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The BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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This *Bulletin* issue is an action-packed one, with important information to share about such items as a milestone retirement announcement, sharing a newly posted FBC job opening, an invitation to share in the joy of Daniel Johnson's upcoming Ordination to Ministry - and more! We've got the Lenten Season quickly approaching (Ash Wednesday is February 18th), and we'll kick things off with our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner again this year. Read on to see what's in store in the weeks ahead at First Baptist Beverly!

Worship With Us!

Join us for our Worship Service this **Sunday, February 8th, 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.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.
- Youth Class meets immediately following worship for those in grades 5-12.
- Middle School Fellowship has been moved from 2:00-4:00 p.m. this Sunday and Sr. High from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

SCRIPTURE: MARK 9:33-37



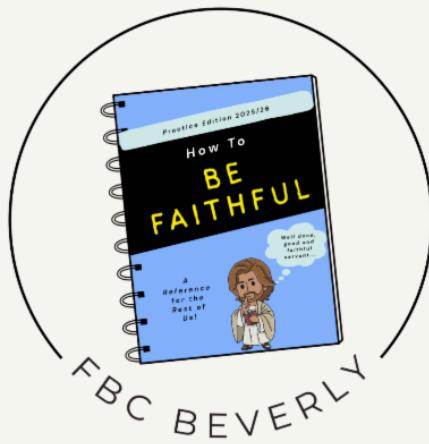
“WHAT IS GREATNESS?”

SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 8, 2026

PREACHER:
REV. JULIE FLOWERS



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



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NOTES FOR SUNDAY:

Middle School Fellowship

Sunday, February 8th: Fellowship Winter Olympics

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Meet in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist

NOTE EARLIER TIME

The Winter Olympics kick off this Friday, and the Middle School Fellowship will be getting into that spirit this coming Sunday! Our Middle School crew will have the opportunity to participate in an Opening Ceremony of our Fellowship Winter Games and then to participate in a series of Fellowship Olympic events, all inspired by the actual events of the Winter Olympic Games. Youth should wear sneakers or sturdy shoes they can run and play in. Any youth who own a bike or ski helmet of their own are also asked to please bring it with them for extra safety during our "bobsledding" event! Bring a friend and come along to get in on the fun! **Please note the earlier program time this Sunday, due to our knowing that many families have Super Bowl plans later!**

Sr. High Fellowship

Sunday, February 8th: Clay Dreaming

12: 00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Meet in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist

NOTE EARLIER TIME

After a wonderful retreat weekend this past weekend, the Sr. High Fellowship youth and advisors will be back in action with an afternoon of creativity and fun at Clay Dreaming! The group will meet at First Baptist at noon to walk across the street together to get started and then will return to First Baptist for pick-up at 3 p.m. Friends are welcome! The cost for this program is \$15/participant, but financial assistance is available as needed - please just let Julie know if assistance would be helpful, as we never want any young person to miss a Fellowship event they wish to attend due to cost. Come join in the fun this Sunday, as the Sr. High youth and advisors explore their artistic sides! **Please note the earlier program time this Sunday, due to our knowing that many families have Super Bowl plans later!**

Steeple Climb at FBC: All the Details



FBC Adult Fellowship Steeple Climb!

Why should our Youth Fellowshippers keep all of the fun to be had in the church steeple to themselves? Join us for an Adult Fellowship climb of the FBC steeple on Sunday, February 8, at 2:00 p.m.

Be sure to wear closed-toed, slip-resistant, comfortable shoes, and you will be free to climb as much or as little as you like. Just looking up after stepping through the door entering the steeple is enough to reward you with a sense of how impressive the structure is. But if you dare to climb all the way to the range light some 160 feet above sea level, you will be able to take in a one-of-a-kind view of the city below.

Of course, we will also be able to enjoy a good time of fellowship together, along with a snack item or two. [Contact Daniel](#) if you have any questions or would like to RSVP for the event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents' Night Out is in *TWO* Days and We Welcome More Volunteers!



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



FOR FRIDAY, 2/6/26
FROM 6:00-8:30 PM



Retirement News



Pat Haight recently let us know that in May of this year, she will retire. For more than 40 years, Pat has been the foundation of the FBC office, keeping the administrative wheels of this church turning. In the time that Pat has served in her role at FBC, there have been 11 U.S. Presidential terms, and 7 different U.S. Presidents! It is hard to imagine the church office without Pat! Pat is the person we all call on for an address, or when we need to organize a funeral or a wedding. We call Pat to ask a question about our pledges, or to organize memorial gifts or flowers. Pat is on the front line in our welcoming and affirming church, taking questions every day from people who wander in looking for help and assistance. In addition to printing the Order of Worship every week and facilitating staff payroll, Pat deals with the myriad of issues that come up every day in our unique church office. We will let you know how we will celebrate Pat's contributions

in the coming weeks. In meantime, please [feel free to let Pat know](#) how much we all appreciate her decades of service to our church community.

