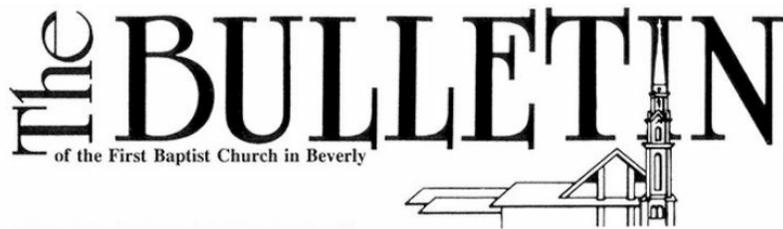


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

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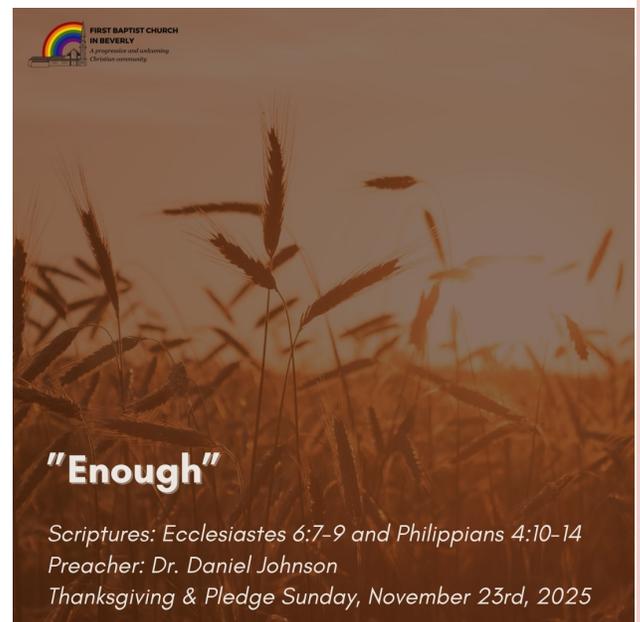
Sunday is Thanksgiving Sunday at First Baptist, and this season of gratitude brings with it our annual Pledge Sunday, as well! On this day when we consider the gifts we have been given by a God of abundant love, we are also invited to faithfully consider the gifts we will pledge to give – financial gifts, as well as the gifts of our time, our talents, and our prayers – to our church for the coming year. These pledges can be written on a pledge card (received in the mail or available in the pew racks) and then placed in the model of the church during the offering moment, to remind us that giving is indeed an act of worship and prayer! Read on to learn more about this Sunday, fellowship opportunities, The + Club Friendsgiving, a Holiday Fair recap, and countless other ways to get involved and be part of the vibrant life of First Baptist Church!

Worship With Us!

Join us for our Worship Service this **Sunday, November 23rd, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**, either in person or via our [FBC YouTube Channel](#). **Lydia Ames will offer the Stewardship Moment this week during Worship!**

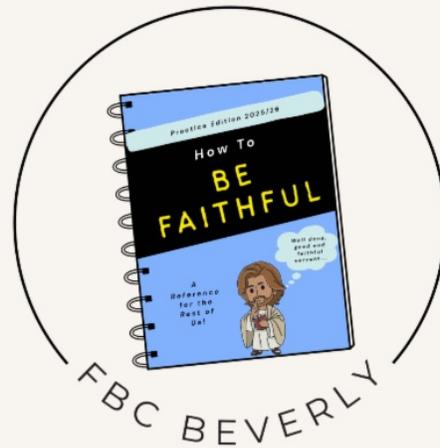
Notes for Sunday:

- The Infant/Toddler room will be open during worship.
- Littlest Learners will meet during worship.
- The Playground will also be open for the enjoyment of our Elementary and younger friends & their families to use.
- Elementary-age friends can go to their Christian Education class after the Stepsitters moment in worship.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.



