

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 26

<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.
Asheville Youth Choirs	3:00 p.m.
Snack Social	4:10 p.m.
Youth: <i>Koinonia</i>	4:30 p.m.
Cuba Training	5:30 p.m.
Adult Handbells	4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 27

Missions Council	5:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, March 28

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

Wednesday, March 29

Enneagram Book Discussion	9:30 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.
Youth Handbells	7:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 30

Zumba	6:00 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.



For more information visit www.fbca.net.

Connect Now

Freedom. Friendship. Faith.

March 26, 2017

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 BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29.** To register, email April Nance, anance@fbca.net, or call the church office.

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

This week's theme is Healing.

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.

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!

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 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!**

Palm Sunday Worship

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

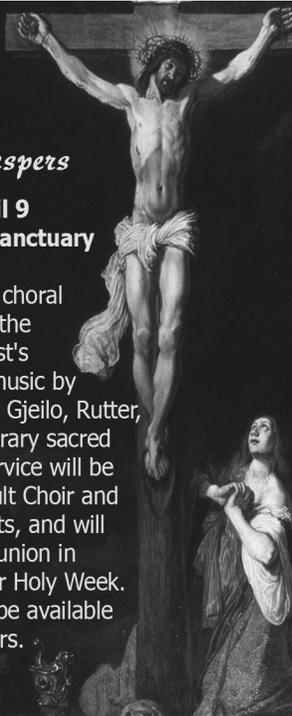
Who is This?
Matthew 21:1-11
Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates
by William Mathias

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.



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.

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 26, 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+

Did You Know?

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as *Laetare Sunday*. *Laetare* is a Latin word which means "rejoice" (see Isaiah 66:10). Our journey toward the cross grows closer but so does our anticipation of the new life of Easter. In Lent, each Sunday is considered a mini-Easter to remind us that our Lenten time of reflection and repentance is not a season without hope.

When we arrive at Easter morning, we will celebrate Christ's resurrection with our first annual sunrise service in the Sacred Garden, followed by breakfast together. Call the church office at 252.4781 if you are planning to attend the breakfast.

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