



Meet Tate Addis



Growing up in Derby, Kansas, Tate Addis' first introduction to music came from his grandmother, who was organist at the local Presbyterian church. This introduction has led him to work as a church organist, with extensive experience as a solo and collaborative pianist. He has a broad familiarity with jazz and popular music, a passion for improvisation, and a love of the choral repertoire, allowing him to bring a wide range of musical experiences to our congregation.

Tate received a Bachelor of Music (piano) degree from Wichita State University, and a Master of Music and Artist's Certificate (piano) from the University of Missouri – Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance under Robert Weirich. While in Kansas City, Tate served as organist at Second Presbyterian Church from 2008-2013. This experience led him to pursue further training as an organist at Yale University's School of Sacred Music from which he graduated in May of this year with a Master's in Organ Performance. In addition to his studies at Yale, Tate served for two years as the

first Wilson Family Sacred Music Intern at New York City's Brick Presbyterian Church.

Recent organ performances include Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and St. Thomas Church (Fifth Avenue); Kansas City's Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts and Grace, and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral; St. Paul's Chestnut Hill in Philadelphia; and the Rie Bloomfield Organ Series at Wichita State University. As a piano soloist, Tate has appeared with the Jefferson City Symphony Orchestra, Omaha Symphony Orchestra, University of Missouri – Kansas City Conservatory Orchestra, UMKC Wind Symphony, and Wichita State University Symphony Orchestra. As a collaborative pianist, he has performed with many notable musicians including tenor Vinson Cole, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, and violinists Daniel Hope and Benny Kim. Tate was the 2014 recipient of Yale University's Mary Baker Prize for Excellence in Organ Accompanying. Tate and Laura at Biltmore small

Tate married Laura (Larsen) Addis in August of 2014 at her mother's home in Waynesville, NC, overlooking Cold Mountain. Laura has been involved in church ministry since 2000 in both staff and volunteer roles. After receiving Bachelors and Masters degrees, Laura is finishing a Doctorate of Ministry in Christian Spirituality at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Tate will begin his ministry with us in worship on Sunday, August 2, 2015. On Sunday, August 16, following the worship service, we will hold a reception to welcome Tate and his wife Laura to our church family.





Ordinary Time

You have put your swimsuit in the back of the closet. Your passport is in a safe place. The Beach Boys movie is about to go to DVD. Summer is about done. The cooks are checking to see if they have enough charcoal briquettes to get through Labor Day. Teachers are preparing lesson plans. Employees are counting vacation days to see how many are left for December.

On the liturgical calendar we are in what is usually called “ordinary time” or “common time.” Neither title has the ring of “Easter” or “Christmastide.” We may feel like it is time to get back to the routine at church. We have missed a few weeks of Bible study. We are ready to return to choir practice.

The calendar for the next few months includes normal events—leadership training (August 16), communion (August 23), baptism (August 23), deacon ordination (August 30), and a stewardship campaign. We could consider this ordinary time, but we have another option. What if we thought of “leadership training” as “becoming more of the disciple God wants us to be”? What if the Lord’s Supper was the opportunity to dream again? What could be more extraordinary than celebrating new life through baptism outside just like John the Baptist did? What if we saw deacon ordination as one of those rare events in which people volunteer to serve? The theme for our stewardship emphasis is “The Jesus Way.” How uncommon would it be to give like Christ?

We need to be awake, because if we are not we might make the terrible mistake of thinking of education, communion, baptism, ordination, and stewardship as routine. We are capable of missing the gifts of grace God has given the church. If we do not see the signs of God’s presence it is usually because we are asleep.

We come to church to wake up to the sacred. The alarm clock buzzes. The window opens. Something turns on the light and we see what is really there. When we recognize God as an ever-present light, then we see that the commonplace, mundane, and oh-so-familiar are covered with God’s glory.

Some of you have been coming to First for so long that you are in danger of taking worship for granted. Those of us who have only had the privilege of worshipping with our congregation for a short time know what an exceptional privilege it is. On Sunday mornings we are listening together to the stories of the first Christians and imagining how God will form us as a holy people. If we pay attention we will see that no time spent becoming Christ’s church is ordinary.

— Brett

2016 Budget Roundtables

Wednesday, August 19
6:00 p.m. • Dining Room

Sunday, September 13
Following First Lunch • Dining Room

Join us as we gather to review the missions and ministries reflected in the 2016 church budget. An overview of the budget will be available outside the Sanctuary and online at www.fbca.net on August 9. The presentation of the budget will be followed by a time of questions and discussion.



