First News

February 14, 2024





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.

Staff Retreat: February 19-21

The staff will be away at a retreat February 19-21 to enable us to plan for future events and discern some of the great plans God has for First Baptist. The church office and preschool will be closed on President's Day, February 19, there will be minimal access to the church office on February 20, and it will be closed on February 21. There will not be an issue of First News next week. Check our Facebook page or app for any special updates and notifications.



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

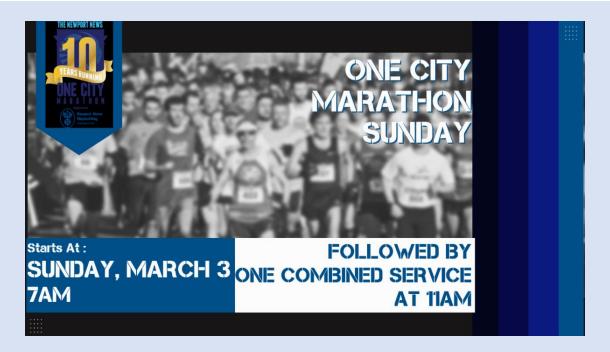
Thrive is in need of pasta and spaghetti sauce and our youth group is collecting these items. If you would like to help them with their donation, please drop off these items at the church office during the week or in the sanctuary foyer on Sunday.





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!



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.



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.

Upcoming Events

<u>February 14</u> - Ash Wednesday Service (see article above)

<u>February 18</u> - Lego and Taco Night (see article above)

<u>February 19-21</u> - Staff Retreat (see article above for details)

Baptist Women in Ministry Documentary

Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM) has created a documentary, *Midwives of a Movement*. This documentary film chronicles the stories of the women who boldly birthed a movement to seek greater visibility and opportunities for women in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Despite great opposition, their courage blazed pathways for advancing women in ministry and leadership among Baptists.

But challenging religious patriarchy, and specifically Baptist patriarchy, is not only a subject of the past. It is as relevant today as it was forty years ago.

In this film, audiences today will find heartfelt stories, painful anecdotes, profound insights, and lighthearted remembrances which will inspire continued confrontation of patriarchy and advocacy efforts so that women find equality and equity among Baptists.

There will be a screening of Midwives of a Movement at 7pm on Monday, March 4 at Hampton Baptist Church. Click here to RSVP or for more information.



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, <a href="https://example.com/here

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

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, February 18 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



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 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, Ispitzer@fbcnn.org.



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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

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.

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