

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

A progressive and welcoming Christian community

The BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Get Involved

Worship with
Us

Warm up with a fun night out (or order to go!) this evening from *The Castle Restaurant and Bar* to support our second FBC Summer Service Trip Fundraiser! Read on to learn more about ALL our upcoming events and how YOU can get involved in FBC's Hospitality Team in 2025!

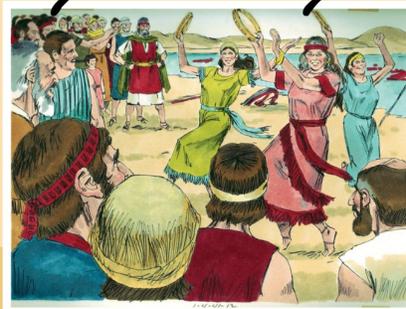
Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Worship Service** this **Sunday, January 26, 2025 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.

“A MIRIAM STORY: *Setting the Stage, and Maybe Dancing on It*”



PREACHING:
DR. DANIEL JOHNSON

SCRIPTURE:
EXODUS 2:1-10 & 15:19-21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

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

JOIN US SUNDAY,
JANUARY 26, 2025

FBC

MID-YEAR MEETING
IMMEDIATELY
AFTER WORSHIP

***ALL* of our FBC Family are Invited (& Encouraged!) to stay for our Mid-Year Meeting this Sunday after Worship**

Join us for our FBC Mid-Year Meeting immediately after worship this Sunday – we really would love to see everyone there to hear updates about our budget year ahead and ministry and work we are doing and dreaming together. Please come and be a part of this important congregational gathering.

There will also be a light lunch provided during the meeting time and childcare will be offered as well!

Zoom Link for the Mid-Year Meeting if you can't make it in person!



**MY HEART BE BRAVE:
FEARLESS HOPE IN
UNCERTAIN TIMES**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN
BEVERLY 2024-2025

Middle School Fellowship

Sunday, January 26th: Theme Day!
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist

We'll be returning to our consideration of our Annual Theme for this Middle School year, *All Problems Great and Small*, which will find us digging into ways that we problem-solve in our everyday lives and how we tackle some of the day-to-day problems and stressors that arise in life in ways that are most helpful and positive for us. As with all our Theme Day programs, we'll have a mix of conversation times, reflection, games, and fun. Our Theme Day programs also help build toward our annual Middle School Retreat

Weekend (taking place this year April 4th-6th at Grotonwood in Groton, MA), so we hope to see all our Middle School friends this Sunday as we work together to learn more about the ways we grapple with problems – the big ones and the small!

Sr. High Fellowship

Sunday, January 26th: Reverse Scavenger Hunt

*****8th Graders Invited This Week!*****

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

Please note: this week is another Sr. High program week where our 8th graders are invited to come and join the Sr. High group, as our 8th graders get ever-closer to moving on to high school and becoming part of Sr. High Fellowship! 8th graders are invited, of course, to attend *both* Fellowship groups this week OR to choose whichever group they wish for this Sunday.

It's a backwards kind of Sunday ahead as our Sr. High youth and advisors prepare for a favorite program: the Reverse Scavenger Hunt! In this format, groups head out to collect items – *without* a list! As they are out gathering their items, leaders will be back in the Youth Lounge creating the list of what items are in the scavenger hunt. Once groups return, they'll have to use their creativity and quick-thinking – not to mention their collaboration and teamwork skills! – to convince the judges that they have the items on their list from among the things they've collected...whether they literally have them or not! This program always leads to *a lot* of laughter and good-natured creative competition, too! Dinner will be provided, as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN FBC'S...

HOSPITALITY
TEAM!



New Year, New Way for You to Offer Hospitality?

Do you love helping create a sense of welcome and hospitality for folks? Or perhaps you love being behind the scenes of meals and events, helping to ensure everything is just-so and that everyone has what they need? Or it could be that you relish the idea of helping to create ways for people to connect around the table or over food? Or maybe you just really love offering others a great cup of coffee?

If any of these ways of helping to create space for community sound like you, have we got an invitation for you!

As we move into 2025, we are seeking to strengthen our Hospitality Team (the other arm of our Communal Life group, with the Fun Squad being under that umbrella, too!). Currently, Lucy Keller works with a small and dedicated crew to help ensure wonderful weekly coffee hours after worship are ready to welcome us, as well as to help provide support and sustenance for other FBC events – but she could use more helping hands to help make light work for everyone and to help the Hospitality Team grow in its scope and mission and ability to serve!

If you are interested in helping to grow this team and in working with others to help First Baptist continue to be a warm and welcoming place of hospitality, kindness, and, of course, great coffee hours and more, please contact Julie Flowers to express your interest or to learn more. A new year can be just the time to consider if a call into a new way to serve and provide ministry and care could be right for you – we’re excited to see our Hospitality Team grow in 2025!

Improv Variety Show with Bryan, Doris-Ann & Jerry!

Enjoy a night full of extra laughs in downtown Beverly at the Off Cabot Theatre for a very special Improv Variety Show this Thursday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m.! Performances are by select groups: Essex Improv Students, the House Team, “Unraveling,” guests, and the Veteran Boston Improvisers, “Old Friends.” Included with the Essex Improv Student groups will be our very own **Bryan Vosseler, Doris-Ann Vosseler, and Jerry Karaganis!**

Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased [online here](#) or at the Off Cabot box office. Seating is first come first served and doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets On Sale Now!