New Opportunities at FBC! Read on for More!

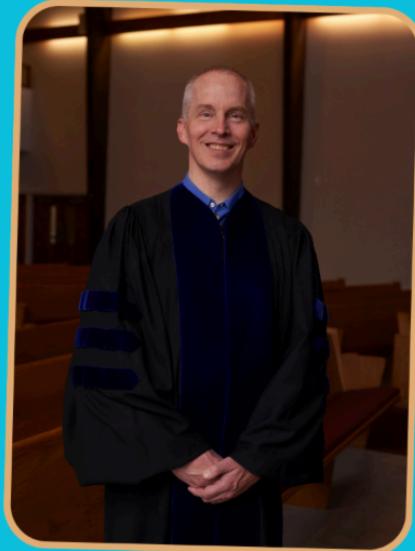
FBC is Hiring and We Need Your Help!

The Church has an open position for a Sexton, and we are asking our church family to help us spread the word to find candidates who are interested in this part-time position. What can you do? Post on your Facebook or spread the word with your friends and neighbors. The posting can be found on FBC's website here: <https://www.fbcbeverly.org/about/job-staff-openings/>

More information on this role:

FBC in Beverly, a progressive and welcoming Christian community, is seeking a part-time Sexton. The Sexton is the church's caretaker and is responsible for maintaining the building, grounds, and equipment, plus setting up for services and events. The Sexton will be asked to collaborate on, or contribute to, special projects, such as setting up for weddings, funerals, and the annual FBC Holiday Fair. The Sexton must ensure the church is clean, safe, and functional, blending custodial work with logistical support for the church's activities. Part-time, averaging 10 hours per week; flexible work hours; availability on weekends (with notice). The role requires practical skills, reliability, and a commitment to supporting the church community. Experience with facilities management including ability to perform physical tasks when needed including bending and lifting up to 50 lbs. Anyone interested should please email careers@fbcbeverly.org.

Save the Date!



YOU'RE INVITED TO DANIEL'S ORDINATION SERVICE
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2026 AT 3 O'CLOCK
WITH DINNER AND CELEBRATION TO FOLLOW IN
WILBUR HALL

Inquiry Class Kicking Off in February

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!



The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner is BACK! Don't miss the fun on Tuesday, February 17th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.!

Mardi Gras is a Christian holiday and popular cultural phenomenon that dates back thousands of years to pagan spring and fertility rites. It is celebrated every year on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of the religious season of Lent. “Mardi Gras” literally translates as “Fat Tuesday,” but the holiday is also known as “Shrove Tuesday,” “Carnival,” or “Carnaval.”

Brazil, Venice and New Orleans play host to some of the holiday’s most famous public festivities, drawing thousands of tourists and revelers every year. Yet many others celebrate the holiday in smaller and quieter ways. A practice that has long been observed in many

Christian communities is to mark the occasion with a pancake dinner, during which members enjoy indulging in a meal made up of ingredients that they might subsequently refrain from eating during Lent—most notably, eggs, sugar, and fat.

That said, we do not need a commitment to giving up such things for Lent in order to justify getting together to eat pancakes for dinner! After all, they're pancakes, at dinner! Come on out and join in the fun (and the pancakes!) on Tuesday, February 17, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Check it out! Some super fun (& funny) photos below showcase what a blast we had last year (parade and pushcart and all!) demonstrating even more reason to attend the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner this year!



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!



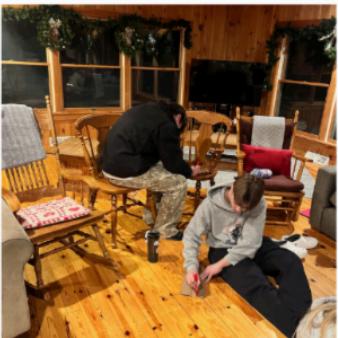
Email:
avtech@fbcbeverly.org

A Peek at what our FBC Fellowship Groups were up to last weekend!

Middle School Fellowshipers enjoyed celebrating Groundhog Day thanks to our Middle School youth advisor Adam Constantine and his creative program planning and design! As seen in this picture, the group started the afternoon getting into the Groundhog Day spirit by making their own top hats (an homage to those worn by the Groundhog Club members in Gobbler's Knob where Punxsutawney Phil makes his appearance).

