

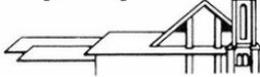
# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

*A progressive and welcoming Christian community*

We hope you are having a great week so far and are joy filled as we embark on our Lenten journey! Read on for the official unveiling of this year's Lenten theme at the First Baptist Church in Beverly!

## THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Get  
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### Worship With Us!

Join us this **Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** for Worship either in person or via our [FBC YouTube Channel](#) for the first Sunday of Lent.

#### *Notes for Sunday:*

- The Infant/Toddler room will be open during worship this week.
- Littlest Learners will meet during worship this week.
- Our Elementary Sunday School Class meets this week. The Playground will also be open for the enjoyment of our Elementary and younger friends & their families to use during worship.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.
- Middle School Fellowship and Senior High Youth Fellowship groups are back to their normal times of 4-6 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.





*“The Window Opening  
on Something Other  
Than Itself”*

Preaching: Dr. Daniel Johnson,  
First Baptist Church in Beverly

Scriptures: Genesis 1:31-2:2 &  
Psalm 19:1-6

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

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

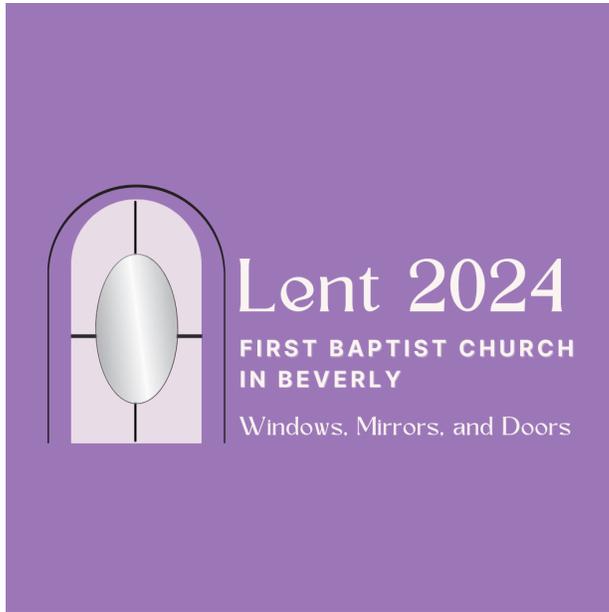
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# Lent 2024

## First Baptist Church in Beverly

Join us for Lent 2024 at FBC Beverly



The season of Lent invites us into a particularly intentional, and perhaps intense, engagement with the journey of faith. The length of the season—40 days, beginning on Ash Wednesday up until Easter (fun fact: the Sundays don't count!)—recalls the 40 years of wandering before the children of Israel were ready to enter the promised land, as well as the 40 days that Jesus himself spent in the wilderness as he prepared to step out into his public ministry. While some traditional Lenten practices seek to reproduce such desert experiences of deprivation and want, the more essential focus of the season is on being made ready for what is to come. The traumatic events of Holy Week await us at the end of the journey, followed by the joy of Easter morning, with new life secured for us in God's triumph over death.

For our shared journey through this Lenten season at FBC, we will lean further into our annual theme of "Some Assembly Required" by

focusing on "Windows, Mirrors, and Doors." These three common features of our built environments invite us to engage with ourselves and the world around us in distinctive ways. We intend to explore these forms of engagement together, both in our times of shared worship on Sundays, as well as in intentional practices that we will be encouraged to take up throughout the weeks in between. In ways that activate our heads, our hearts, and our hands, our focus on windows, mirrors, and doors should move us to *witness* with respect, turn inward to *reflect*, and love outward to *connect*.

We invite you to join us on this Lenten journey at the First Baptist Church in Beverly. The exact roads that we walk through Lent can be intensely personal, but in journeying together, by the time we reach our destination we may all be made more ready to step fully 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: Jen Bobzin, Adam Costa, Liz Davis, and Lisa LaPlante.**

It was a Sunday Funday between Youth Class, the Cape Ann Animal Shelter and a rousing game of *Cats and Dogs* for FBC Beverly Youth Group Attendees this past Sunday!

*Looking ahead to this Sunday:*

Both Middle School and Senior High Fellowship Groups are kicking off school vacation week at their respective times with a Movie Day/Evening! Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite (nut free) movie-watching snack to share with the group, and to come with blankets and pillows or in pajamas or sweatpants to get cozy for the movie. Friends are also welcome, as always!

FBC BEVERLY'S

# YOUTH RECAP

FROM SUNDAY



LUNCH  
POST-  
YOUTH  
CLASS



WE TOURED THE ANIMAL SHELTER  
THEN LATER PLAYED A FAVORITE  
GAME, "CATS AND DOGS!" BACK AT  
FBC! IT WAS BOTH FITTING AND FUN!