Sponsored by the Center for Faith and Life

Sunday, August 16
2:00-5:15 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

leadership enrichment

Formed by God and One Another

As we approach a new season of Bible study and discipleship, we are inviting all Bible study leaders (teachers, shepherds, class officers) to connect with and encourage one another, to deepen our understandings of spiritual formation and community, to gain a few tips that might be helpful in our ministry, and to remember our calling to teach and lead. This enrichment time will also be open to churches in the WNC Baptist Fellowship and our downtown churches.

Please make every effort to attend this event. You can RSVP by contacting April Nance, anance@fbca.net, to let us know you are coming. We are hoping to have as many leaders present as can come.

Schedule

- 2:00 p.m. Welcome & Opening Session - led by Terry Hamrick
2:40 p.m. Workshops, Session 1
- Preschool Ministry – led by Bree Welmaker
 - Children's Ministry – led by Paul Raybon
 - Youth Ministry – led by Brett Younger
 - Adult Ministry – led by Terry Hamrick
- 3:30 p.m. Dessert Fellowship
4:00 p.m. Workshops, Session 2
4:50 p.m. Closing Worship – led Brett Younger
5:15 p.m. Adjourn to home or dinner with a group



LEADERSHIP COMMISSIONING

Deacon Ordination & Bible Study Leadership Commissioning Sunday, August 30

During worship, we will recognize and commission Bible study leaders who work with children, youth, and adults within the church. We want to emphasize the important calling these leaders have to form the faith of those they lead. As a congregation, we will commit to praying for them and supporting them in their leadership.

We will commission Sunday morning Bible study leaders (teachers and shepherds), Disciple facilitators, and Wednesday evening *CenterPeace* leaders.

Praying with Pens and Keyboards: Giving Our Words to God

Sunday, July 26 – August 16
9:45 a.m. • MB130

Join us for a four-week workshop to explore writing as a form of ministry. Our writing exercises and discussions will remind us how words are often a means of grace. Over these weeks participants will complete an assignment for Reflections, the Daily Devotional Guide of Smyth & Helwys Publishing. Carol Younger, the editor of Reflections, will lead us.



PULL UP A CHAIR

There is room for everyone

Sunday, August 23

9:45 a.m. - Bible study for all ages

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship

2:00-7:00 p.m. - Churchwide Picnic & Baptism in the Lake



Summer pulls us all in many different directions for vacations, summer camps, and more. And now, school is beginning, fall activities are getting started, and it is time to join together to celebrate together and deepen our spiritual friendships.

We are encouraging all Bible study groups to make this day a time for everyone to come together to begin a new season of Bible study, deepening spiritual friendships, laughing together, sharing prayer, and being people of God.

Hebrews 10:25 (CEB) - "Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near."

Worship is central to our faith, and so let us all renew our commitment to giving gratitude to God through worship.

And of course, fellowship is a staple of Christian community. In the afternoon, we will come together as a church family to share food, fun, and encouragement in the beauty of Windy Gap. We will celebrate the rite of baptism in the lake. We will sing and tell stories. We will get to know new people and connect with old friends. It will be a joyful time to share together.



Lake Junaluska Singers
in concert

August 2 - 6:00 p.m.

Join us for the jubilant sound of the Lake Junaluska Singers under the direction of Melodie Galloway. Following the concert, we'll gather for an ice cream feast in the Dining Room. Members are asked to sign up to bring a churn of your favorite homemade ice cream. It may be a classic flavor, your creative twist, or something utterly new. Fun prizes will go to the best traditional, most creative, really wild, and other categories. Be a part of this growing tradition of great sounds and cool churns! Sign up in Bible Study or call the church office at 252.4781.

Promotion Sunday

August 23

Preschool Bible Study

Sundays • 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Sunday morning Bible Study provides our preschoolers an excellent opportunity to grow in faith through captivating stories, fun activities, and loving relationships.

FaithQuest: Guiding Children on their Spiritual Journey

Sundays • 9:45 a.m. • 3rd Floor Children's Bldg.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Rocks! • Sundays • 9:45-10:45 a.m. in CB306

Fifth and sixth graders have their own time of learning, sharing, and Bible Study on Sundays.

Preschool Pajama Party

(Infants - Pre-K)

August 5

6:00-8:00 p.m. • \$10 per child

Kids can wear their pj's and enjoy a night of fun!
Sounds like a great time for a parents' night out.

