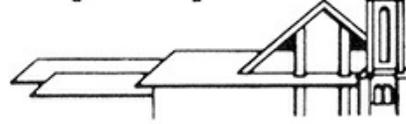


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly

November 22, 2020

REMINDER: Our Sunday worship services have been moved to an online format. Please join us via our First Baptist Church Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly>) page on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. for a Facebook Premier Worship Service - this will be a FULL worship service experience, with participation from both ministers, as well as music from Esther Chang. This video will also then be published on our website at www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons, as well as on our [YouTube channel](#), and can also be found on our Facebook page at any time after it is initially posted.

For more information on this topic and to stay informed about all COVID-19 related changes and announcements, please go to <http://www.fbcbeverly.org/covid-19-and-temporary-closure-at-first-baptist-in-beverly/>

10:00am: Join us on our [Facebook page](#) for a Facebook Premier Worship Service!

(This video will ALSO then be available to watch at any time following on our Facebook page and website.)

From Scarcity to Abundance

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 12

Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching

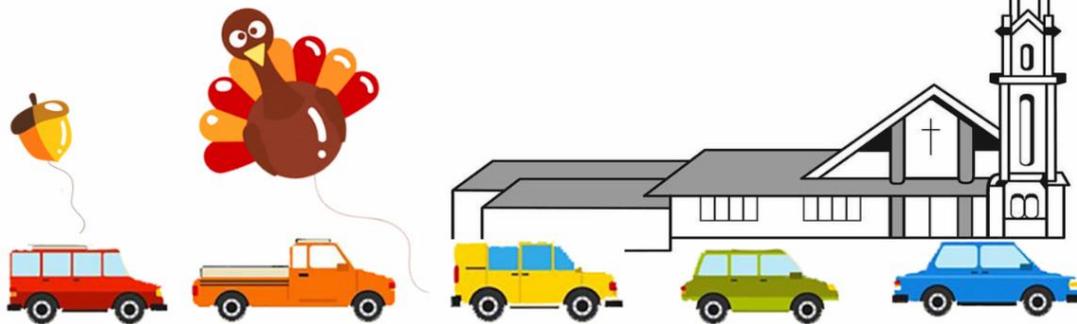
And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

Deuteronomy 26:11

Thanks-Giving Drive-by November 22nd



Drop off your Pledge Card
and
Pick up your Advent-in-a Box!



On November 22, from **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** FBC will be hosting a Thanks-Giving Drive-by event. The idea is to drive-by (or stroll-by or bicycle-by) First Baptist with your completed pledge card (with your financial commitment to the ministry of FBC for 2021). From your car, you can place your pledge card (in a privacy envelope) in an offering basket held by your pastoral staff of Julie and Kent. Those submitting a pledge card will receive a thank you gift from your Stewardship Committee. We will celebrate the gift of being in community and working together to share God's love! Note: Extra pledge cards available.

In addition, whether you are prepared to submit a pledge card or not, the Advent Planning Team will present each household with an Advent-in-a-Box kit; an imaginative collection of readings and activities to make this upcoming Advent Season meaningful and inspiring. The first Sunday of Advent is November 29!

Note: This Drive-by event will be held rain or shine (in case of unusually stormy weather, the event will be moved to the following Sunday. Watch the church website or FBC Facebook page for any update).

*** NOTE: The **Zoom Fellowship** that immediately follows worship will not take place this Sunday. Instead, we invite everyone to head over to the church to submit their pledge card and pick up their Advent box. In place of our live Children's Sunday School zoom classes, families can find videos for each age group on our Facebook page for use for this week!***

Virtual Sunday School Update for Sunday, November 22nd AND Virtual Christmas Pageant Rehearsals to Begin!

Our Virtual Sunday School for our children continues to roll along more creatively and with more energy and joy than we even could have guessed or hoped at the outset of this program year, as we began this virtual classroom experiment! Our teachers are working hard to bring the best energy, Bible and faith teaching, and joy to our virtual space each week that they can, and our children are the true heroes of the sessions, as they come energized, engaged, inquisitive, and ready to make our virtual learning hour the best it can be! Our thanks go to *everyone* who is working so hard and being so flexible to make this Sunday School experience work!

This coming Sunday, we will not gather in the virtual classroom as we typically do, due to the Drive-By (or walk-by, dance-by, bike-by, stroll-by, however-you-come-by) Thanks-Giving Sunday

(to drop off pledged cards) AND Advent-in-a-Box Kit pick-up event, also happening at 221 Cabot Street from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (a reminder to all those coming by that event to please wear a mask and make sure to adhere to all social distancing/COVID-safety protocols!).

We *will* however be posting two videos – one for our friends in Grade 2 and younger and one for our Grade 3 and up group – on our Facebook page and website for our children and families to access, either on Sunday at our usual time or at any time that is convenient for you – so that children – *and especially* our friends who join us from other parts of the country and who cannot do the drive-by event with us – still have something special just for them this week and a class experience to access! Parents and families, please feel free to access those videos at any time!

