

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 14

Kids Connect	9:35 a.m.
Bible Study for All Ages	9:45 a.m.
Worship*	11:00 a.m.
AYC Rehearsal	3:00 p.m.
Snack Social	4:10 p.m.
Youth: <i>Koinonia</i>	4:30 p.m.

#### Monday April 15

Finance Committee	6:00 p.m.
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#### Tuesday, April 16

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

#### Wednesday, April 17

History Team Meeting	4:00 p.m.
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**Note:** Fellowship Meal moved to Thursday Night

#### Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday Foot Washing	Noon
Lunch at the Crossroads	Noon
Fellowship Meal	4:45 p.m.
Zumba	6:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Worship*	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Brass Quintet	7:00 p.m.

#### Friday, April 19

Good Friday Tenebrae Service	Noon
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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](http://www.fbca.net).

# Connect Now

Freedom. Friendship. Faith.

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### Quilt Raffle for Room in the Inn, TODAY

Room in the Inn is having a Quilt Raffle to benefit Homeward Bound's Shelter to Home program for women. Dorothy Porter and Chris Sylvester will be in the Atrium this Sunday with the quilt on display. They will be selling raffle tickets for \$5 per ticket or \$20 for five tickets.

### Easter Lilies in memory/honor of a loved one for Easter Sunday

Lilies will adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 21. You may honor or memorialize a loved one by ordering these through the church office or website for \$12 each by Wednesday, April 17. You may then collect your lily following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Easter morning.

### HYMN Sing • Monday, April 15 • 6:00 p.m. • Sherman Center

Join in singing hymns and praise with our *Room in the Inn* guests and FBCA volunteers. This fellowship opportunity will be an informal "come and go" on Monday, April 15 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Sherman Center. Marilyn Bollinger and Sue Long will accompany us on the piano. Come enjoy singing some of your favorite hymns on request. For more information, call Dorothy Porter, 828.778.2010

## Holy Week Worship

### Maundy Thursday Foot Washing • Thursday, April 18 • Noon

This experience will take place in the Sacred Garden and will be a remembrance of Jesus' example in the Upper Room, calling us to selfless service of others.

### Maundy Thursday Communion Service • April 18 • 6:00 p.m. • Sanctuary

This day of Holy Week is remembered as the time Jesus ate a final meal together with the disciples who had followed him. It is a time to celebrate in worship what Jesus did and taught and modeled for us.

### Good Friday Tenebrae Service • April 19 • Noon • Chapel

Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows" and is an opportunity to reflect on the death of Jesus through the symbolic use of light and dark.

### Easter Sunday Sunrise Service • April 21 • 7:00 a.m. • Sacred Garden

Breakfast will follow in the Dining Room.

### Easter Worship • April 21

9:45 a.m. - Bible Study • 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

*(Bring a flower from your home to place on the Easter crosses.)*

Music will be offered by the Adult Choir, Youth Handbells, and Brass Ensemble.

## Children



- 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!

### FBCA Clothes Closet

We are in need of men's pants, belts, and underwear. Also now that Spring is here put away those winter clothes donations (as we don't have room to store more winter clothes) and bring in some warm weather clothing. The clothing donation bin is located under the stairwell in the Atrium. Thank you!

### Practicing Shalom in the Time of Climate Change

Wednesdays, April 24 - May 15 • 6:00-7:00 p.m. • MB304

#### April 24 • *Living in this time of Climate Change*

Led by Deke Arndt, Chief, Climate Monitoring Branch, National Centers for Environmental Information, NOAA

From his experience as climate scientist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Deke will speak to us about the recent report from the National Climate Assessment, helping us understand major points of interest. Additionally, he will speak to conditions we might expect in the Southeastern US with regard to climate change. We are fortunate to have Deke share his scientific expertise with us.

#### May 1 • *Practicing Shalom in Climate Change*

Rev. Nancy Sehested, Co-pastor, Circle of Mercy Congregation

Nancy will lead us in an exploration of the relationship between our faith and climate change. What can we glean from Scripture that speaks to this issue? How are we then called to respond?

#### May 8 • *Asheville Responds*

A Panel of Local Leaders: Sophie Mullinax, Blue Horizons Project, Coordinator; Dawn Chavez, Asheville Greenworks Director; Scott Hardin-Nieri, Mountain True, Director of Creation Care Alliance

From these community leaders, we will learn of efforts in Asheville and Buncombe County to mitigate climate change. Additionally, they will help us know ways we can participate with them or on an individual basis to make a positive difference in combating climate change.

#### May 15 • *First Baptist Reponds*

Dr. Mack Dennis, Pastor

Mack will give an overview of ways our church has already taken steps to reduce our energy consumption and live more sustainably. Where do we go from here? Mack will share ideas that are being explored and visions for our future.

Sponsored by the FBCA Creation Care Team and Creation Care Alliance of Western North Carolina.

### Earth Day Vigil • April 28 • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • Sacred Garden

We invite 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 Adult Sunday • May 5 • Noon • Dining Room

Enjoy a luncheon celebrating our 50- and 75-year members following worship on this special day. The cost per person is \$5 and reservations are required for this event. The menu includes grilled chicken mandarin salad with croissant, chocolate roulage with strawberry, tea and coffee. Contact Leah Brown at lbrown@fbca.net or 828.252.4781 by Sunday, April 28, if you would like to attend.

### Youth: Caswell Spring Retreat • May 24-27

Celebrate the end of the school year in the sand and the surf of Caswell Beach. We'll enjoy thoughtful discussions, group games and challenges, and evening parties, as well as group affirmations and senior rites of passage. Register online today at www.fbca.net.

### Praying the Psalms

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

#### April 14

Psalm 118

*O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!*

#### April 21

Psalm 98

*The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

— Psalm 98:2-3

### Making a Connection

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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?

Today begins Holy Week. In several days, we will celebrate Maundy Thursday. The word Maundy is adapted from the Latin mandatum, meaning "command," and is a reference to the new commandment that Jesus gave his disciples: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Jesus demonstrated this humble, serving love by the act of washing his disciples' feet.

This Thursday, we will follow Jesus' example of servant leadership by gathering together at noon in the Sacred Garden to practice the rite of foot-washing. Last year, around thirty people sat in a circle to sing, to pray, to deepen friendships, and to serve one another by washing feet. Join us for this remembrance of Jesus' example of self-giving love and our call to follow his way of grace.

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