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

- Esther's Childrens Choir rehearses immediately after worship this week.
- Both Fellowships meet at their regular times this week, with Middle School 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Senior High 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NOTES FOR SUNDAY:

Middle School Fellowship

*Sunday, November 23rd: Parade Prepping and Bootstraps Learning
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Meet in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist*

Our Middle School crew will welcome guests from Beverly Bootstraps this coming Sunday, who will help to share with us more about the organization and the work they do, as well as help share with the group why walking in the Holiday Parade and collecting food donations for the food pantry makes *such* a difference, especially at this time of year. All Middle School youth are invited to come and join in the fun and learning – there will also be time for the group to do some work preparing for the Holiday Parade itself, making posters and signs for the shopping carts used in the parade and more! Friends interested in joining the group for the parade should feel free to come along for this program, as well!

Holiday Parade Details for Middle School:

*November 30th – Meet at First Baptist at 11:15 a.m. to get things ready to go for Holiday Parade; head to BHS together to line up
The Holiday Parade steps off at 1 p.m. from BHS*

The Middle School Fellowship will be walking in the Beverly Holiday Parade, pushing shopping carts to collect food donations to go to Beverly Bootstraps, again this year! This is a 30+ year tradition for the Middle Schoolers at First Baptist, and we have collected tens of thousands of pounds of food donations in that time! **Please arrive at the church at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, November 30th, dressed for whatever the weather is! Remember that we will be outside for the ENTIRE duration of the parade and following, so bring hats/gloves/mittens/jackets – dress in layers!** The group will head to Beverly High School together to line up for the parade, and we will provide pizza for lunch at the high school

while we are waiting. We will then walk in the parade, collecting food donations, and then head directly to Beverly Bootstraps as the parade concludes (the route ends very near their building) to unload all the food. We will then walk back to First Baptist, where we will need helping hands to disassemble our parade float, carry all the items and pieces into the church basement for storage, and ensure we are cleaned up before everyone heads home. **The pick up time at the church is usually 3/3:15 p.m., once all our jobs are done! Friends are welcome to participate in the parade with the group, as well!**

Sr. High Fellowship

*Sunday, November 23rd: Fellowship Thanksgiving Dinner
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Meet in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist*

It has been a longstanding and much-loved Sr. High Fellowship tradition for the youth and advisors to share a Thanksgiving meal as a Fellowship family on the Sunday before Thanksgiving – and this year is no exception! The advisors will provide the turkey, and then everyone is invited to bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to add to the meal. Youth and advisors often bring a favorite or staple item from their own Thanksgiving tradition to share – but all dishes are, of course, welcome! **Please note that our group has peanut and tree nut allergic friends, so please refrain from bringing nut-containing items OR ensure they are clearly labeled! Additionally, we have friends who are dairy sensitive, as well as friends who are vegetarian, and friends who cannot have gluten – so if you are bringing a dish that is vegetarian, gluten-free, or dairy-free, let us know, so we can label everything well and make sure everyone has something to enjoy safely!**

Youth who were at last Sunday's movie night program started signing up for dishes they wished to bring – that list has been distributed to Fellowship families in a separate email so everyone can see it for planning. Advisors will use this list to supplement with their own dishes. Those who would like to change their signup or who did not yet get to signup, *can email with what they wish to bring* (and don't feel daunted if someone signed up for a staple you ALSO would like to bring – we can always use more than one mashed potato option, for example, or more than one stuffing!)! Of course, everyone should feel VERY welcome to attend and share the meal, whether they are able to bring something or not – so please come, even if it's not possible to bring a dish to share! Friends are welcome around the table, of course, for this favorite Fellowship tradition. The group will end the evening reflecting on gratitude moments, as well as sharing Concerns and Celebrations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's Thanksgiving *AND* Stewardship Sunday
this Week at FBC! Please Return Your
Pledge Cards & Envelopes Sunday



The + Club is holding a Friendsgiving on Friday, November 21st at 7:30 p.m.! Mark those Calendars & get RSVPs in to Kelsey ASAP if interested in attending

