

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

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Get Involved

Worship with
Us

It's an exciting time at FBC as we usher in a new year and dive back into our annual theme of "How To Be Faithful!" There are fellowship opportunities aplenty as we plan to de-green the sanctuary together this Friday, the women of FBC go Claydreaming that evening, AND we host the first Parents' Night Out of 2026 that evening as well! In addition to all of those chances to connect, all are invited to join us on Saturday morning in support of Daniel as he takes an important step in his ordination process. Then our Wit & Wisdom crew is gearing up for book club on the Monday the 12th, and there's a new AV/Tech Crew opportunity too. The clock may have ticked over into 2026, but the action at FBC Beverly never missed a beat!

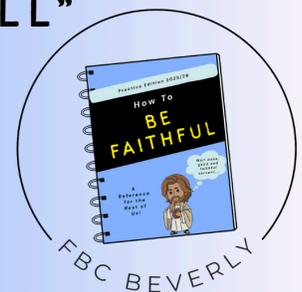
Worship With Us!

Join us for our Worship Service this **Sunday, January 11th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**, either in person or via our [FBC YouTube Channel](#).

Notes for Sunday:

- The Infant/Toddler room will be open during worship this week.
- Littlest Learners will meet during worship this week.
- The Playground will be open as worship begins to allow our elementary-age and younger friends to enter into the quiet enjoyment of worship in a flexible child-friendly space.
- Our Elementary Class will meet following the Stepsitters children's message time during worship.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.
- Middle School & Sr. High Fellowships will both meet at their regular times this week.

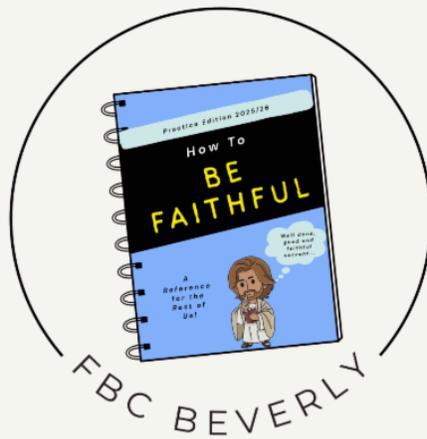
"HOW TO BE FAITHFUL, STILL"



SCRIPTURES:
PSALM 146:1-10 &
HEBREWS 10:19-23

PREACHER:
DR. DANIEL JOHNSON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

Click [HERE](#) to join
Worship via Livestream
Sunday



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NOTES FOR SUNDAY:



FBC'S FELLOWSHIP GROUPS WILL BE MEETING AT FBC AT THEIR USUAL TIMES: MIDDLE SCHOOL, 4:00-6:00 P.M. AND SR. HIGH, 6:00-9:00 P.M. FOR FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND CONNECTION - AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE!

DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP EMAIL UPDATE! IF FOLKS ARE NOT ALREADY RECEIVING THE WEEKLY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP EMAILS AND WOULD LIKE TO, THEY CAN CONTACT JULIE AT JFLOWERS@FBCBEVERLY.ORG TO BE ADDED TO THAT LIST!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Join
US!*

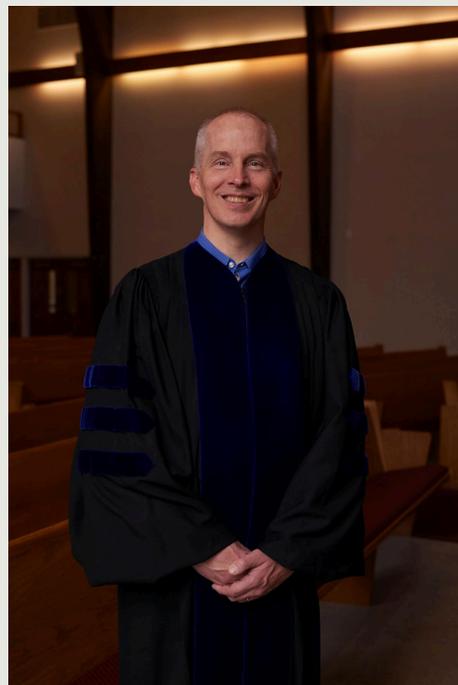
All are invited this Saturday to arrive around 9:30 a.m. for coffee, tea, and light refreshments as we prepare to gather for the Ordination Council!



