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THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Lent is officially here, which means spring is soon to follow! Read this edition of *The Bulletin* to learn about this year's Lenten theme as well as what's in store from now through Easter Sunday! Below our big Lenten rollout you'll find all of our regular FBC Notes & News too!

Lent 2026 at First Baptist: *Stay*

STAY
ACTIVE FAITH ON THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS
Lent 2026



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The season of Lent invites those who would follow Jesus to walk alongside him on the road to the cross. The 40-day journey, which began yesterday with Ash Wednesday, is not necessarily an easy one. For the original disciples, it was marked by threats, aggressions, and persecutions; rejections, faithless dealings, and betrayals; misunderstandings, recriminations, lies, assaults on character and the desecration of sacred values—and looming over all of it, a deep sense of foreboding about what lay ahead. Read through that list again, and you may just find yourself noting parallels between the troubles experienced by those disciples back then and some of what troubles so

many who seek to walk faithfully alongside Jesus today.

The impulse to get away from such troubles can be a powerful one. Then, as now, the followers of Jesus faced many occasions when they could choose a seemingly easier path than the one that Jesus was on. Some would, in fact, actually leave his side. Yet even for those who stuck with him, Jesus recognized the many ways by which they might be tempted to “check out”—that is, to not fully engage with some of the more unsettling actions that the journey asked of them. To such followers, his message was simple. “Stay,” he said. “Stay fully with me in all of it, even as I will stay with you.”

This is the message that we at FBC will lean into throughout this Lenten season. Our thematic focus, *Stay: Active Faith on the Journey to the Cross*, will challenge us to name directly some of the ways we might “check out” from what faithfully following Jesus entails during times of trouble. We will then attend carefully to what Jesus shows us instead about what staying with him through those hard parts of the journey looks like.

This focus will surely shape our shared worship life throughout Lent, but it should also shape certain intentional practices by which we might stay actively engaged with the challenges that we face in the world today. For each week of the season, we will share tangible resources that can help us as we seek not the comfort that comes from checking out, but the faithful action that follows when we truly stay with Jesus on the journey to the cross.

We invite you to join us on this Lenten journey at the First Baptist Church in Beverly. While the exact roads that we walk through Lent can be intensely personal, we are nonetheless meant to journey together. With hope, by the time we pass through the shadow of Good Friday into the bright resurrection light of Easter morning, we will find ourselves fully ready to step into the new life that God has prepared for us—and indeed, for the whole world.

Special thanks to the Lenten Worship Planning Team who helped to create this year’s Lenten Theme: Adam Constantine, Tyler LaPlante, Rebecca Manley, and Karen Popadic.



Lent 2026

Worship With Us!

Join us for our Worship Service this first Sunday of Lent, **Sunday, February 22nd, 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 Prayground 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.

STAY
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 2026
Scriptures: John 6:60-69 & John 15:1-5

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026
PREACHER: DR. DANIEL JOHNSON

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- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.
- Middle School Fellowship and Sr. High Fellowship groups will both run at their regularly scheduled times.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NOTES FOR THIS WEEK:

Middle School Fellowship

Sunday, February 22nd: Twos Program

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Meet in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist

It's 2/22, and the Middle School Fellowship will be marking the date with an entire afternoon of fun and games connected to or featuring the number 2! The afternoon's program will begin with a chance for everyone to check in and share something they have brought that connects to the theme of 2s for them in some way - a favorite pair of socks, perhaps, or a famous duo (like Bert and Ernie, for example!)... or whatever creative set of TWO comes to mind! Bring a friend along to multiply our numbers by 2, if you'd like! We can't wait to celebrate 2/22 and the joy of twos with you!

****Please note: 8th graders are ALSO invited to attend Sr. High Fellowship this Sunday - youth are welcome to attend both Fellowships, if they wish, or to choose to attend either one this week!****

Sr. High Fellowship

Sunday, February 22nd: Group Games (with 8th Graders Invited!)

6: 00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Meet in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist

The Sr. High Fellowship will spend the evening playing some favorite Group Games - as well as some new ones! - this Sunday, while also welcoming this year's current 8th graders into the Sr. High mix for this Sunday! An important part of helping youth bridge from one Fellowship group to the next is inviting our 8th graders to take part in some of the Sr. High programs throughout the year, as a way of their having the chance to get a taste of Sr. High as they prepare to move on to high school and to that group next year. This week we will have the chance to have fun and play together - as well as share dinner and then close the evening with some singing of some favorite Fellowship songs and sharing our Concerns and Celebrations. Friends are, of course, welcome, too!

Fellowshippers: Request for Help this Friday!

Seeking many hands to make light work this Friday at 5:00 p.m./5:15 p.m. breaking down the gym and putting away tables, etc.

With many hands, this will likely take thirty minutes or less!