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

THE + CLUB
A queer intergenerational hangout space

FRIENDSGIVING

COME ENJOY A HOMEMADE MEAL + GAMES

FRIDAY **21** NOVEMBER

**STARTS AT 7:30 PM IN
THE FBC LOUNGE**

RSVP TO: Kelsey Belis
BY: Tuesday, 11/18/25
P: 207-610-3123

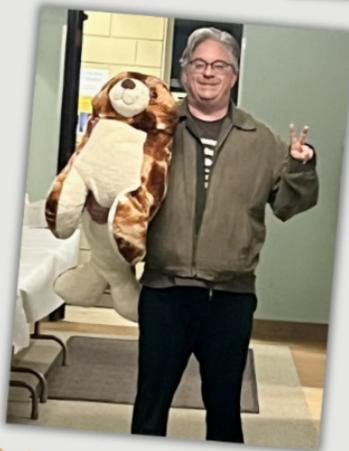
The meal will be a fun Friendsgiving meal of spaghetti and meatballs with salad (gluten-free available) – folks are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert item to share, but that is in no way required!

Room; visiting Santa; enjoying delicious breakfast or lunch; finding treasures in Grandpa's Attic; enjoying live music played by Esther; and more! The story of this Fair really was the story of church family, because from the donations that came in, to the *huge* group of folks who came out on Friday to get things all set up for the Fair, to the countless folks working throughout the day on Saturday, including the large cleanup crew, it was the church family working together that brought this Fair together. In a year when we went into the Fair knowing that the loss of our beloved Pam, who had been the heart and soul of all things Holiday Fair for so long, was a profound one, the church family came together to create something special, for the church *and* the wider community. It was an excellent Holiday Fair day!

While final numbers are still forthcoming (and will be shared!), all indications point to an excellent Holiday Fair day by financial standards, too! Thank you to everyone who helped with this Fair in every way – from donating to baking to crafting to setting up to working to cleaning up and more! In this season of gratitude, we are grateful for *you!*



...and a few more festive photos!



THE CABOT

\$1 MOVIE night

Save-The-Date for our
SECOND ANNUAL
\$1 Community Movie Night
of ELF at The Cabot – hosted by
our very own FBC Fun Squad! –
this year on Wednesday,
December 3rd, 2025!



A Few November PNO Highlights

**WE ♥ PNO
AT FBC!**



What's better than a FULL Youth Pew in worship?! In this season of gratitude, we are thankful for our youth!



Looking ahead at FBC Beverly...



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

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



PLEASE JOIN US FOR



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ESTHER'S SING-A-LONG



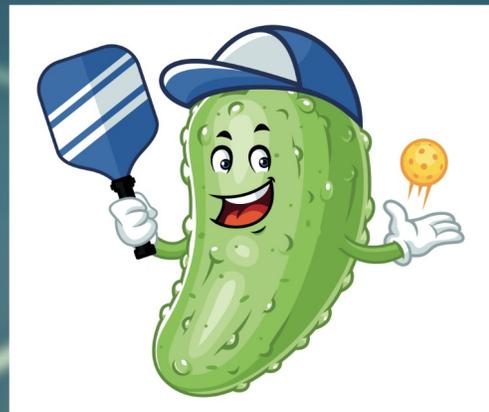
ENJOY CHILDREN'S
CHOIR REHEARSAL
& HAVE SOME FUN
W/ESTHER!

MEETING NEXT ON
SUNDAY, 11/23!