Dear First Baptist Family,

You are all invited and encouraged to come this Saturday, January 10th, at 10 a.m., to support Dr. Daniel Johnson as he takes a very important step in the ordination process for The American Baptist Churches: his Ordination Council.

American Baptists are among the many denominations that recognize the importance of congregational polity and local church autonomy (which is to say that rather than being organized from the top down, where a person or body tells local churches what to do, American Baptist congregations make decisions themselves about their budgets, buildings, programs, and ministerial leadership - including identifying those in their midst who they believe are called by God to ministry), and, as such, the process of seeking ordination (the formal process where a religious body consecrates or appoints an individual for clerical leadership, setting them apart to perform sacred rites, preach, and lead within their faith) also comes through the local church - with some checkpoints with our Region, The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM), which will serve as the conduit to have his ordination recognized by our denomination, The American Baptist Churches, USA.



Daniel has been faithfully working on the steps in the process toward American Baptist ordination, and he has arrived at the moment for his Ordination Council, the most important final step before the church is able to hold a Service of Ordination (a very special worship service during which he will be ordained and would then officially become the Reverend Dr. Daniel Johnson). At this Council, Daniel will be presenting his Ordination Paper, which lays out his understanding of faith, ministry, and the Church universal, before delegates from member churches of the Adoniram Judson Association (the local Association within TABCOM of which FBC Beverly is a part). Delegates will be able to ask him questions, and then will be charged with considering all they have heard and voting on whether to approve him to move forward to ordination.

This is an exciting and important step, and our church is so fortunate to have a candidate for ordination as remarkable as Daniel. As remarkable and prepared as a candidate can be, however, the Ordination Council can still be a daunting moment, and our showing up as a church family to offer the gift of our presence in the pews and our love and support are an important role we all can play in supporting Daniel as he takes this next step in his ordination journey.

Only our official Judson Association delegates (approved each year at our Annual Meeting as part of the Nominations Report) and other ordained ABC clergy who are members at First Baptist Beverly can cast a vote in the Council, but *everyone* can come and offer love, encouragement, and support! Please come at 10 a.m. this Saturday to help us host delegates from other Judson churches and to show our shared support and

enthusiasm for Daniel and our clear belief that he is called to local church ministry and gifted by God with the talent, insight, and caring for that work.

If you would like to read Daniel's paper ahead of the Council, you can do so [here](#).

Shalom,
Julie



De-Green with us on Friday, January 9th!

It's that time of year where we de-green FBC! We could use some helping hands to de-green the church next Friday, January 9th anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. If available, please contact Julie at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org to let her know for our food headcount. Pizza WILL be provided for helpers (including gluten or dairy-free as needed!)

Thank you in advance for your help!

Jumpstart the new year by helping out with the first Parents' Night Out of 2026 Friday!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR FRIDAY'S PNO AT FBC:
CONTACT DANIEL!

THIS FRIDAY, 1/9/26
FROM 6:00-8:30 PM

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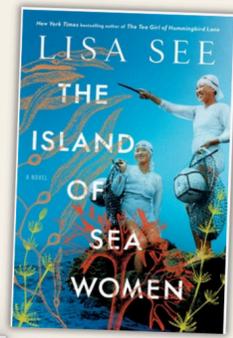
We will be ready to kick-off 2026 together with dinner, games, the works! Don't miss this great opportunity, and friends are always welcome too!

FREE

Don't miss the next **Wit and Wisdom book group** on **Monday, Jan. 12th, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.** to discuss *The Island of the Sea Women* by Lisa See. Everyone is invited to bring a lunch to munch on as we share our reflections on the lives of the multigenerational family saga of the haenyeo of Korea.

Please Note: The next luncheon meeting of the Witties is on Jan. 26th. Stay tuned for details!

**WITTIES
BOOK
GROUP!**



Join us on Monday,
January 12th, 11:30 a.m. to
discuss The Island of Sea
Women by Lisa See!

WIT & WISDOM

It's Not Too Late to Pledge for 2026!



**It's Not Too Late!
We Continue To
Welcome Pledges
Supporting FBC in
the New Year!**

Click [HERE](#) to easily complete an Electronic Pledge Form for FBC.

