

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, April 15

Medical Response Team	8:30 a.m.
Disciple Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
Silent Reflection	9:00 a.m.
Kids Connect	9:35 a.m.
Bible Study for All Ages	9:45 a.m.
Worship (Preschool Care)	11:00 a.m.
CFC-Adults	Noon
Youth Handbells	2:00 p.m.
Asheville Youth Choirs	3:00 p.m.
Ordination Service	3:00 p.m.
Children & Youth Social	4:10 p.m.
Youth: Koinonia	4:30 p.m.

Monday, April 16

Finance Committee	6:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, April 17

Jubilee on the Road	9:00 a.m.
Christian Crafters	1:30 p.m.
Zumba	6:00 p.m.
Yoga	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18

History Team Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Fellowship Meal	5:00 p.m.
Kids Agape	6:00 p.m.
Youth: Agape	6:00 p.m.
Small Groups	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 19

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

Friday, April 20

SLT Campout	4:00 p.m.
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Saturday, April 21

First Hands Service Day	9:00 a.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.

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April 15, 2018

SAVE THE DATE: First Hands Service Day, April 21

First Hands Missions Week is April 14-21, with April 21 being our primary day of service. As a congregation, we have identified Hands-On Ministry as one of the most transformational experiences at First Baptist Church. We want to continue to find ways to express our desire to serve others in Christ's name, not only week to week but also in highlighted events. The upcoming First Hands will offer 20 different service opportunities, each with an impact in our community. Each team already has a leader who will provide guidance. There is something for you! Sign up in the Atrium.



Wednesday Fellowship & Formation • Dinner at 5:00 p.m. • Small Groups at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us each Wednesday evening as we gather to share a meal and fellowship around tables, followed by small groups.

Wednesdays, April 11-May 16 • Chapel Bible Study: A Gospel of Hope

Based on a book by beloved and respected author, Walter Brueggemann, we will explore several of God's prophetic utterances in scripture such as: Let there be light! Let my people go! Let justice roll down like mighty waters! This is my beloved Son! Love one another! Fear not, I have called you by name! As we consider these phrases, we will be challenged to reawaken to a life lived in light of the resurrection. Led by Tommy Bratton.

Wednesday, April 11-May 2 • Ruth: Discovering Your Place in God's Story • Prayer Room

Deepen your friendships as you gather around scripture for coloring and conversations. Coloring quiets your heart and mind so that you can enter fully into the story of Ruth. Led by Melinda Hopkins.

Wednesdays, April 11-25 • SC210 • Creation Care: Tending the Fragile Web April 11 – "Gardening with Native Plants"

The value of native plants in the home landscape, with the added bonus of discussion of how we can bring back our crucial pollinators. Led by Diane Almond, Buncombe County Master Gardeners Program.

April 18 - "Composting for the Home Garden"

Why is composting important for our environment? What do I need to know to know to compost at home? Led by John Connelly, Asheville Greenworks.

April 25 - "It's All About Recycling"

Can I recycle my plastic egg carton?----and other questions you have. Come get your questions answered and learn new things about the value and process of recycling. Led by Christine Brown, Asheville Greenworks.

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!

Enriching Our Hospitality and Safety

Beginning today, parking lot volunteers will welcome all to Bible study and worship each Sunday morning. Teams led by Craig Alberghini will make rounds through church parking areas, directing guests to the best entrances and providing a warm "hello" to members and friends. Volunteers will watch over our campus throughout the morning, attending to both hospitality and safety needs, ready to contact help if needed. Beginning at 11:10 a.m., we will secure all building entrances. Greeters will remain on duty to guide worshippers to the front sanctuary doors where an usher can greet them for worship. Team members will receive those arriving after 11:10 a.m. directing them to nursery areas or other entrances. Thank you for helping us welcome all to our campus on Sundays and for your understanding as we enhance our attention to safety and hospitality. In the coming weeks, a medical response team will also be in place. Patsy Brown will be leading this effort as medically trained volunteers respond in the early moments of a health emergency and contact Emergency Medical Services as appropriate. If you have questions about these efforts or would like to volunteer, please contact Beattie Logan, overall coordinator, at beattie.logan@gmail.com.

Ordination of Charlyne Marie Boyette

Today at 3:00 p.m. in Crouch Chapel, our congregation will gather to ordain Charlyne Marie Boyette to the Gospel ministry. All members and friends are invited to worship and share in the laying on of hands as we bless this beloved daughter of God in her unfolding vocation. A reception will follow in the church dining room. Charlyne is a graduate of Campbell University with an undergraduate degree in religion and Master of Divinity in Counseling and Education. She is also a graduate of Elon Law School. Charlyne serves as a Licensed Addiction Specialist and is leading our church in deepening its ministry with those in prison. Charlyne is married to Gray Boyette, also a member of First Baptist.

Earth Day Vigil • April 22 • 5:00–7:00 p.m. • Sacred Garden

The Creation Care Alliance of Western North Carolina invites you to join us for a vigil celebrating God's creation and calling on people of faith to care for it. We will gather outside of First Baptist Church of Asheville for an afternoon of song, reflection, and to hear messages of inspiration and action from local faith and community leaders. All are welcome!

Senior Adults: Jubilee on the Road

We are excited that our first Jubilee on the Road will take place on April 17. Remember that this trip is sold out! We look forward to seeing you at the next Jubilee Luncheon on May 15.

Youth Caswell Spring Retreat

We will depart for Caswell Beach on Friday afternoon, May 25, and return Monday afternoon, May 28. The cost is \$150/student. Registration closes at the end of April.

CBF of Western North Carolina Adult Gathering • Thursday, April 26 • Noon • FBC Waynesville

Popular artist, Ed Kilbourne, is known for his collections of moving music, quirky humor, and insightful monologues. He combines his acoustic guitar and singing with a storytelling style often compared to that of Garrison Keillor.

Individual reservations and payment of \$12 per person may be made online at www.cbfc.org/ events by April 18. Call 888.822.1944 for more information.

Upcoming Eastertide Worship

- Sunday, April 22 • Academy for the Arts (AFTA) Sunday
- Sunday, April 29 • Youth Sunday
- Sunday, May 6 • Senior Adult Sunday

Making a Connection

April 15, 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+

Did You Know?

Are you hungry? Day to day hunger is not something that many of us experience. Sadly, many in our community do suffer from food shortages. Over the next two weeks, you will have the chance to fill a bag with good food to share with our neighbors. Bags are located in the sanctuary and in the atrium. Brings yours by April 29. First Baptist completes these food drives 4 times each year with each focusing on a different agency or need committed to addressing hunger in our community. Each Thursday, our own FBCA Food Pantry send up to 20 guests at Lunch at the Crossroads home with a little more food to get them through the week.

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