ESSEX IMPROV
Variety Show!
Off Cabot Comedy & Events | 9 Wallis Street, Beverly
THURSDAY • 1/23 • 7PM

- Essex Improv student groups
- Essex Improv house team, **Unraveling**
- Veteran Boston improvisers, **Old Friends**
- and special surprise guests!

hosted by
Emily Ruskowski

Get tickets at offcabot.org



**FBC Hosts 2nd Summer
Service Trip Fundraiser
on Weds., 1/22!**



Join us for a delicious evening to support our service trip to Marion, VA this August! On **Wednesday, January 22nd**, enjoy a meal at **The Castle Restaurant and Bar** in Beverly between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Whether you **dine in OR take out**, a portion of all sales during this time will directly benefit our service trip participants. Take a night off from cooking, connect with our FBC community, and enjoy great food!

Everyone is welcome— Invite your friends & family!





FBC Women's Fellowship Evening Planned!

Join us for a very special Women's Fellowship event at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan 24th at the home of Tracey Armstrong. Our theme for the evening will be *Giving Ourselves Permission*. It may be permission to explore something we are curious about, to take a risk, to accept a circumstance, to grieve, to heal, to practice self care—whatever is needed! We will enjoy good food, great conversation, and a fun time of crafting creative permission slips for ourselves.

We will have a light dinner of soups, sandwiches and salads from Grassy Roots, with vegetarian options available as well. **Attendees are welcome to bring a dessert to share.**

RSVP by clicking [HERE](#) so we have plenty of food and craft supplies to go around.

NEW "Senior Scaries" Group Lunch Meeting!

As beautiful as descriptions like “golden years” making aging sound, the truth is that aging can also be a tricky – and sometimes even a scary! – process. Aging can also bring wisdom, humor, lots of learning, and more! Wouldn't it be nice to have a place to talk about it all? Thanks to a wonderful idea and suggestion from our own Karen Popadic, now you do! Introducing First Baptist's “Senior Scaries” group, a group designed to offer those who are reaching retirement age and beyond a group with whom to talk about all the ups, downs, laughs, and cries of getting older. If you're in that group, you're invited to come to a **first gathering of this new group on January 28th, at noon**. The group will meet in the Lounge over lunch (which will be provided for this session!) and hold an introductory session to chat about topics you'd like to have a chance to discuss, presentations you'd like to have, or activities



*Please *let Julie know* by this Friday, January 24th if you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions.

Come and be part of the conversation and help shape this new group's next steps!

and events you'd like to see this group do together.



Looking at this week at FBC Beverly...

DINING OUT AT THE CASTLE!



Get ready for another *FUN* service trip fundraiser!

WHERE: The Castle Restaurant and Bar in Beverly

WHEN: Wednesday, January 22nd between 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

WHAT: Dine In or Take Out (a portion of all sales during that time benefit our service trippers!)

WHY: ✨FUN night off from cooking + fellowship & tabletop games!



Together Again!

Zoom Coffee Hour
Thursdays
@ 10am

Winter



[Link to Zoom Coffee Hour](#)
Thursday @ 10 AM

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

Join us in the
Lounge or via
Zoom!



[Link to Zoom on in!](#)

Women's Fellowship Event: Friday, 1/24 at 6 pm

GIVING
permission
OURSELVES

WNO WORD SEARCHERS THIS SUNDAY DUE TO FBC'S ALL-CHURCH MEETING!

Let's treat ourselves! Join the word searchers in the Conference Room at 11:30 this Sunday morning for a special event. We missed the primary text, again, will be Luke 1:26-55 (which has been sized by now!). The final video presentation by Willimon in the Conference Room will focus our attention on the theme of rejoicing as we consider this text. We hope to see you there!

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JANUARY 26, 2025

FBC

MID-YEAR MEETING
IMMEDIATELY
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PICKLEBALL

MONDAY NIGHTS @ 7PM

FBC BEVERLY GYM

A FUN GROUP TO NAVIGATE AGING GRACEFULLY TOGETHER!

SENIOR Scaries!

Group Lunch Meeting on Tuesday, January 28th at Noon!

“ Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won. — James Weldon Johnson ”

PENCIL IN FBC

January

22

Wednesday

Don't Miss: Dining Out at the Castle for a Great Cause

Our next fundraiser for the summer service trip is tonight! Either dine in, or take out your meal from The Castle between the hours of 5-10 p.m. and a portion of all sales during that time will benefit our service trippers!

All Choir Rehearsals Resume

Dr. Esther Chang is back from vacation, and all of our regular choir rehearsals resume as of today.

January

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Thursday

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January

26

Sunday

See you at FBC's Mid-Year Meeting!

Join us immediately following worship for our Mid-Year meeting held in the Sanctuary. *A light lunch will be provided.*

January

28

Tuesday

Senior Scaries First Group Lunch Meeting

For those reaching retirement-age and beyond, join us at Noon for a luncheon facing our "Senior Scaries" in the Lounge as we kick-off this new group and converse about what we'd like to cover as we move through our golden years together!

CONTACT US



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