

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, December 3

Creation Care Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Kids Connect	9:35 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.
Children/Youth Snack Social	4:10 p.m.
Youth: <i>Koinonia</i>	4:30 p.m.
Hanging of the Green/Reception	7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 4

Men's Day Program (M-TH)	9:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5

Bach's Lunch	12:05 p.m.
Christian Crafters	1:30 p.m.
Zumba	6:00 p.m.
Yoga	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6

Fellowship Meal	5:00 p.m.
Disciple Information Meeting	5:30 p.m.
<i>Agapekids</i>	6:00 p.m.
Youth: <i>Agape</i>	6:00 p.m.
Celtic Evening Liturgy	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 7

Lunch at the Crossroads	Noon
Zumba	6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 8

Youth Christmas Party	6:00 p.m.
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Saturday, December 9

AYC Dress Rehearsal	1:00 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.

December 3, 2017

Hanging of the Green • TONIGHT • 7:00 p.m. • Sanctuary

This beloved service of preparing the church sanctuary for the season includes the hanging of wreaths and garland, the procession of poinsettias, trimming the Chrismon tree, and bringing "White Christmas" gifts for the community. Carol singing will be accompanied by the FBCA Orchestra and the annual Advent reception follows in the Atrium.

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 giving gifts that make a difference in our community, nation, and world. There is 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, and walk along side our Baptist partners in Cuba.

Celtic Evening Liturgy • Wednesday, December 6 • 6:00 p.m. • Chapel

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.

Disciple Bible Study

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study is a 34 week, in depth study of Scripture. While it requires commitment, preparation, and participation, the goal is not to pass a test on Biblical facts but to be nourished and transformed by God's Word.

If you've tried to read the Bible on your own and lost the momentum to get all the way through, reading in community will keep you going. If you've only read parts of the Bible, Disciple helps you make connections and feel the unity of Scripture. If you've read the Bible before, it's time to read it again and hear what it says for your life today.

A group is forming now and will begin meeting on Sunday mornings in January. If you are interested in learning more, please call Debbie Miller at 274.9553 or attend the information session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6 in MB306.

Youth/Young Adults Ski Trip • January 5-7 • Winter Place, WV

Registration for the Youth & Young Adult Ski Trip closes this Tuesday, December 5. We will travel to Glade Springs Resort in Ghent, WV for a weekend of skiing, snowboard, tubing at Winterplace, and enjoying friendships and time together. Our group will stay in lodge-style housing at Glade Springs Resort. The cost is \$155/person. Register online or by contacting Sarah Whitlock at 252.4781 or swhitlock@fbca.net.



- 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!

Advent at First Baptist

Advent Worship • Sunday, December 10 • 11:00 a.m. • Sanctuary *

The Kiss of Peace, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

There Is Peace: AYC Holiday Concert • Sunday, December 10 • 7:00 p.m. • Sanctuary

This joyful and energetic concert will be presented by the four ensembles of the Asheville Youth Choirs (AYC): Prelude Choir (grades K-2), Concert Choir (grades 3-6), the Middle School Chorale and the High School Chorale. AYC are community choirs for children and teenagers sponsored by the Academy for the Arts at First Baptist Church.

Folk Advent Service • Wednesday, December 13 • 6:00 p.m. • Sanctuary *

This year's Folk Advent Service celebrates the Advent season with a look back to simpler days and times. Join the set of a live radio variety show featuring bluegrass musicians, the Midnight Plowboys, reader's theater, storytelling, and loads of fun come to life.

Advent Worship • Sunday, December 17 • 11:00 a.m. • Sanctuary *

The Destiny of Our Tears, Psalm 126

Christ's Light in Us • Sunday, December 17 • 7:00 p.m. • Sanctuary *

The Adult Choir and String Orchestra will offer a concert of carols composed and arranged by living composers. These exquisite, contemporary pieces will express the light of Christ as alive and active in the world today through our faithful living. Included will be works by John Rutter, Dan Forrest, Shawn Kirchner, John Leavitt and a commissioned string orchestration by Kim Andre Arnesen of his celebrated choral composition, *His Light in Us*.

The Advent Lovefeast • Wednesday, December 20 • 6:00 p.m. • Dining Room

The Advent Lovefeast is a beloved tradition and is an integral part of our Advent celebration. Join us for this warm and inviting service of candles, carols, and community. As we gather around the tables and share light finger foods, we will tell stories, sing carols, and enjoy the traditional Moravian buns and hot chocolate, followed by the lighting of our candles of love and faith. Enjoy hot cider and music from the cello ensemble beginning at 5:15 p.m.

Family Christmas Eve Service • Sunday, December 24 • 11:00 a.m. • Sanctuary

Our entire congregation is invited to join us for this family-friendly worship service. This service for children and families will usher in the wonder of Christmas through interactive storytelling, carols, and communion. No childcare will be offered as we invite infants, preschoolers, and children to participate in this service.

Traditional Christmas Eve Service • Sunday, December 24 • 6:00 p.m. • Sanctuary *

The traditions of carols, choral music, communion, and candlelight combine to create a holy welcoming of the Christ Child. The Adult choir will provide beautiful music and Mack Dennis will offer a Christmas Eve message entitled *Pondering Christmas*.

Lessons and Carols • Sunday, December 24 • 9:00 p.m. • Chapel

This service of seven scriptural lessons recounts the story of God's relationship to humanity, culminating in the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Communion and candlelight make this service a unique experience on this holy night. Piano, string, and vocal music will be offered by the Sorrells family, beginning at 8:45 p.m. with a prelude of carols.

* Childcare for infants through kindergarten available.

I Was in Prison and You Visited- December 10 • Noon-2:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Asheville welcomes a deeper calling to ministry with those in prison. Join friends as we explore specific opportunities for training and volunteer work at Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women (SCCW), Craggy Correctional Center, and other regional locations. Hear from a panel of experts and volunteers already active in this field. Identify areas of interest, whether leading Bible study or worship, participating in Kairos retreats, mentoring, or supporting persons in transition out of the corrections system. Sign on to attend a SCCW orientation on January 9 at 6:00 p.m. Lunch is provided on December 10. Sign up for the luncheon by calling the church office at 828-252-4781 or by emailing Sarah Whitlock at swhitlock@fbca.net.

ORGAN CONCERT
Bach's Lunch



Tate Addis, organist

Tuesday, December 5
12:05-12:35 p.m. - Sanctuary
Box lunches available for \$5
following the concert.

*Sponsored by the Academy for the Arts
at First Baptist Church of Asheville.*

Making a Connection

December 3, 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.