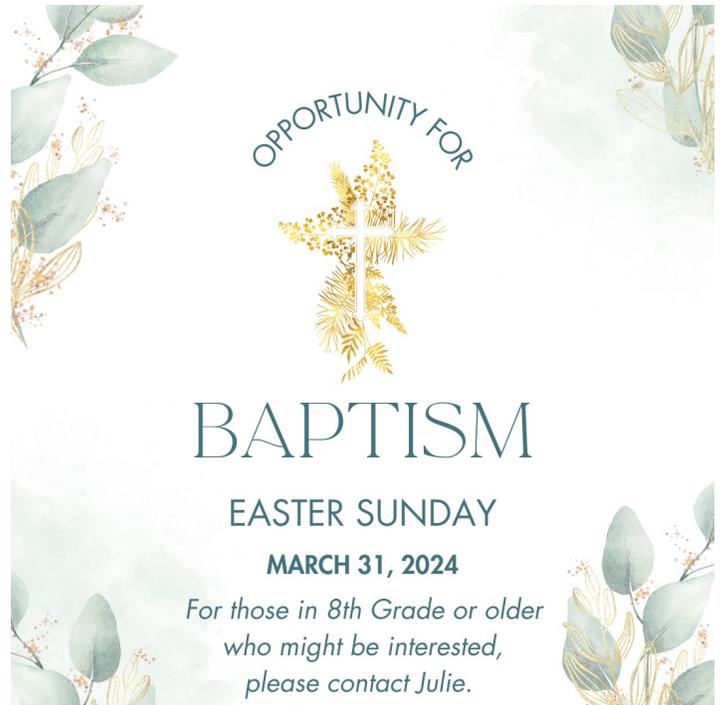


## Baptism Class Starts in the Coming Week

Julie will begin running a Baptism Class in the coming week, but we'll joyfully welcome anyone else interested as we begin shortly.

This is a class for learning and discerning and coming to the point of making a decision about baptism; it is NOT expected that interested baptism candidates will already know for certain if they wish to be baptized when the class begins. Additionally, if there are adults in the church family who wish to learn more about the decision to be baptized, they are also welcome to reach out to Julie as soon as possible to get the ball rolling!

**Please *Connect with Julie regarding Baptism* ASAP if you are in grade 8 or above and are interested!**



OPPORTUNITY FOR



BAPTISM

EASTER SUNDAY  
MARCH 31, 2024

*For those in 8th Grade or older  
who might be interested,  
please contact Julie.*

## Service of Dedication for Young Children at FBC



### FBC OFFERS SERVICE OF DEDICATION

*"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." ~ Proverbs 22:6*

For American Baptists, the decision to walk through the waters of baptism is one made by older youth and adults, but we also have a tradition for the welcome, the celebration, and the blessing of our youngest children as their lives are dedicated to the care and keeping of their loving God. We are inviting all families with babies or young children who have not yet had the opportunity to be dedicated in this way to be part of a Service of Dedication within our Sunday worship service.

Our tradition of a Service of Dedication is a joyful and faithful opportunity for parents to bring their children before the church family to dedicate their lives to God in a time of blessing and care. It is also a time for the church family, in turn, to make promises of the ways in which the church is called to the support and care of these children and their families.

If you are interested in having your child(ren) dedicated, ***please contact Julie*** for more information and/or to schedule the service on a Sunday that works for you and your family.

**\*LAST CALL\* to *Sign Up* for the Women's Fellowship Retreat**



Contact Julie ASAP to sign up for the FBC Women's Fellowship Retreat, March 8-10 at Grotonwood!

This is the last call for the Women's Retreat as Julie will need the final FBC count for Sunday. Please connect with here ASAP if you would like to join in the fun of that weekend!

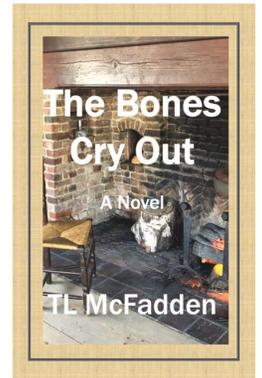
*Email Julie to Sign Up*

**Calling All First Baptist Readers!**

Join Terri McFadden for a conversation about her recently published 17th century mystery, *The Bones Cry Out*. The story is set in Beverly between 1689 and 1692 and is based on actual events of the period. The first meeting to kick-off the book discussion will be held at FBC on Saturday, March 16th at 1:30 pm.

If you haven't yet purchased a copy, the book is available at Copper Dog Books on Cabot Street.

*Copper Dog Books*



**A Message from our Friends at RRSB:**

# THANK

The Riverside Renaissance Swing Band sends a big "Thank You!" to First Baptist Church in Beverly for hosting us in concert on Friday night, Feb. 9th. The welcome and energy was outstanding, and the 18 musicians from the RRSB played their hearts out and rattled the rafters of the Sanctuary.

A very special thanks to Daniel Johnson, who took on the very daunting job of miking the event. He set up and ran the rehearsal the week before and then tweaked it for the concert. He was smiling and gracious to the 18 musicians, many who had lots of ideas and opinions. (That is miking in a nutshell!).

The conversation to host these two concerts to raise funds for a church project (Amirah, Inc.) began in May of 2023 and the energy and courage from Julie and Daniel to try something new and different was realized with pure joy.

Riverside Renaissance Swing Band will be back with new "sets" for Part 2 on Friday night, June 28!