If you are available to lend a hand, please email Liz Crean at lizcrean@yahoo.com and cc Julie at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org. Liz has offered to make a fellowship donation from her quilting guild to thank said helpers!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Don't Miss The + Club Game Night
Tomorrow Night in the FBC Lounge!**

THE + CLUB
A queer intergenerational
hangout space

Game Night

Friday

FEBRUARY | 20
7:30 PM
FBC LOUNGE

RSVP:
Kelsey Belis:
Phone: 207-610-3123
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SANDWICHES
& SAFETY THIS
MONDAY W/
SARGENT DAN
BROWN!



Witties Luncheon!
Monday, February 23rd at
12:30 p.m. in the Chapel!

WIT & WISDOM

Wit & Wisdom Luncheon is Fast Approaching on Monday!

Wit and Wisdom, our group for those of retirement age, is meeting for lunch on **Monday, February 23rd at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel!** Please note the change of time and space! A light lunch of sandwiches, salads (and gluten free options) will be served. Your donation to defray the cost of lunch will be very much appreciated. If you would like a beverage other than water, please feel free to bring yours along.

This week, **Beverly Police Sgt. Dan Brown** will join us for an informative presentation on safety and security issues. He points out that this topic can be for everyone in today's world, but we think that many of us tend to feel more vulnerable in some of the *areas of identity theft and how to identify scams*. He has a power point presentation to offer as well as time for questions.

It's been awhile, so we are overdue for a book and/or puzzle swap. Bring some along if you have some to share.

The next book group meeting will be on March 9th at 11:30 a.m.. The book for discussion is *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell.

The February Men's T3 Breakfast will be "T4" this Month!

The T3 Men's Fellowship group will have their usual monthly breakfast gathering in February. But on account of a scheduling conflict with Jen, our regular server at Stephy's Kitchen, for this month the breakfast will move from its regular spot on the third Tuesday of the month to the fourth one. Any and all men of FBC are invited to come out to Stephy's at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, for a great time of food and fellowship!



FBC'S T3 MEN'S
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
AT STEPHY'S ON TUESDAY,
2/24 @ 7AM!



It's Almost Here: Daniel is being Ordained on March 1st! Celebrate and Rejoice as an FBC Family Together!

Join us as we gather together & celebrate

A Service of Ordination to the
Christian Ministry for

DANIEL C. JOHNSON

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 3 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

• SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026 •

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY, 221 CABOT STREET, BEVERLY, MA 01915

DINNER AND CELEBRATION TO FOLLOW IN WILBUR HALL.
ALL, INCLUDING CHILDREN, ARE WELCOME TO STAY & CELEBRATE.

RSVPs APPRECIATED (BUT NOT REQUIRED) TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, TO PHAIGHT@FBCBEVERLY.ORG OR 978.922.3295.

ALL CLERGY ARE INVITED TO ROBE AND TO PROCESS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SERVICE.





Inquiry Class Kicking Off Soon!

We are forming a new Inquiry Class for those who would like to know more about First Baptist Church in Beverly—our history, our values, and our hopes for the future—as well as to explore what it means to be an American Baptist, and more! This class is especially suited for adults who are considering membership.

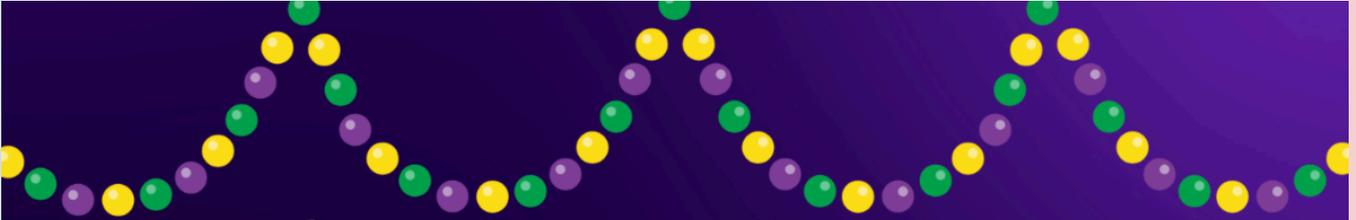
The class will be hosted by Julie Flowers and Daniel Johnson, and it will meet for four sessions (one hour each) at a mutually convenient time. Child care will be provided. This is a fun and

breezy way to learn a little bit and meet a bunch of nice people! Please let **Julie** or **Daniel** know if you are interested!