ADDITIONALLY, we wanted to put out one last call for any interested VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT participants! Our children and youth will begin rehearsing for our virtual pageant after Thanksgiving, so Julie will be putting finishing touches on the script and getting it out this week. There is a part for any friend who might want one – speaking or non-speaking – so please let Julie know (jflowers@fbcbeverly.org) by *this Friday morning, November 20th, at 10:00 a.m.* if your child/youth would like to participate and, if so, if they would prefer a speaking or non-speaking role. We don't want to miss anyone who might like to join in the fun!

Thank you to all our families – and all our children and youth – for making our 2020 Christian Education programs so joyful, despite the unusual times!

Sign Up For Sunday School

Youth Fellowship Activities

SPECIAL NOTE FOR BOTH GROUPS – We will be using an app called MyMedBot going forward to help check youth and advisors in for each week's program. This app is FREE for users, but you will need to set up an account after receiving an invitation email from the church/from Julie. PLEASE make sure that Julie has your best email contact for this week so she can get your set up! Email her at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org to make sure she has this information!

Middle School Fellowship

No In-Person Fellowship This Coming Sunday, November 22nd

Our Middle Schoolers had the opportunity to gather in-person (distanced, outdoors, and with masks, of course!) this past Sunday, and they did so a little closer to home – in the parking lot of FBC Beverly! They had the chance to continue to build their group connections in this unusual year, with different games to try and ways to really learn and remember names – especially because we keep having new friends joining us, which is wonderful! For those middle school families who are not yet on the Middle School Fellowship email list or in the MyMedBot healthcheck database that our youth groups are using, please email Julie at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org to be added! We don't want to miss anyone!

This coming Sunday, November 22nd, our Middle School group will NOT meet, so that we can give everyone some time and space leading up to whatever each family's Thanksgiving holiday will look like without bringing all of us into in-person contact – just a little extra precaution we are taking for everyone out of an abundance of caution and because we love you all! Happy Thanksgiving – see you soon!

Senior High Fellowship, Sunday

Zoom Thanksgiving Dinner on November 22nd

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Our Senior High Fellowship gathered this past Sunday (distanced, outdoors, and with masks!) to do some talking and discussion in the parking lot of the church – in view of the Youth Lounge, at least! This marked our first "Theme Day" (usually we do Theme Nights, but with COVID changes, we are meeting more during daylight hours so far this year!) of this Fellowship season, and it was an opportunity for some deeper connecting and conversation together.

This coming Sunday, November 22nd, our group will meet virtually, on Zoom, for a program designed to take the place – for COVID times – of our annual Fellowship Thanksgiving Dinner program. We are encouraging all youth and advisors to hop on the zoom with whatever your dinner is on Sunday evening – you don't have to bring a traditional Thanksgiving one! – and we will share our meal, albeit virtually, and share our reasons for gratitude, Thanksgiving, and hope around our virtual table. We hope all our youth can join us – one of the biggest things for which we continue to be thankful is *you* and our Fellowship family!

The Zoom information to login and grab your seat around the virtual table is below:

Topic: Senior High Fellowship Thanksgiving Dinner Zoom
Time: Nov 22, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83338552465>

Meeting ID: 833 3855 2465

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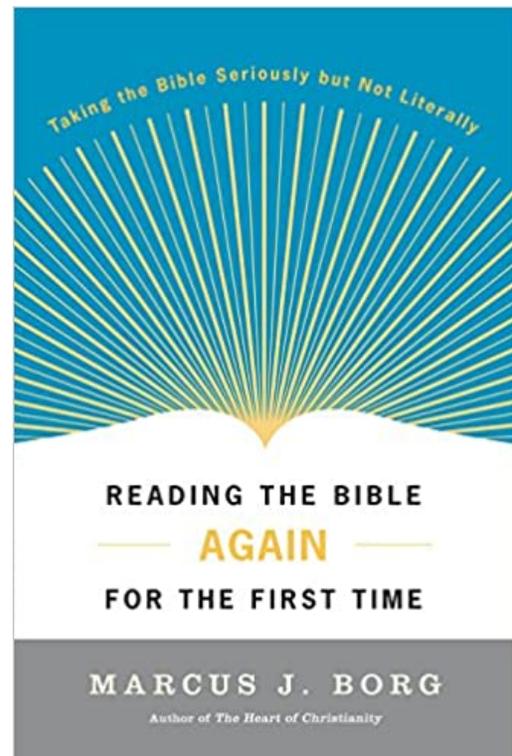
New (Virtual) Adult Class to be Held Thursdays at 7 p.m.!

One of the aspects of our faith life and development that can be post challenging – but also most rewarding and intriguing! – is reading and rereading the Bible and doing so faithfully while also honoring its history and context and development.