# You



## Together Again!

Zoom Coffee  
Hour  
Thursdays  
@ 10am

# Coffee Time

[Zoom Coffee Hour Link](#)

Lectio Divina  
continues Friday  
with Daniel and  
Friends at 5:00 pm.

Join us in the  
Lounge or via  
Zoom!



[Link to join Lectio via  
Zoom](#)

FREE  
EVENT

THE  
**CABOT**  
COMMUNITY  
CONVERSATIONS

THE  
**CABOT**

**TALKING TRASH:**  
A CONVERSATION ON WASTE  
SYSTEMS WITH LOCAL EXPERTS

**THU | FEB 15 | 6:30PM**

Experts from our local composting, recycling, and trash processing systems will explain what happens to the stuff we throw away, and share best practices for healthier waste management for your household, apartment, condo, or dorm—including ways to avoid waste in the first place.



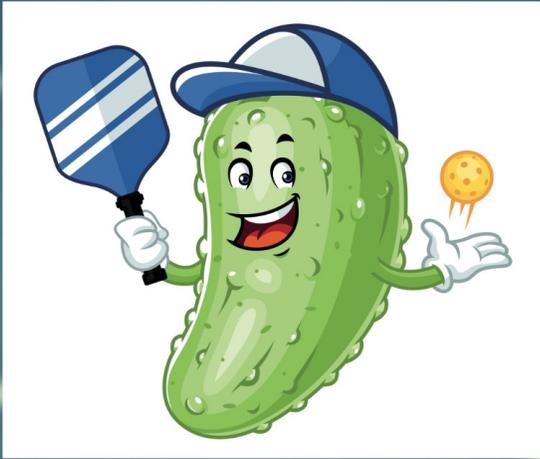
Register at [thecabot.org](http://thecabot.org)

## Word Searchers

The Word Searchers adult Bible study will meet again this Sunday morning at 11:30 in the Office Wing Conference Room. This week we will return our focus to the gospel of John, turning specifically to chapter 18. In reading there the first part of the gospel writer's Passion account, we may find ourselves asking a fundamental question for the beginning of Lent: how prepared would we have been to accompany Jesus on his journey to the cross?



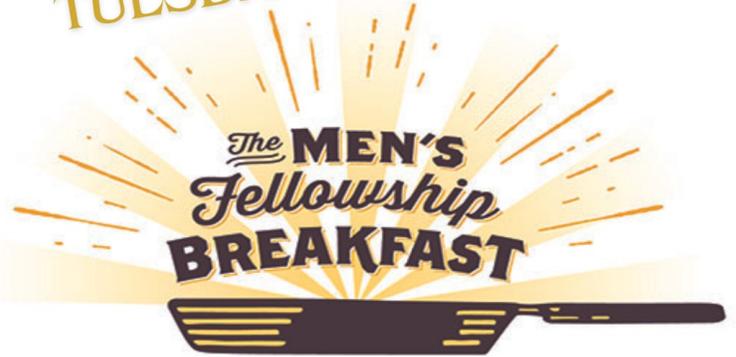
**PICKLEBALL... IT'S KIND OF A BIG DILL!**



**SEE YOU ON THE COURT AT  
FBC BEVERLY MONDAYS @ 7:00 PM!**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
IN BEVERLY

**FBC'S T3 MEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST  
AT STEPHY'S KITCHEN ON  
TUESDAY, 2/20 @ 7AM!**



**We have a great growing group &  
more are always welcome, so stop by!**

“

What if we view this desert time of Lent as not just a time to reflect or to lament or to confess or to fast, but a time where we learn to be free. — Megan Westra

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## PENCIL IN FBC

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February

**14**

Wednesday

**Happy Valentine's Day/Ash Wednesday**

Lent officially begins!

February

**15**

Thursday

**The Cabot Community Conversations Continues with:  
Talking Trash**

Come to The Cabot's next *Community Conversation* at 6:30 p.m. with local sustainability experts to understand what happens to your trash here on the North Shore, and how you can be a better steward of the Earth with a few simple changes.

February

18

Sunday

## First Sunday in Lent

Join us for the first Sunday in the Lenten season as we unveil our new theme for this year's journey!

February

20

Tuesday

## FBC's T3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The group is meeting at 7:00 am a.m. at Stephy's Kitchen this month. Bring your appetite for prayer, some laughs & quality time with your fellow fellowshippers!

February

25

Sunday

## Green Beverly Panel Discussion: Waste 101!

Stay after worship for our next iteration in the Green Beverly series to learn how to cut down on our waste. The fun starts at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel and our trash talker will be a representative from the Beverly Waste Reduction Committee for this week!

March

3

Sunday

## Communion Sunday

Please note that this will be Communion Sunday being the first Sunday of the month. If joining us via Livestream, prepare to have your Elements of Communion ready.

March

5

Tuesday

## Theology On Tap

Our TOT fellowship group will meet at Post in Hamilton at 8:00 pm. If you are thirsting for some lively Biblical discussion, mark your calendar now!

March

8-10

Friday-Sunday

## Women's Retreat to Grotonwood

The ladies of FBC are packing up and hitting the road for this powerful, bonding weekend away to Grotonwood.

## CONTACT US

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