

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, September 8

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

Monday, September 9

Deacon Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Pick-up Basketball 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 10

Christian Crafters 1:30 p.m.
Zumba 6:00 p.m.
Yoga 6:00 p.m.
Ballroom Dance 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11

Fellowship Meal 4:45 p.m.
AgapeKids 6:00 p.m.
Youth Agape 6:00 p.m.
Chapel Bible Study* 6:00 p.m.
Young Adult Bible Study* 6:00 p.m.
Refuge in the Commons* 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 12

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

* 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.fbc.net.

Connect Now

September 8, 2019

Chapel Bible Study

Good News! How the Gospel Is News and What Makes It Good

Wednesdays, September 11 – 25 • 6:00 p.m. • Chapel

Led by Tommy Bratton

The Gospel means “good news.” But if the message has been around for 2,000 years, what makes it significant today? Biblical scholar N.T. Wright shows contends that Christians today have lost sight of what the “good news” of the gospel really is. For these three weeks, we will explore what “good news” really is, and how it applies in our lives today, revealing its power to transform us.

Young Adult Bible Study... Resident Aliens: Being the Church in a Secular World

Wednesdays on September 11, 25, and October 9, 16 • 6:00 p.m. • SC207

Led by Mack Dennis

Join Mack for a Wednesday night book discussion on the landmark essay by theologians Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon, *Resident Aliens: A provocative Christian assessment of culture and ministry for people who know that something is wrong*. We will wrestle with the authors' call “to a way of life at odds with an unchristian world.” We'll also wonder together about their claim that the post-modern world presents the church with extraordinary opportunities for radical faith and the renewal of the church. Books are free to participants, but you must sign up by emailing Tommy Bratton (tbratton@fbc.net) or by calling the church office 828.252.4781.

Gifts of Grace...Growing in Generosity as We Serve

Across September, our congregation will share together in the hopes of a coming year of ministry and service as followers of Jesus. We want to start on the same page together. Here are four opportunities to respond with your own gifts of grace:

GIFTS of Grace

• Watch your mail for a Generosity Plan packet. The church will mail these on Tuesday, September 3. Packets will also be available around the church. Complete your plan by September 29.

- Review the proposed 2020 budget. Beginning on September 3, the budget and notes will be available online as well as in hard copy around the church.
- Attend worship weekly across September as we listen for the voices of those whose lives our generosity impacts and the call of God to find our place in this holy mission.
- Attend one of the sessions below as we celebrate all we hope to accomplish as we live into the grace found in Jesus. You may choose any of the options listed as we gather in the church dining room. Your Bible Study Class may choose a particular Sunday to attend:

• **Breakfast- 9:45-10:45 a.m.- September 8, 15, or 29**

• **Lunch- Noon- September 15**

Crossroads After School Ministry Program (CAP)

CAP is all about taking care of at-risk children who attend Claxton or Ira B. Jones Elementary Schools. On Wednesdays during the school year, the children are tutored on a one-to-one basis in reading and math. Supplemental programs include gym activities, snacks, music, faith development, and an evening meal. They are also given transportation to and from the church. Since the ministry began in October 2012, we have had 139 children attend this program. Do you want to be part of this ministry? Volunteers are needed. Contact Everette Clark at 828.779.8079.

Update on Hurricane Florence & New Bern Relief & A Call to Action in the Weeks Ahead

Just at a year ago, we were shocked by scenes of waters rolling in on eastern North Carolina as we watched Hurricane Florence devastate coastal areas. Members at First Baptist Asheville gave \$22,000 to support the relief work of FBC New Bern. We sent three teams to put hands and feet to that mission. In a few weeks, a fourth team will head east to continue the marathon that a true recovery effort requires.

During the 2018 hurricane season, your financial generosity to New Bern provided gifts cards to families facing immediate needs, shared food with children in need, assisted five congregations flooded out by rising waters, tended 36 families whose homes were a complete loss, and supported local agencies, such as Reviving Ministries, an addiction recovery center that lost its facility. Hurricanes wreak havoc across entire populations. We give thanks for the aide rendered by our church and others. We pray and prepare even now to find ways to care for God's beloved who face these storms each year.

We are entering the 2019 hurricane season with the threat of Hurricane Dorian. As we continue to support the rebuild following Florence and hope for the best in the shadow of this new storm, you may sense God's call. If you would like to be a part of our team to the east coast on September 26-29 or a future mission, contact Jim Worley at 828 713 3941 or jim@jhworley.com for more information.

Serving on Sundays - We Need You!

Sundays are vibrant days of study, worship, and fellowship. We have four opportunities for those seeking a place to serve and create a welcoming, safe environment as we come together and as we share our worship across the world. Please consider volunteering for periodic service in one of these ways. The contact person is noted on each line:

- **Usher** - Welcome people into worship and share a worship bulletin at the main doors. Contact Max Price at mmprice@bellsouth.net or 828.669.6653.
- **Support for Stewardship** - Help collect the offering on assigned Sundays. Contact Jeff Gorsuch as gorsuchj@bellsouth.net or 828.891.5615.
- **Share in Keeping Us Safe** - Work with a team of four once every six Sundays to patrol parking lots and greet people as they arrive for Bible study and worship. Contact Beattie Logan at beattie.logan@gmail.com or 828.708.4679.
- **Join Our Broadcast Team** - Assist with videoing our service twice each month as it goes out to hundreds across our community and world. Contact Randall Barnett at eagles85@bellsouth.net or 828.242.7288.

Room in the Inn (RITI) • Sign Up Sundays • September 8, 15, 22

First Baptist Church of Asheville partners with Room in the Inn twice a year to provide shelter for up to 12 women. **Our next RITI at FBCA will be October 27 - November 3.** Each week a different congregation opens its facilities to welcome the women as guests as they work hard to move forward to permanent housing. The simple goal is to keep women without homes from sleeping on the street. The greater goal is to build caring, supportive relationships with them, one week at a time. Volunteers are needed to make meals, provide transportation, and to stay over-night. Sign-up at the Connection desk in the Atrium on **Sundays, September 8, 15 and 22 from 9:00-9:30 a.m. (before Bible study) or Noon-12:30 p.m. (after worship).** To get involved, contact Dorothy Porter at 828.778.2010.

Cuban Partnership

Are you interested in learning more about a trip in January, 2020 to support our partner church in Las Tunas, Cuba? Meet briefly in the chapel on Sunday, September, 15 at noon, or contact Martha Worley at mlsworley@gmail.com.

Praying the Psalms

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

September 8

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

— Psalm 139:14

September 15

Psalm 51:1-10

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

— Psalm 51:6-7

FBCA Clothing Closet - Fall is Here

We are in need of men's clothing please. Pants, shorts, casual shoes, belts, socks, and underwear. Also our guests ask for string, bungee cords, tarps, and rain ponchos. The clothing donation bin is located under the stairwell in the atrium. Thank you!

Via Karis

Via Karis which means "way of grace", invites us into a richer experience of Christian faith. It is an approach to discipleship that draws us closer to God and one another. As we begin a new church year together, let us center our lives on practices that center us on God.

Join us as we follow our communal Rule of Life. The third part of Via Karis is Table which invites us to break bread weekly with others.

Making a Connection

September 8, 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+

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