Thanksgiving was late, the number of days in Advent were short, and the Christmas season was hectic – perhaps you forgot to pledge? It's not too late! There is still time to pledge for 2026, even at this late minute. The church budget looks particularly challenging for this year, so your pledge is significant and very much appreciated.

If you already have a pledge card, now is the time to return it, or if you're at Sunday's worship service, pledge cards are still available in the pew racks and can be placed in the collection plate. An electronic pledge card is also available on the church's website [HERE](#). The electronic pledge card is easy to fill out, fast to submit and quickly done. Pledges are a major part of the church's income. Your pledge will play an important part helping the church meet the challenges that lie ahead, as well as fulfilling the requests of the many church committees, programs and services.

JOIN FBC'S AV/TECH CREW!

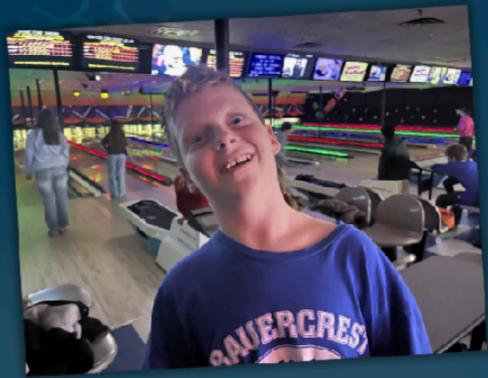
New volunteers are needed for the Worship Production Group. Enquire with Jack Hadley to support this growing ministry that livestreams worship on Sunday mornings!



Email:
avtech@fbcbeverly.org

[Click HERE](#) to express interest!

Middle School Fellowship Headed out for their Annual Bowling Adventure this Past Sunday!



Some of the Scenes from Sr. High Fellowship's Holiday New Year's Party!
Thanks to Kaelyn Stout and the Stout Family for Hosting!



Looking ahead at FBC Beverly
this week...



Together Again!

Zoom Coffee
Hour
Thursdays
@ 10am

Winter



Coffee Time

[Zoom Coffee Hour Link](#)

Lectio Divina
continues this
Friday with Daniel &
Friends at 3 pm.

Join us at our new
winter season time
in the Church
Lounge!



FBC's

PARENTS'
NIGHT OUT!



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We're De-
Greening ABC!
Friday, 1/9

SEE YOU FROM 9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
AS WE DE-GREEN!

Pizza will be provided for our helpers!

Word Searchers

The Word Searchers will be back in action this week, continuing our search through the book of Acts, beginning with chapter 19, verse 23. This week finds us tracing the last major events in Paul's third missionary journey, including a near riot, a sermon that nearly bored some listeners to death, and a tearjerker of a farewell pep talk. Join us in the Conference Room at 11:30 this Sunday morning!

PICKLEBALL

AT FBC!



Monday Nights @ 7 pm | FBC's Gym

“

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
Whose hope is in the Lord their God,
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
Who keeps faith forever.

”

- Psalm 146:5-6

PENCIL IN FBC

De-Greening at FBC

Join us to help un-deck-the-halls and enjoy fellowship and pizza together anytime from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. *Circle up with Julie* if you are in!

January

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Friday

First PNO of the New Year!

We can't wait to kick off 2026 with a Parents' Night Out from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at FBC!

Women's Fellowship Group set to go Clay Dreaming

Women's Fellowship are painting pottery as they enjoy some time together from 6:00-8:00 p.m. *RSVPs are due to Pat* by Sunday, January 4th!

January

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Saturday

Ordination Council at FBC

An Ordination Council of the Adoniram Judson Association will convene at 10:00 a.m. to consider our own Daniel Johnson's candidacy for ordination.

January

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Monday

Wit & Wisdom Book Group!

Join us to discuss *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to bring a lunch to munch as reflections are shared!

January

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Tuesday

Church Council Meeting

FBC's Church Council will meet this evening at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

January

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Sunday

Mid-Year Meeting

At 11:30 a.m. following worship we'll gather for the Mid-Year Meeting of the Church. Food WILL be provided.

January

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Monday

Wit & Wisdom's January Luncheon Gathering

Save-The-Date for Witty fun with our Wit and Wisdom crew!

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