Discovery Camp

(Rising 1st-Rising 7th graders)

August 3-7

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. • \$90 per child

Discover some new and wonderful things about God's world as we visit beautiful places in our own backyard. Contact Tommy Bratton at tbratton@fbca.net or April Nance at anance@fbca.net or call 252.4781 for more information.

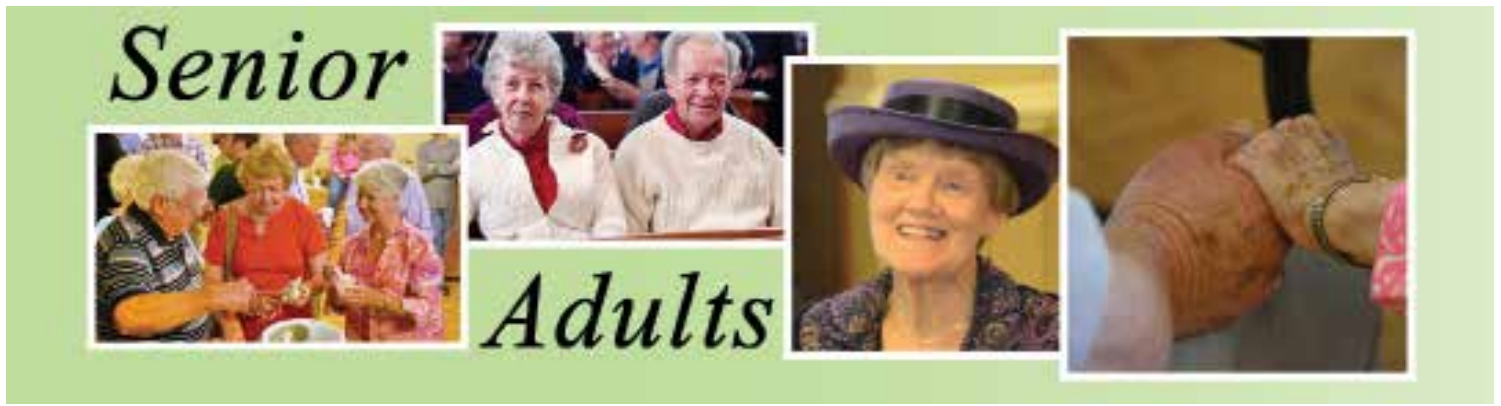


Youth and College to Sliding Rock Saturday, August 8 • 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

On Saturday, August 8, all youth and college students are welcome to join in a trip to Sliding Rock in Pisgah National Forest. Meet at the church at 9 a.m., bring a bathing suit, water shoes, change of clothes, towel, and a bag lunch. We'll return to church around 2 p.m.

Free Lunch for College Students • Sunday, August 9

Come enjoy a [free] lunch immediately following worship on Sunday, August 9! We'll walk to Twisted Laurel and enjoy sharing stories before the new semesters begin!



Jubilee Lunch

August 18 • 11:00 a.m. • Dining Room

All senior adults are invited to join us for fellowship, programs that inspire, entertain, and inform, and a delicious meal. The cost is \$3 for the meal, and first-time guests eat free. This month's program features Jude Gotrich, soprano. Please contact Leah Brown at 252.4781 or lbrown@fbca.net for more information.

Stephen Ministry Corner

Everyone faces periods of crisis, transition, or difficulty. During these times, people can receive great support from a confidential, caring relationship with someone who will faithfully listen, pray, and care for them. If you feel that you would benefit from talking with a Stephen Minister, please contact Leah Brown at 252-4781 for more information.

Memory Café • August 20 • 1:00-3:00 p.m. • Dining Room

Memory Café is a volunteer-run social gathering and respite service for those with dementia, their caregivers, families, friends, and the community. This is not a drop-off program or a support group, but rather a time to gather, relax, enjoy one another, and to reduce the isolation and loneliness that accompany a diagnosis of dementia for both the person who gets the diagnosis and the caregiver. Each session is hosted by members of our congregation who have received specialized training. This program is open to people in our congregation and the community. Reservations are not required for these gatherings. Contact Leah Brown at 252-4781.

Prime Time and Senior Adult Trip to Barter Theatre

Shake, Rattle and Roll • Thursday, September 3

Join us as we make our way to Barter Theatre for "Shake, Rattle and Roll" an Elvis Presley tribute show featuring Scot Bruce singing hits from the 1950s and 1960s. The church bus will leave the Atrium parking lot at 9 a.m. and we will enjoy lunch in Abingdon before the show. The church has pre-purchased 20 tickets for this event. Please contact Leah Brown or Ashley Starnes by August 23 to purchase your non-refundable ticket for this event. This event is \$33 per person and the cost of your lunch.

