

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, November 12

Kids Connect	9:35 a.m.
Bible Study for All Ages	9:45 a.m.
Worship (Preschool Care)	11:00 a.m.
AFTA Advisory Team	Noon
Youth Handbells	2:00 p.m.
Asheville Youth Choirs	3:00 p.m.
Children/Youth Snack Social	4:10 p.m.
Youth: <i>Koinonia</i>	4:30 p.m.

#### Monday, November 13

Men's Day Program (M-TH)	9:00 a.m.
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#### Tuesday, November 14

<i>The Great Spiritual Migration</i>	10:00 a.m.
Ministers' Book Discussion	
Christian Crafters	1:30 p.m.
Zumba	6:00 p.m.
Yoga	6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 15

History Team	4:00 p.m.
Fellowship Meal	5:00 p.m.
<i>Agapekids</i>	6:00 p.m.
<i>Agape</i>	6:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Grief Support Group	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, November 16

<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](http://www.fbca.net).

# Connect Now

Freedom. Friendship. Faith.

November 12, 2017

### Annual Giving Plans

Thanks to more than 334 families who have shared their annual giving plans for 2018. Our missions and ministries will realize over 1.5 million dollars through these gifts. The number includes 35 new households that have promised almost \$85,000 to make a difference through all we do as a community of faith. We are continuing to receive the promises from across our congregation, including many new families who are making plans to come alongside all we hope to do as followers of Jesus in our community and world. If you have not done so, please complete your annual giving plan and turn your card in to the church office. Cards are located throughout the church. Visit [www.fbca.net](http://www.fbca.net) if you would like to complete your annual giving plan online.

### Vote on the 2018 Budget

The congregation will vote on the proposed 2018 Budget at the end of the 11:00 a.m. worship service on November 19. The Finance Committee and Deacons will recommend that the church adopt the proposed 2018 budget of \$2,229,712. Details of the Proposed Budget for 2018 are posted online at [www.fbca.net](http://www.fbca.net). Copies are located around the sanctuary. If you have questions about the proposed budget, please contact Ginny Morris, Vice Chair of Budget Planning, at [mtncabin@charter.net](mailto:mtncabin@charter.net) or 828.299.7204 or David Blackmon at [dblackmon@fbca.net](mailto:dblackmon@fbca.net) or 828-252-4781.

### Baptists: A Still More Excellent Way

At the end of his 2-month Chapel Bible Study, "Don't 'Drown the Dippers,' Yet!", Mack offered a summation of his reflections about the significance and future of Baptist theology and practice, which he invites the congregation to read. You may find a link to his lecture manuscript, "Baptists: A Still More Excellent Way," on the [fbca.net](http://fbca.net) homepage.



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

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

### Wednesdays for Adults

#### Chapel Bible Study: Lived Theology: Sacred Stories of Everyday Life

November 15 • 6:00 p.m. • Chapel • Led by Tommy Bratton

Join us as we consider the actions of God in our embodied, lived experiences of our daily lives.

#### Managing Grief in Our Community of Faith

November 15, 21, 29 • 6:00 p.m. • SC208 • Led by Leah Brown

Grief and loss are difficult subjects to talk about, yet in the past year, many of us have been faced with the pain caused by the death of a friend or family member.

### Join in the Advent Conspiracy

The Advent Conspiracy is a global movement of people and churches resisting the cultural Christmas narrative of consumption by choosing a revolutionary Christmas through Worshiping Fully, Spending Less, Giving More, and Loving All. This movement encourages to giving gifts that make a difference in our community, nation, and world. On November 19, there will be a display in the atrium that will share ways to give to our Crossroads Afterschool Program (CAP), to hurricane relief in Puerto Rico, and to support the ministry in Haiti.

### Jubilee Luncheon • Tuesday, November 21 • 11:00 a.m. • Dining Room

All Senior Adults are invited to join us for fellowship, entertainment, and a delicious meal.

The cost is \$3 for the meal and first-time guests eat free! This month's program features the Asheville Middle School Band. Contact Leah Brown at 828.252.4781 or lbrown@fbca.net for more information.

### Celtic Evening Liturgy • November 21 (Tuesday), 29, December 6 • 6:00 p.m. • Chapel

As we enter the holiday seasons, it is important for us to pause and give thanks. Too often, in our rush, we forget that we are beloved children of God (and so is everyone else). We get distracted by the sights and sounds of the seasons and the demands on our time and energy. We even miss out on the simple and abundant gifts God gives us.

You are invited to come and gather with us for a Celtic Evening Liturgy, an expression of worship that draws on ancient Christian practices, and includes liturgical elements drawn from the rich, contemplative traditions of our faith. This service invites you to enter into a place of prayer, preparation, and reflection. The atmosphere is one of stillness and peace.

- Live with Gratitude - November 21 (Wednesday on Tuesday)
- Worship Fully - November 29
- Love All - December 6

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.



### Making a Connection

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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?

FBCA members will be at Craggy Correctional Facility on November 16-19 to share in Kairos, a weekend of prayer and spiritual nurture for up to 42 residents of that facility. Be in prayer for Dennis Hill and Mark Emblar as they go inside to meet with these men. Frances Corbin will be supporting the team's day-to-day needs as part of the outside team. Amy Stertz, Minister with Children and Families, is leading our children this Wednesday in making table decorations with words of encouragement for the leaders and residents of the INSIDE weekend. Each year, FBCA members have been participating in up to three Kairos INSIDE teams. Thank you for your prayers as these reach out to those in prison.

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