

First News

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The Ash Wednesday service is one where we prepare our hearts, minds, and souls for the season of Lent. Join us in the sanctuary for this reverent service and the imposition of ashes. There will not be regular youth and children's activities to provide them the opportunity to participate in this service. Childcare will be available for ages 5 and under.

One City Marathon Sunday/Combined Worship Service Sunday, March 3

Come out and cheer on the marathon runners as they pass by our church! We will also be helping out with Water Station 8 across the street. You can sign up to [volunteer](#) through the One City Marathon portal, then click on "Get Involved" and "Volunteer". The code for our station is WTR8. Please contact Nikki Reid for more information.

After you are finished cheering on the runners in our community, come and worship together as one community at 11am for our combined service! There will be aspects from the 8:30, 11, and 12:30 worship services; and we will celebrate communion as one church.



Children and their families are invited to Lego and Taco Night on February 18th 5-7pm. Bring your Legos or Duplos (extra will be provided for those who don't have any) and your friends! Also, please bring a taco topping, side dish, or dessert to share. Meat, drinks, hard and soft shells, and Dorito bags (for walking tacos) will be provided. Sign up if you are bringing food by [clicking here.](#)

Collection of Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce for Thrive

Thrive is in need of pasta and spaghetti sauce and our youth group is collecting these items. If you would like to help them with their donation, please drop off these items at the church office during the week or in the sanctuary foyer on Sunday.



We need your help! FBCNN Children's Ministry is starting to collect items for Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is Scuba: Dive into friendship with God! We are currently looking for plastic caps of all sizes. Please also save any BIG cardboard boxes you may have. (i.e. appliance, TV, etc.)

You can drop them off at the Children's ministry desk with Sharon or Rebecca. Thank you for your continued support!



Passport Camp for Youth Converse College in Spartanburg, SC June 30-July 5, 2024

If you have a youth that would like to go to camp you can reserve a spot with a \$25 deposit by no later than March 1st! Participants must have completed 6th grade through 12th grade at the end of this school year to participate.

Deacon Nominations for 2024

We have an exciting announcement! It is time to nominate a new slate of active deacons for 2024. We are looking to nominate 3-5 additional active deacons to join our current 7 active deacons (3 deacons recently completed their term). The deacons help to support the pastor and staff in the mission of the church, ensure peace and harmony in the church, and work for cooperation in all efforts.

Deacon nomination forms are available at the Welcome Center. These forms explain deacon qualifications as they appear in our by-laws and the Bible. Please review the form's instructions, prayerfully consider nominating members to be reviewed by staff, interviewed by a deacon nominating team, and elected by the church.

Please be sure to sign your form so your nominee(s) will be included. The deadline for turning in deacon nomination forms will be **Sunday, February 11**. Thank you participating in this process!

Upcoming Events

February 8 (date changed due Red Cross staffing shortage) - Red Cross Blood Drive, [click here to sign up to donate](#).

February 8 - Peninsula Mobile Food Bank will be distributing food to those in need in our parking lot.

February 14 - Ash Wednesday Service (see article above)

February 18 - Lego and Taco Night (see article above)



Digital Ministry Team Needs You!

Our tech team provides outreach to our community and to our homebound members through broadcasting each service. This team also enhances our in-person worship by running our sound and

New Books in the Church Library!

A donation from Cheryl Park of the entire series of Guidebook Mysteries by Emily Thomas has been made to our library. Stop by and check them out!

No Where to Be Found
Shadows of the Past
Unlocking the Truth
Theft and Thanksgiving
The Christmas Key
Off the Shelf
Gone in a Flash
All Sewn Up
If Walls Could Talk
The Rightful Owner



Performing Arts Studio

Registration has begun for the Spring Term of our Performing Arts Studio. We are excited to accept students in Middle through High School and adults. For more information and to sign up please follow the link to the form, [here](#).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lesley Spitzer (lspitzer@fbcnn.org) or John Irving (jirving@fbcnn.org).

projection systems. For this worthy ministry to continue, we need your help. We will train you, no experience required! For more information, contact Lesley Spitzer, lspitzer@fbcnn.org.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, February 11 at 8:30am or 11am! We will be participating in communion together so if you are joining us in worship at home, be sure to have your elements ready. Randy Shepley will be leading us in worship.

The Sunday worship services are streamed directly to our [website](#) and can be accessed by clicking on **Upcoming Live Stream** tab located on the home page. If you miss a service, you can click on **Sermon Library** in the **Resources** tab to select the service you missed. (Services are listed in chronological order with the most recent on top.)

The following is a list of weekly events. Learn more about children's events on Facebook and youth events on their Instagram page-@fbcnnyouth.

Sundays

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Children's Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Infant-Preschool Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Youth Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. Extended Session - infants through age 4
11:00 a.m. Hispanic Bible Study
12:30 p.m. Hispanic Worship

Mondays

7:00 p.m. Young Single Adults

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Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. Midweek Café
6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Adult Spiritual Formation Group
6:30 p.m. Hispanic Prayer and Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering and Worship
6:30 p.m. Children's Kmotion (Music, Missions, and Fun!)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays
10:00 a.m. Swingin' Singers

Click on the link below to watch the service from 8:30 and 11am this past Sunday.

[February 4](#)

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