

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, January 14

Disciple Bible Study	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.
Becoming a Parable Church Training	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.

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

Becoming a Parable Church Training	5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Meal	5:00 p.m.
Children: Agapekids	6:00 p.m.
Youth: Agape	6:00 p.m.
Visioning Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Chapel Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Enneagram Study	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 18

Lunch at the Crossroads	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.

January 14, 2018

Becoming a Parable Church: Join in the Conversation

What is God's dream for First Baptist Church of Asheville? Discovering this holy work demands all of our voices. Our vision of Becoming a Parable Church demands as many stories as we can collect. Why stories? Wisdom about God's dream for First Baptist will come as each person shares his/her best experiences and deepest hopes from life in this good congregation.

Like to learn more? Review *Highlights* online or pick up a copy at the church. Search for a time you can join **ONE** of these conversations. While signing up for a particular time will help us plan for food and facilitators, all sessions are open to everyone. Come and tell your story!

You may sign up in Bible study, by calling the church office, online at www.fbca.net, or at the tables in the Atrium, Sundays through January 21.

Prepare Now: Ready your heart for this conversation about our church's journey with God by giving some thought to the following prompts that will guide our discussion in these sessions:

- Tell about a time when you felt most alive, most fulfilled, or most enthused about our congregation. Share the story of this best moment. What were you doing? Who was with you? What feeling did you have? What happened as a result?
- Imagine that it is five years from now. Our congregation is living God's call in fresh, vibrant, and powerful ways. What is one or two things you see happening? Who is involved? What good is happening as a result? What value is being expressed?

Wednesdays Fellowship & Formation • Now through January 31 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Please join us each Wednesday evening as we gather to share a meal and fellowship around tables at 5:00 p.m., followed by Bible study and activities for all ages at 6:00 p.m.

• **Preschool and Children:** *Agapekids*

• **Youth:** *Agape*

• **Adults**

Chapel Bible Study • *Jonah: Reluctant Prophet, Merciful God*
Led by Tommy Bratton

Enneagram: The Road Back to You
Deeper Knowledge of Ourselves, Compassion for Others, and Love for God
Room MB304 • Facilitated by Laura Addis
Contact April Nance at 252.4781 or anance@fbca.net to register.

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!

**Jubilee : Hymn Sing with Tate Addis, organist
Tuesday, January 16 • 11:00 a.m. • Sanctuary**

All senior adults are invited to join together for fellowship, programs that inspire, entertain and inform, and a delicious meal. This meal is \$3 per person and free for our first-time guests. Contact Leah Brown at 252.4781 or lbrown@fbca.net for more information.

Mission to Cuba

On January 25-29, six members of First Baptist Church will be joined by two members of Hominy Baptist Church on our trip to Cuba. Part of our role in this trip is to help facilitate Hominy's own partnership with a Cuban Baptist congregation. For our sister congregation in Las Tunas, we will be participating in their yearly "Homecoming" worship. We will be sharing crafts from our children and bringing back some from theirs. There are needed items that we will take with us, such as a blood pressure cuff and a laptop computer. The pastor at Eloheim Baptist is taking seminary classes and needs the computer for her studies. We will also have discussions about future needs at the church and the process of transfer of ownership of the church property so that it is protected from government takeover.

Facts

- FBCA began a partnership with Eloheim Baptist Church in 2014.
- Six teams from FBCA have made "pilgrimages" to Cuba, with the seventh planned for January, 2018.
- The water filtration system we installed at Eloheim Baptist Church is improving the health of children.
- Churches in Cuba often serve as the religious, social, and political hub of their community.
- The average Cuban citizen makes less than the equivalent of \$40 per month.
- Very few pastors in Cuba have cars for travel.

Prayer for Cuba Missions

Please pray with Cliff...Lord, we pray for our fellow Christians in Cuba, especially those in our partner church in Las Tunas. May you bless them in the daily hardships of life. As we pray for them, teach us also your ways in order that we might better embrace all people. Amen...

Request for Needed Items

- Please bring a pair of sunglasses in January to donate to our Haiti Team. The team will be heading out the first week in February to conduct a medical, dental, and eye care clinic. Place donations in the box in the Atrium or bring them to the church office.
- Our clothing closet is in need of warm men's clothing, coats, and shoes. Blankets and sleeping bags are a blessing as well.

Did You Know?

Your paper drink cup here at church is recyclable? It would take about 20 years for that cup to decompose in a sealed landfill.

Have you noticed the bulletin recycle containers outside the sanctuary doors? Those are covered with decorative wooden covers made by a church member. First Baptist has been accepting bulletins and other paper for recycling about 10 years. Also there are containers for recycling plastic and aluminum throughout the building.

Each year, Americans throw away each year is enough to heat 50,000,000 homes for 20 years. Approximately 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the US.

Did you know an aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can 500 years from now? Americans use over 80,000,000,000 aluminum soda cans every year. Once an aluminum can is recycled, it can be part of a new can within 6 weeks.

Americans throw away 25,000,000 plastic beverage bottles every hour! But recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.

The Creation Care Team encourages you to be a good steward of our earth's resources. Find that recycle container and use it.

Making a Connection

January 14, 2018

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.