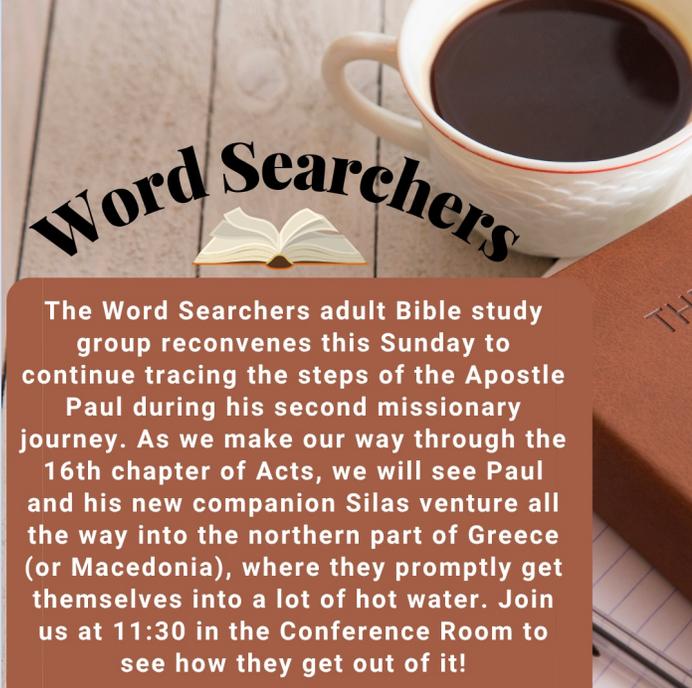


GATHERING
RIGHT AFTER
WORSHIP

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



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



Word Searchers

The Word Searchers adult Bible study group reconvenes this Sunday to continue tracing the steps of the Apostle Paul during his second missionary journey. As we make our way through the 16th chapter of Acts, we will see Paul and his new companion Silas venture all the way into the northern part of Greece (or Macedonia), where they promptly get themselves into a lot of hot water. Join us at 11:30 in the Conference Room to see how they get out of it!



embracing gratitude this

Thanksgiving

The FBC Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 27th & Friday, November 28th.

Shalom & Thank You!

“ I have learned to be content with whatever I have. — Philippians 4:11 ”

PENCIL IN FBC

November

21

Friday

The + Club Hosts Friendsgiving!

All LGBTQIA+ Friends and community members are welcome to join The + Club this Friday, November 21st at 7:30 p.m. in FBC's Church Lounge. RSVP ASAP to Kelsey at 207-610-3123 & join us for an evening filled with good food, great friends, AND GAMES!

November

23

Sunday

Thanksgiving and Pledge Sunday

Reminder to please bring completed pledge cards back today.

Esther's Sing-A-Long Children's Choir Meets

Elementary-age youth are invited to sing (& play!) with Dr. Esther Chang immediately after worship for a half hour. This is the perfect way for youth to gain more exposure to music, and maybe even meet a new friend or

November

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Thursday-Friday

two along the way! Accompanying adults get the chance to sip their coffee and socialize!

Church Office is Closed

We wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving! Reminder that the church office is closed as our staff takes time to enjoy the holiday with family and friends.

November

30

Sunday

Beverly's Holiday Parade!

Bring your non-perishable food donations for Beverly Bootstraps and come enjoy the Beverly Holiday Parade! Our Middle School Fellowship will once again be walking in the parade with their now-famous Mac&Cheese float, pushing their shopping carts to collect those food donations! Come out for the parade and support our youth – and share food for our neighbors! – all at the same time!

December

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Tuesday

Church Council Meeting

FBC's next Church Council meeting take place this evening at 7:00 p.m.

Theology On Tap

Join us at the Kitchen Table located at 392 Cabot Street in Beverly at 8:00 p.m.! Be sure to bring your thirst for fellowship and hunger for lively conversation about life and faith!

December

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Wednesday

\$1 Community Movie Night Showing of *Elf* at Off Cabot

Don't miss our second annual community movie night sponsored by our very own FBC Fun Squad!

December

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Friday

Hanging of the Greens

Help hang greenery around the church as we carol right along and share in this festive annual tradition together! We'll decorate the Sanctuary from 5:00-8:00 p.m. as we prepare FBC (and our hearts!) for the rest of Advent and the upcoming Christmas season.

December

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Friday

Parents' Night Out

Children and youth (through Middle School age) are welcome for this free monthly program offered from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Parents' Night out is a chance for parents and caregivers to get some time to run errands, grab dinner, or catch their breath- all while our dedicated FBC volunteers offer an evening of excellent childcare, delicious dinner, and lots of fun here at the church!

December

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Monday

Wit & Wisdom's Christmas Party

Luncheon

Retiree Crew: Save-the-Date for lunch alongside caroling and sharing of holiday traditions kicking off at 11:30 a.m.!

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