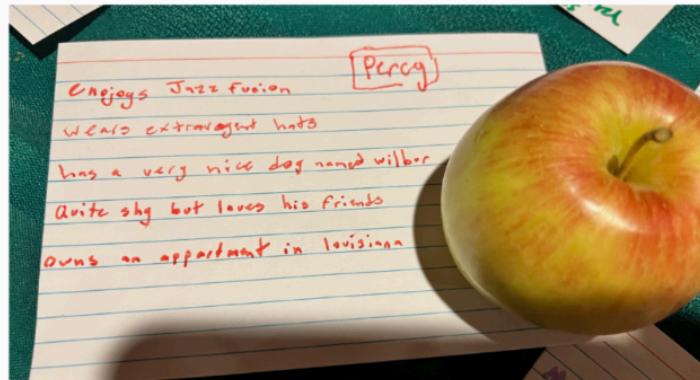
Featured below are not one but TWO Sr. High Fellowship photo spreads with moments captured during the group's exciting retreat weekend away in Harrison, Maine, together!





SR. HIGH RETREAT 2026







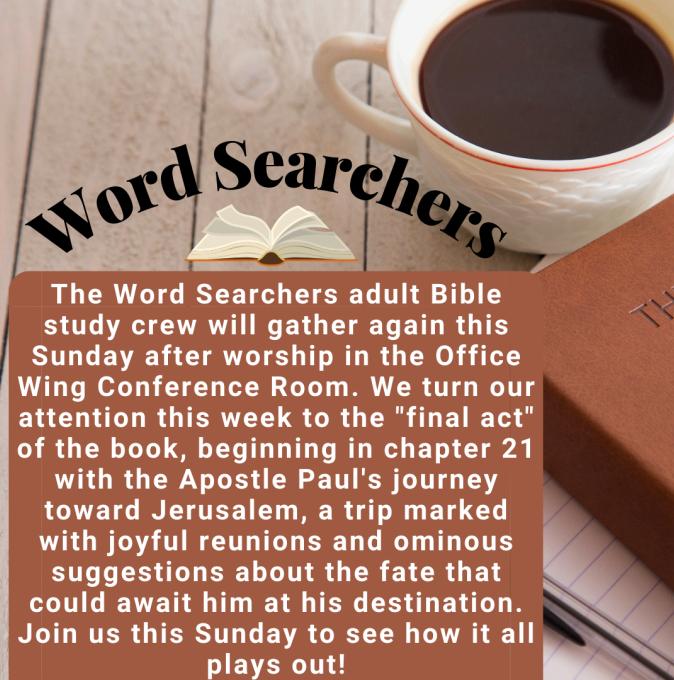
[Zoom Coffee Hour Link](#)

A purple and blue promotional graphic for "FBC's Parents' Night Out!". It features several circular photos showing families and children. The text "FBC's" is at the top, and "PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!" is in a large, bold, yellow font. Below it, the text reads: "Join us on Friday, February 6th for our Parents' Night Out (PNO) at the First Baptist Church in Beverly from 6:00-8:30 p.m.!" A "FREE" speech bubble is on the right. The text "We will be ready to have fun together with dinner, games, the works! Don't miss this great opportunity, and friends are always welcome too!" is at the bottom.



A graphic for the Youth Class. It features a blue background with various geometric shapes and a photo of four teenagers. The text "JOIN US ON SUNDAY, 2/8/26 AFTER WORSHIP FOR FBC'S..." is at the top, followed by "YOUTH CLASS" in large letters. Below it, the text "Youth in grades 5-12 are invited to stay immediately after worship!" is in a dark box.





Contact *Daniel* or *Julie* if you might be interested in joining us for class!

“ Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name
welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome
me but the one who sent me.

- Mark 9:37

PENCIL IN FBC

February

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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. While the young people are being fed and cared for by FBC's team of dedicated PNO volunteers, their parents and caregivers might choose to grab a bite, finish a book, even get groceries! Be sure to pencil in FBC!

February

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Sunday

Youth Class Meets

For those in Grades 5-12, youth class will meet immediately following worship today.

An FBC Adult Steeple Climb!

It's been awhile since we've climbed our steeple, so lace up those trusty sneakers and join Daniel all the way to the top this Sunday at 2 o'clock!

February

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Sunday

Youth Class Meets

For those in Grades 5-12, youth class will meet immediately following worship again today.

February

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Tuesday

FBC T3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship Group will gather for breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at Steph's this month.

Shrove Pancake Dinner is BACK!

Don't miss FBC's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall!

February

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Friday

The + Club Meets

FBC's LGBTQIA+ group meets at their regular time and place (7:30 p.m. in the FBC Lounge).

March

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Sunday

Communion Sunday

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

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

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Friday

FBC Women's Fellowship Retreat

The women of FBC are headed to Grotonwood together to continue this long-awaited tradition!

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