In his (now classic) book *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously but Not Literally*, author and theologian Marcus Borg explores anew the ways we can freshly appreciate the essential elements of both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament in ways that help both our faith – and the history of the texts themselves – come alive.

Rev. Julie Flowers will be offering a 4-5 week virtual class **BEGINNING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 7 P.M.** for those interested in reading and exploring Borg's work – as well as the Bible itself – together.

If you are interested, please email Julie at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org to sign up as soon as possible! Those who have ALREADY signed up can begin reading the book (please let Julie know if you need a copy!) at your leisure so that we can dig into our conversation beginning on Thursday, December 3rd. Stay tuned for the zoom link as we get closer!



Dig in and see what it feels like to encounter the Bible again, as if for the first time.

Opportunities to Connect Virtually Via Zoom

We may not be able to have a coffee time or a fellowship gathering all together in person, but we can still drop-in and see one another in this way! You can join in a Zoom gathering EVEN WITHOUT a Zoom account. You will do so by clicking the link for the given event you wish to join, and then allowing it to run on your computer or smartphone/device. You will then need to click to allow use of your audio and again to allow use of your video. You may be prompted to enter a Password, which is included with the posted event information, as needed. You can also use the phone numbers include below to CALL IN, even without access to internet or a computer/smartphone. We hope that you will join us!

For all Zoom sessions, participants will now need to enter the meeting id and/or password provided. This information is included with the meeting invitation link and info. ALSO Waiting Rooms are being used on Zoom sessions in many cases now - please make sure your device name EITHER clearly shows who you are OR watch for us to send a message in the Chat feature to the Waiting Room just asking for your name - you can just send us your answer back in the same chat box! This helps keep Zoom gatherings safe and welcoming for all!

Thursday Coffee Time, 10 a.m.

Topic: Virtual Coffee Time
Time: Nov 19, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)



Music with Dr. Esther Chang - Friday at 1:00pm on Facebook

Join FBC's Director of Music, Dr. Esther Chang for music, brought to you directly from the FBC Sanctuary! On our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly this Friday, November 20 at 1pm.

Advent 2020 Home Devotional "Walking in God's Light"

Dear FBC Beverly Members and Friends!

Blessings to you during this season! We invite you to use this year's Advent Home Devotionals each week as you anticipate the joy of Christmas Day! This year, journey with us through the darkness with hope because the people living in darkness have seen a great light!

Please join Rev. Jaimie Crumley on Facebook Live each Monday of Advent at 7:30 pm ET to supplement your home devotions. Jaimie will lead a brief time of devotions and prayer as we fill our homes and souls with light. We hope you will come along each week of Advent for the journey.

[View the Printable PDF of the Advent Home Devotionals Here](#)



FBC Beverly's Compassion Fund

First Baptist Church in Beverly has established a \$25,000 fund to provide emergency financial assistance to those in our church community who may be especially affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, and resulting shutdowns, lay-offs and the like. We are calling this our Compassion Fund. Below are its key elements:

- Potential recipients include not just church members, but all those (and their immediate families) who have a connection to our church, whether by attending church worship services, by participating in church sponsored programs of any kind, or as employees or volunteers at the church or its outreach ministries. Recipients do not need to live in Beverly.
- Awards are expected to be \$500 or less per family or individual, but awards up to \$1,000 may be made in exceptional circumstances. All will be in the form of grants, not loans.

If you or someone you know needs financial assistance due to the pandemic:

To apply, please go the following link and complete the form: <https://form.jotform.com/200727212739958> or call 978-927-1561

- If you have a financial need arising out of the pandemic and wish to be considered for assistance, please complete and send in the application form as indicated above.
 - If you know of someone in our broader church family who has such a need and might not otherwise be aware of our Compassion Fund, please encourage them to apply.
 - All applications and information relating to this program will be kept strictly confidential except as necessary to review and process the awards, and in order to issue checks and payments by the church.
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Coming Up at FBC



Thursday, November 19

10:00-11:00am: Drop-in Zoom Coffee Time with Julie

Friday, November 20

1:00pm: Facebook Live: Music with Esther

Saturday, November 21

12:30pm: Lunch Program (Boxed meals to-go will be provided from the gym)

10:00am: Virtual Worship via Facebook Premiere

(Worship video may be viewed on Facebook, YouTube, and our website at any time following the initial Facebook post)

No Coffee Fellowship via Zoom Immediately following Virtual Worship this week

11:15am: Thanks-Giving Drive-By

No Children's Classes Sunday School this week

No Middle School Fellowship this week

6:00pm: Senior High Fellowship Thanksgiving Zoom

Monday, November 23

6:00pm: Monday Night Supper (Boxed meals to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Tuesday, November 24

9:30am: Staff Meeting

Check out all of FBC Beverly's sermons at fbcbeverly.org/sermons

More Than Enough

Scriptures: Exodus 16:14-18 and Deuteronomy 8:1-6

Preacher: Rev. Jaimie D. Crumley



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