

Tell us about your prayer requests:

Please contact me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 13

Silent Reflection	9:00 a.m.
Kids Connect	9:35 a.m.
Bible Study for All Ages	9:45 a.m.
Worship*	11:00 a.m.
Creation Care Lunch	Noon
Youth Handbells	2:00 p.m.
AYC Rehearsal	3:00 p.m.
Snack Social	4:10 p.m.
Youth: Koinonia	4:30 p.m.
Adult Handbells	4:30 p.m.

#### Monday, January 14

Cracked Pots Reading Group	6:00 p.m.
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#### Tuesday, January 15

Senior Adult: Jubilee	11:00 a.m.
Yoga	6:00 p.m.
Zumba	6:00 p.m.
Enneagram and Relationship Group	5:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, January 16

Fellowship Meal	4:45 p.m.
Listening Spaces	5:00 p.m.
Agape Kids	6:00 p.m.
Youth Agape	6:00 p.m.
Epiphany Vespers	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday January 17

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

#### Monday, January 21

Church Office Closed

*\* Preschool Childcare Available*

#### 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.



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# Connect Now

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January 13, 2019

### Via Karis: The Way of Grace Epiphany 2019 and Beyond

Today begins a worship series that focuses on the chapters of the *Via Karis*. On Baptism of our Lord Sunday, we focus on Water and are invited to remember our baptisms and our identity as beloved children of God. In the weeks that follow, themes will turn to Word, Table, Body, and Creation. We look forward to gathering together around these essentials of our faith and continuing this adventurous journey of faith together.

### Koinonia Youth Group • Resumes Tonight • 4:10 p.m. Snack Social, 4:30 p.m. Koinonia

Become fully connected to the youth group by making Koinonia a weekly experience. "Koinonia" is the Greek word used to describe the very first Christian communities in the New Testament. Koinonia happens at First Baptist Church of Asheville as we form small groups, share in activities, and wrestle with complex and critical issues of faith together.

### Listening Spaces • Wednesdays through January 30 • 5:00 p.m. • MB302 and MB305

The Discernment Team is tasked with helping our congregation discern, with love, our desired future to "be a church that welcomes and includes all in a way consistent with God's love and wisdom, and specifically, how God is calling us to welcome and include LGBTQ persons." To facilitate hearing the many voices of our congregation, the Discernment Team wants to provide a listening space to hear the hopes, fears, and questions people may have. On four Wednesdays, January 9-30, there will be at least two members of the Discernment Team available to listen to congregational members or to answer questions about the process. Team members will collect questions and make notes on what they hear.

Bible study communities will also be invited to write out questions on note cards and return them to the church office. These questions, along with notes from the listening spaces, will guide the content for a panel discussion on Sunday, February 17.

### Epiphany Vespers: Illuminated by the Light of Christ Wednesdays through January 30 • 6:00 p.m. • Chapel

Each week, you will hear testimony from one of our deacon leaders and a homily led by Mack Dennis. Music and prayers will guide us into the presence of God.

The Epiphany Vespers provides a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend, family member, or acquaintance to join you. We invite you to this service, hoping it will create a place where you experience God in your midst.



**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!**

**Robbing Peter (and James) to Pay Paul: A Bible Study of 1&2 Peter and James**  
**Tuesdays, January 15–March 12 • 8:15–9:30 a.m. • 170 Montford Avenue**

For those interested in a Tuesday morning Bible study, you are invited to join this new group which will meet at the home of Susan Loftis. Tommy Bratton will be co-facilitating this study of 1&2 Peter and James. Participants only need a Bible, though there are online study resources by William Barclay that can be accessed for background study. Contact Susan (404.545.4815) with any questions you may have.

**Jubilee: *This I Believe* • Tuesday, January 15 • 11:00 a.m. • Dining Room**

All Senior Adults are invited to join us for fellowship and a delicious meal. Tommy Bratton will share his Rule of Life and explore ways we all can live our faith each moment. The cost is \$3 for the meal and first-time guests eat free! Contact Leah Brown at 828.252.4781 or lbrown@fbca.net for more information.

**Enneagram and Relationships Small Group**

**Tuesday evenings, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. • January 15 - February 19**

This small group will meet six consecutive weeks beginning January 15 and will discuss the Enneagram and how personalities play out in relationships. The Enneagram has much to teach us about ourselves and how we relate to others. This six-session study guide is a content-rich companion to Suzanne Stabile's *The Path Between Us*, taking us deeper into understanding our number's potential blessings and problem areas. As we understand more about each of the other numbers, we better understand the people we love the most - what motivates them, what they need, and how we can cherish them. Each session explores a different topic that will offer insights into how we can develop loving, mature, and compassionate relationships. It is highly recommended that you have read *The Path Between Us* before the first session. Contact Laura Addis at laura@lifeinthetrinityministry.com or 214.236.3663 to register.

**Sunglasses for Haiti**

We are collecting sunglasses for our Haiti mission trip. On February 2-9, a group of 12 church members will be leading a medical, dental and eye care clinic. We need sunglasses to give to the eye care patients. The sunglass donation box will be in the Atrium or you can bring them to the church office and give them to Sarah. Thank you!

**Ministry with Those in Prison**

Jesus said, "I was in prison and you visited me." These are words that call us to care for our sisters and brothers who are incarcerated. Members at First Baptist Church of Asheville now work in three area prisons that house more than 2,000 persons. The opportunities to share God's love with these residents is growing. Perhaps the Spirit is leading you to join this effort. Here are three possibilities:

- **Join a Kairos Team** - support or help facilitate a three-day retreat inside the prison for up to 42 men or women. All training is provided. The hope is to "listen, listen and love, love" in Jesus' name.
- **Help Lead Worship** - join a team that shares in worship at the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women every other month on Sunday evenings. Over 100 women attend this service as they welcome God's healing love into their lives.
- **Explore Yokefellow** - Yokefellow Prison Ministry is an interdenominational, interracial Christian Ministry of listening, sharing, caring, encouragement, and support provided by community volunteers to the incarcerated. Emphasis is on building committed relationships to foster spiritual growth and transformed lives. You are invited to a training opportunity, which will cover relational active listening, prison boundaries, and unity.

Need more information? Contact Sarah Whitlock at 828.252.4781 or at swhitlock@fbca.net.

**January 14-20**

**Psalm of the Week**  
**Psalm 19:1-14**

The Rule of Life for *Via Karis* invites the congregation to pray a Psalm daily.

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*  
— Psalm 19:14

**Making a Connection**

January 13, 2019

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?**

Did you know that one of the first places visited on the Young Adult Pilgrimage last week was the Kairos Center in Matanzas, Cuba? The Kairos Center was founded by the First Baptist Church of Matanzas and works to educate, coordinate, and promote art in the local community - including tapestries, ceramics, painting, music lessons, and drama.

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