Sacred Garden Update - Construction is starting in early August!!

We have received our building permits and construction on our church's outdoor sanctuary is expected to start in early August!! The Sacred Garden will include accessible walkways, water features, wind chimes, and a labyrinth all in the midst of beautiful landscaping. You can visit the church website (www.fbca.net; click on The Sacred Garden at the bottom of the web page) to view illustrations of the garden, see the formal construction drawings, and view a video walk-through of this sacred space.

The Sacred Garden will offer our congregation and the broader community a place to pray, reflect, celebrate, and remember. You can help complete the funding of the garden by giving a gift or purchasing a niche or memorial plaque. Many have made a contribution to the garden, apart from, or in addition to, the purchase of niches or plaques. Additional giving opportunities are detailed on the website. You, your family, or Bible study class may want to fund one of the listed elements. When we dedicate the garden in spring 2016, we will recognize all gifts in the dedicatory program and in a permanent Donations Book. Gifts of \$5,000 or more by individuals or groups will be recognized on a plaque near the chapel entrance to the garden. Please contact the church office at 252-4781 for more information or assistance in making this important gift and/or purchase.



Academy for the Arts

at First Baptist Church of Asheville

The Academy for the Arts at First Baptist Church of Asheville seeks to empower students of all ages and backgrounds in reaching their greatest potential both as artists and as human beings.



Registration is open now for Lessons!

For more information, visit our website at afta-fbca.net, send an email to info@afta-fbca.net, or call 828.254.7841.



Wednesday, August 26
5:00-7:00 p.m. • Dining Room

Join us for dinner at 5:00 p.m. and our Summer Celebration at 6:00 p.m. Different ministries throughout our church will share about camps, trips, mission projects, and other exciting projects we've accomplished.

Green Bag Food Collection beginning August 30

Green food bags will be placed in the Sanctuary and Atrium. Please take a bag home and fill with the donated items requested on the bag and return the following Sunday to church. Donations will go to ABCCM.

ROOM IN THE INN

September 6-13

FBCA will provide safe housing for women in transition from homelessness. Help is needed for set-up, meal preparation, transportation, and overnight hosts. Please contact Dorothy Porter 828.778.2010 to get involved in serving with this ministry.

Ministries Expanding - Volunteers Needed

Lunch at the Crossroads Ministry • 12 extra volunteers needed

We are expanding our Lunch at the Crossroads Ministry to four Thursdays a week starting in the fall. Additional volunteers are needed on Thursday to help provide lunch for guests in our community who are homeless. There are several ways to serve in this ministry including cooking, serving, working in the food/clothing closet, or helping an adult to read. To get involved please contact Everette Clark at 667.8078.

Crossroads Afterschool Program Ministry • Volunteers needed

We are expanding our Crossroads Afterschool program starting in October. Additional volunteer tutors are needed Wednesday afternoons for two hours to help children in our immediate area who are in need of your help to succeed in school. To get involved please contact Everette Clark at 667.8078.

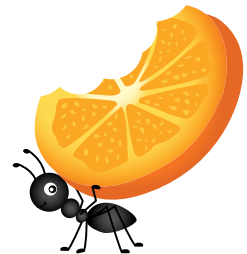
CHURCHWIDE ANNUAL PICNIC



Sunday, August 23
2:00-7:00 p.m. • Windy Gap

This is a great opportunity for our church family to come together with fellowship, food, and recreation. We will also celebrate baptism in the lake. Windy Gap's facilities are perfect for every family member. Whether you want to shoot down water slides or rock quietly on the covered porch, the church picnic is lots of fun. First Baptist will provide the meat again this year, just remember to bring a covered dish to share!

A van will be available at the church to provide transportation to and from Windy Gap. This van will leave at 2:30 and return by 7:00 p.m. If you plan to ride the church van, reserve your seat with Leah Brown at lbrown@fbca.net or Ashley Starnes at astarnes@fbca.net or 828.252.4781.



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Child Development Center: 828.252.3234 • Fax: 828.254.2302

Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary • 9:45 a.m. Bible Study for all ages

Minister on Call

A minister is on call 24/7 to support you in times of need. To contact the minister on call, dial 252-4781. The deacon of the week can be reached through the church office or by contacting the minister on call.