

Tell us about your prayer requests:

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, March 17

Kids Connect	9:35 a.m.
Bible Study for All Ages	9:45 a.m.
Worship*	11:00 a.m.
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, March 18

Finance Committee	6:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, March 19

Senior Adults: Jubilee Lunch	11:00 a.m.
Christian Crafters	1:30 p.m.
Yoga	6:00 p.m.
Zumba	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Fellowship Meal	4:45 p.m.
Agape Kids	6:00 p.m.
Youth Agape	6:00 p.m.
Lenten Vespers*	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

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

Saturday, March 23

Kairos Training	7:30 a.m.
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* 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.



For more information visit www.fbca.net.

Connect Now

Freedom. Friendship. Faith.

March 17, 2019

Lenten Vespers

Wednesdays through April 10 • 6:00 p.m. • Chapel

You are invited to these contemplative evening worship services, with prayers and liturgy informed by the Celtic tradition. These services invite you to enter a place of rest, prayer, and reflection. The atmosphere is one of stillness and peace. Musically, you will hear expressions from Celtic and other local traditions. Silence has a place of importance at various intervals as well. Each week, one of our ministers will lead a homily based on the Psalms. Several weeks, you will hear testimony from one of our church members.

Chapel Bible Study: What Does the Bible Say about LGBTQ People?

Led by Mack Dennis and Tommy Bratton

Sundays, March 17, 24, and 31 • 9:45 a.m. • Chapel

As we continue exploring our desired future to "welcome and include all in a way consistent with God's love and wisdom," this Chapel Bible Study offers an overview of Scriptures that shed light on LGBTQ-related questions. The class is designed to offer a scholarly component to our church's ongoing work of discernment, so that we may deepen our knowledge of how Scripture addresses our specific concerns. Participants are encouraged to bring their Bibles (and sturdiest thinking caps) as we—with faith, hope, and love—read God's Word together. There will be time at the conclusion of each Sunday session for Q&A. (NOTE: Participants need only come on ONE of these dates. Bible Study leaders will provide specific information for their class's date.)

Jubilee Luncheon • Tuesday, March 19 • 11:00 a.m. • Crocker Auditorium

All senior adults are invited to join us for fellowship, programs that inspire, entertain, and inform, and a delicious meal in our Dining Room. The cost is \$3 for the meal, and first-time guests eat free. This month's program is *Music and Stories* with Dave and Sue Long. Contact Leah Brown at 828.252.4781 or lbrown@fbca.net for more information.

First Lunch Fundraiser • Sunday, March 24 • Noon • \$5 per person

Join us for chicken tenders, french fries, coleslaw, and dessert. No reservations required. All proceeds go to youth ministry.

Youth Koinonia on the Road • Sunday, March 24

Join us for a fun and creative night as we head to The Village Potters. Each student will learn some fundamental pottery practices, then get to use their own hands to create a piece of pottery that can be taken home (after being fired in the kiln). The cost is \$30/youth (includes dinner). Youth need to sign up in the Youth Assembly Room by March 17 to reserve a spot.

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 _____



**Children
& Youth**

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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!**

Endowment Luncheon • Sunday, March 31 • Noon • Dining Room

Please join us for a complimentary luncheon to learn more about our church's Endowment Fund. This Fund was created to utilize gifts above and beyond those given to the General Budget to enrich, enhance, and expand the mission and ministry of First Baptist Church of Asheville. This luncheon will offer information about the many ways you can be involved in supporting the Endowment Fund.

This is a reservation-only event. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 24 to Leah Brown, Staff Liaison to the Endowment Committee at 828.252.4781 ext. 1317 or lbrown@fbca.net with the number attending the luncheon. The menu includes chicken salad croissant, fruit salad, broccoli salad, and dessert.

Grateful for Hearts and Hands

A host of people volunteer every week at First Baptist Church of Asheville. They rock babies on Sunday morning, welcome students to AFTA, teach faith to our children and students, sing in choirs, and lead Bible studies. Others tutor at risk children in Crossroads After School on Wednesdays or serve meals to the hungry at Lunch at the Crossroads on Thursdays. We welcome those in recovery, and some even wind up in prison leading worship or retreats. Our tribe serves across the community in non-profits and at our places of work, tending creation and nurturing the beloved of God. We need that same spirit across the week of March 24-30 as we take on projects throughout Asheville. Today and next Sunday, you have two more opportunities to sign up to come alongside your friends for a day of service. Explore the tables in the Atrium for a project that fits well with your heart and hands. Begin the week by supporting our youth at First Lunch on Sunday, March 24 at noon. Hang around at 1:00 p.m. and help pack 10,000 meals for those in need. Let us give thanks for the love of God made plain in all these acts of care.

Academy for the Arts Honors Recital • March 28 • 7:00 p.m. • Crouch Chapel

Join us for an evening of music, featuring some of AFTA's finest students! The Robert Decker Scholarship will be awarded to the most outstanding performer. A reception will follow.

Called Together: CBFNC Annual Gathering • March 28-29

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC

In 1993, North Carolina Baptists who were supportive of the fledgling Cooperative Baptist Fellowship movement gathered at First Baptist Church of Greensboro and dreamed of giving birth to a North Carolina expression of the CBF community. They felt called together to form a new fellowship for mission and ministry, built on the firm foundation of historic Baptist principles.

We are called together once more in Greensboro, March 28-29, 2019, to celebrate all that God has done in and through us these past twenty-five years. We are also called together to follow in the footsteps of our forebears and dream of what God is calling us to be and do, together, the next twenty-five years. Visit www.cbfncag.com to register.

Unidiversity Youth Camp, July 20-27, Knoxville, TN

All current youth (grades 7-12) are encouraged to consider being a part of a truly unique camp experience this summer in Knoxville. Unlike some camps that have everything pre-packaged, this collaborative camp only happens once a year and is created and led entirely by the diverse participating churches. Consider being one of the 300 or so youth from around the country who not only attend, but get to choose from a list of creative electives and seminars, attend thought-provoking worship sessions, and enjoy free time and recreation on the campus. Prior to camp, our own youth group will spend two challenging days doing roof repairs in Knoxville. Early Bird Registration is \$380/person and is now open online.

It's Almost Time for Softball

Sign up in the Atrium in you would like to join the 2019 FBCA softball team. Contact Carlos Collazo at 545.1468 for more information.

Praying the Psalms

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

March 17

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

— Psalm 27:1,14

March 24

Psalm 63

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

— Psalm 63:3

Making a Connection

March 17, 2019

- 1st-time guest
 2nd-time guest
 3rd-time guest
 Regular attendee
 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?

We have your name on the list — 246 names investing in 20 projects during our Missions Week, March 24-30. Of course, that does not include the host volunteering each week in mission efforts throughout our congregation. Left off the list so far? We need your unique ways in living and sharing God's love. There is still time! Head to the atrium after the service this morning. Sign up for one or more projects. Help us wrap our arms around the city of Asheville.

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