

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, September 10

Kids Connect	9:35 a.m.
Bible Study for All Ages	9:45 a.m.
Generosity Breakfast	9:45 a.m.
Worship (Preschool Care)	11:00 a.m.
Ministry Council Lunch	Noon
Youth Handbells	2:00 p.m.
Asheville Youth Choirs	3:00 p.m.
Children/Youth Snack Social	4:10 p.m.
Youth: Koinonia	4:30 p.m.
Adult Handbells	4:30 p.m.

Monday, September 11

Men's Day Ministry (M-TH)	9:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting/Orientation	5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 12

<i>Disarming Scripture</i> Study	9:30 a.m.
Christian Crafters	1:30 p.m.
Zumba	6:00 p.m.
Yoga	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13

Senior Adult Leadership	1:00 p.m.
CAP Teacher Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Fellowship Meal	5:00 p.m.
<i>Agapekids</i>	6:00 p.m.
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Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 14

<i>Lunch at the Crossroads</i>	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.

Connect Now

Freedom. Friendship. Faith.

September 10, 2017

Disarming Scripture • Tuesdays, September 12 – November 14 (10 weeks)

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. • MB303 • Led by Tommy Bratton

For many Christians the problem of violence in Scripture can result in a crisis of faith - especially when we see how such passages have been used throughout history to justify horrific bloodshed in God's name.

Moving beyond typical approaches, which seek to either defend or whitewash over violence in the Bible, this study will take a more compelling approach: Learning to read the Bible like Jesus did. Along the way the group will consider important issues, ranging from passages commanding genocide and infanticide in the Old Testament to passages in the New Testament that have been used to justify slavery, child abuse, and state violence. The take-away is an approach to Scripture that not only sees questioning as an acceptable part of a healthy faith, but as an absolutely essential part of it.

Contact April Nance at anance@fbca.net or 828.252.4781 to register. Cost for book will be \$18.

Wednesdays for Adults • Now through October 25 • 6:00 p.m. • Chapel • Led by Mack Dennis

Don't "Drown the Dippers", Yet! An Invitation to a New Baptist Adventure

When local magistrates once consulted Swiss reformer Huldrych Zwingli (1484-1531) about the fate of several Anabaptists, he called for their execution by saying, "Drown the Dippers." There are many today who might echo his decree. As tarnished as the Baptist name has become, it's no wonder that churches are considering whether to keep "Baptist" in their title. But rather than distance ourselves from our history, this two-month study will invite us to re-envision our Baptist identity, and equip us to repurpose for our own time the prophetic witness of the earliest Baptists. By pairing (mainly) Old Testament prophets with Baptist "saints" through the centuries, we'll explore Scripture and history together, while turning a prophetic eye to contemporary challenges. Who knows...we might find that being Baptist is still just as full of heart-pounding adventure as it was for the first Baptist "dippers" who called the church to faithfulness.

Living Into Our Generous Hearts • Saturday, September 30

Live into your generous heart on Saturday, September 30, at the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth, and Families, a local partner serving children and youth from across WNC. More than 100 members and friends of First Baptist Church of Asheville will tackle 16 projects with jobs for every age group and skill level. Sign up in the Atrium September 10, 17, and 24. Show up on September 30 at 8:30 a.m. to paint, plant, and make a difference. A free church-wide cookout will follow with games and fellowship until 2:00 p.m. If you need transportation to Black Mountain Home, contact the church office at 828.252.4781. Contact Martha Worley at 828.713.3948 or mlsworley@gmail.com for more information. Black Mountain Home is located at 80 Lake Eden Road in Black Mountain, NC.



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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.	

LOOKING

Above & Beyond

BEING CALLED
OURSELVES

*Then the Lord said to Moses,
"I am going to rain bread from heaven for you . . ."*

Celebrating God's Call to Generosity Opportunities Across September 2017

In a new season of vibrant ministry in our church, we look ABOVE to God as we are called BEYOND ourselves to love and serve. Across the month of September, we will celebrate God's generous ways with us and the difference we can make as we live that generosity into the lives of others. Here are seven ways you can share in this chorus of gratitude...

- Worship through the month as we consider God's call to live generously as an extraordinary glimpse into the kingdom of heaven.
- Fill a food bag to help the hungry in our community.
- Attend a breakfast on Sunday, September 17 from 9:45-10:30 a.m. to hear more about how your gifts make a difference in our community.
- Today, give to our Homeward Bound Love Offering. 100% of the offering will go to help fund successful "move-in" needs for people moving out of homelessness.
- Explore ministry in Haiti with Jenny Jenkins, RN at a luncheon on September 17 following the 11:00 a.m. service. Look for ways to give or serve. Reservations required by TODAY.. Call the church office at 828.252.4781 to sign up.
- Read Highlights and develop your Annual Giving Plan to support all we are doing as a congregation. Share your plan in worship on September 24.
- Serve on September 30 as we gather at Black Mountain Children's Home to complete mission projects throughout that campus followed by a church cookout. Projects will be geared to people of all ages and skills. Our day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. Sign up in the Atrium on today or Sundays, September 17 and 24.

Room in the Inn • September 17-23

Urgent: Overnight hosts needed for Thursday, September 21, Friday, September 22, and Saturday, September 23. We will be hosting and providing a safe haven for women 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 828.778.2010 to get involved and nurture friendship and fellowship with these women and fellow FBCA members.

Crossroads Afterschool Program Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to become part of the Crossroads Afterschool Program for kindergarten through third grades. There are approximately 24 at-risk students from Claxton and Jones elementary schools who attend this program. The needs are for tutors, recreation leaders, and bus drivers. The program will begin on October 4 and conclude on May 16. Please contact Susan Burns at 242.5921 or Everette Clark at 779.8079 with your yes.

Making a Connection

September 10, 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 Asheville Youth Choirs (AYC), sponsored by the Academy for the Arts at First Baptist Church of Asheville, begins a new year this afternoon. These choirs are community ensembles allowing children and youth to come together to make music and share goodness with our city and beyond. Transcending the false barriers of school choice, family structure, race or socio-economic status, AYC creates peace and bonds of commonality. This year more than 170 students will be involved in the four choirs!

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