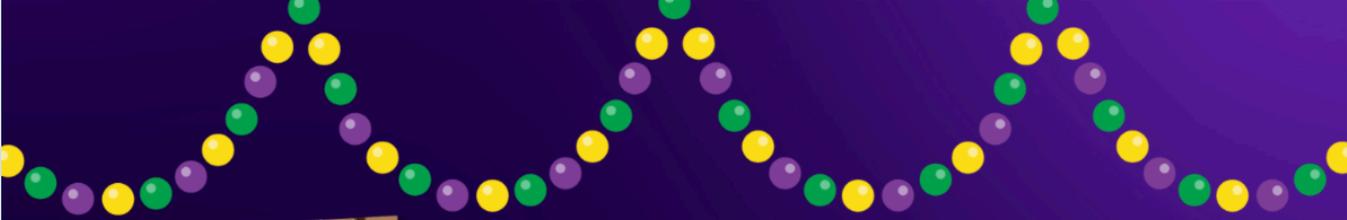
Click [HERE](#) to email Julie to let her know you'd like to attend by no later than February 22nd!

Pancakes Galore this Tuesday Night as we Prepared for Lent 2026



SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE DINNER
FUN AT FBC!





...A FEW MORE!



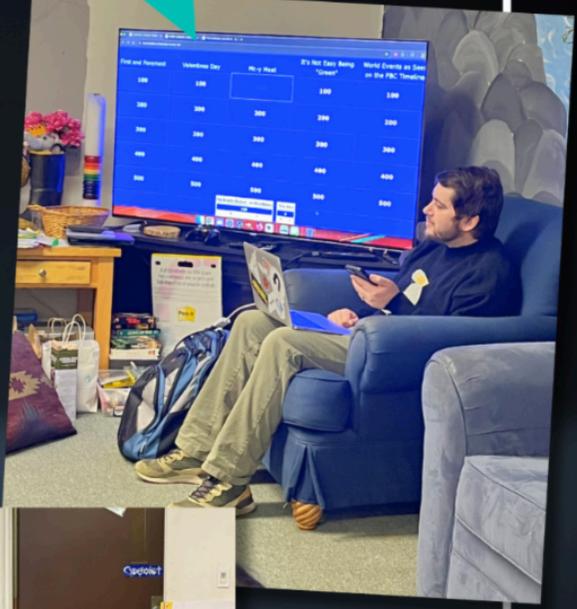
Fellowship Photos from Sunday, for your Viewing Pleasure!



Middle School Fellowship Theme Day this past Sunday! 😊



SR. HIGH *Jackpardy!*



Looking ahead at FBC Beverly...

Together Again!
Zoom Coffee
Home

**ZOOM COFFEE
IS CANCELED
THIS WEEK.
SEE YOU NEXT
THURSDAY!**

Winter

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

Join us in the Church
Lounge!



**Game
Night**

Friday

FEBRUARY | 20
7:30 PM
FBC LOUNGE

RSVP:
Kelsey Bells:
Phone: 207-610-3123
Email: kelseybells.kb@gmail.com

Word Searchers

The Word Searchers will come together again at 11:30 this Sunday in hopes of having the cliffhanger ending that we were left with a few weeks ago get resolved. The narrative will pick up in Acts chapter 22, with Paul making an impassioned defense of his conduct before a rioting group of residents in Jerusalem, all under the watchful eye of the Roman authorities. Come and find out how successful he is in defending himself!

PICKLEBALL

AT FBC!



Monday Nights @ 7 pm | FBC's Gym

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Save
the Date!



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ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2026 AT 3 O'CLOCK
WITH DINNER AND CELEBRATION TO FOLLOW IN
WILBUR HALL



FBC Women's
Fellowship Retreat
to Grotonwood!

Sign up w/Julie! | March 6-8, 2026

“

So Jesus asked the twelve,
'Do you also wish to leave?'

- John 6:67

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PENCIL IN FBC

February

20

Friday

The + Club Meets

FBC's LGBTQIA+ group meets at their regular time and place (7:30 p.m. in the FBC Lounge) for a relaxed Game Night! Peanut-free and nut-free snacks are encouraged & welcome!

February

24

Tuesday

FBC T3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship Group will gather for breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at Stephy's this month on the 24th.

Communion Sunday

Join us for the celebration of Communion this Sunday at worship.

March

1

Sunday

Youth Class Meets

If you are in grades 5-12, join us for Youth Class immediately after worship today!

Service of Ordination

At 3 o'clock everyone is warmly invited for Dr. Daniel Johnson's Service of Ordination followed by a Celebration Dinner in Wilbur Hall.

March

3

Tuesday

Theology On Tap

Join us at the Kitchen Table in Beverly and bring your thirst for fellowship and hunger for lively conversation about life and faith!

March

6

Friday

FBC Women's Fellowship Retreat

The women of FBC are headed to Grotonwood together to continue this long-awaited tradition! ***February 22nd is the deadline to sign up for the Women's Retreat with Julie.***

March PNO

Don't miss this parent-approved favorite! Parents' Night Out will run from 6:00-8:30 p.m. this Friday night. Spread the word and start making some plans.

March

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Monday

Wit & Wisdom Book Group

Our Witties meet to discuss *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell at 11:30 a.m. today!

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