will have at least one open bloom, in a six inch pot. Order forms are available online and throughout the church. Please return completed form with payment to the church office by Sunday, April 9. You may collect your lily following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Easter morning. For more information contact Tracey Jenkins at [tjenkins@fbca.net](mailto:tjenkins@fbca.net) or 252.4781.

## 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 @ 4:30 P.M.**
- AGAPEKIDS --- WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00 P.M.**
- YOUTH AGAPE --- WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00 P.M.**

**Get Connected**  
**Have Fun**  
**Grow in Faith!**

## We Need 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.

## Food for Thought Lunch Conversations

**Sunday, April 2 • 12:15 p.m. • Dining Room • Cost: \$5**

*Food for Thought* involves sharing a meal around tables and thinking together about challenging issues in a safe, respectful, confidential, and loving way. The conversation at this first luncheon will be on the topic of our Christian response to migrants and refugees. Registrants will receive background materials to read prior to the luncheon. Mark your calendars and join us. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** To register, email April Nance, [anance@fbca.net](mailto:anance@fbca.net), or call the church office.

## Holy Week Worship

### Maundy Thursday Worship

**Thursday, April 13 • 6:00 p.m. • Sanctuary**

Hymns, scriptural meditation, and a special observance of the Lord's Supper will help worshippers to faithfully remember the sacrifice and example of Christ.

### Good Friday Service • Friday, April 14 • Noon • Chapel

Recalling the death of Jesus and offering prayers for the world will make this 30-minute experience of worship simple, yet powerful.

### Palm Sunday Worship

**Sunday, April 9 • 11:00 a.m. • Sanctuary**

*Who is This?*

Matthew 21:1-11

*Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates* by William Mathias

Our children will process with palm branches.

### Choral Vespers

**Sunday, April 9 • 6:00 p.m. • Sanctuary**

Scriptural and choral reflections on the events of Christ's Passion with music by Duruflé, Bach, Gjeilo, Rutter, and contemporary sacred music. The service will be led by the Adult Choir and instrumentalists, and will include communion in preparation for Holy Week. Childcare will be available for preschoolers.

### Easter Worship • Sunday, April 16

#### Sunrise Service

**7:00 a.m. • Sacred Garden**

*Directions from the Tomb*  
(Breakfast to follow)

#### Sanctuary Worship

**8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

*Greetings!*

Matthew 28:1-10

Our Easter celebration will include baptism and communion.

## Making a Connection

March 19, 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.*

## Did You Know?

These past two Wednesdays, more than 150 people gathered in Crouch Chapel to practice the Celtic evening liturgy of contemplative prayer and reflection. In the Celtic expression of Christianity, the Trinity is foundational, as is a love for scripture, radical commitment to those on the margins of society, living out of a passion for peace and justice by critically engaging contemporary culture, and recognizing the inherent goodness of creation, convinced that the beloved community we seek must be embodied in the faith we practice. We have heard homilies by Mack on Lenten themes of alms and prayer, listened to Allison Royal share her experience of the divine, enjoyed original songs by Donna Lewis and Brew Davis, and found a deeper space within us to listen for God's voice speaking to us. Come join us these next few weeks and discover a renewed sense of peace and joy in your Lenten journey.