



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CRANFORD/ELIZABETH  
 2026 CALENDAR YEAR AT A GLANCE  
**THEME: EXCELLENCE** In Ministry. In Life. In Legacy

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>JAN. Faithfulness</b> Happy New Year!  *Epiphany of the Lord Sun 4 *Churchwide Prayer & Fast 5-9 *Church Mtg after church 11 *Spiritual Gifts 930a (Elder Rose) 17 *Service Sun (MLK/Ministries) 18 *MLK Day 19 *Corp. Prayer re-start 7:30p 20 *Bible Study re-start 7p 21 * Joint Board (Dea,Tru.,CE) 8p 21 *Church Baptism 25 *Clergy Retreat ABCNJ 31	<b>FEB. Compassion</b> Black History Month American Heart Health Month *Souper Bowl Sunday (bring pantry canned goods/Rev.Harris) 8 *Pastor Preaching @Peddie 8 *Valentine's Day 14 *Transfiguration Sunday & ABCUSA Sunday 15 *Ash Wednesday 12p Zoom/ FOBC in Hackensack 7p 18 *1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent 22	<b>MARCH Courage</b> Women's History Month *2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent 1 *3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, Pastor's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anny, Int'l 1 Women's Day, Daylight Sav. Begins 8 *Elizabeth Public Schools Fair 14 *4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (Laetare/Rose Sun.) 15 *St. Patrick's Day 17 *ABCNJ Ministry Training 21 *5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 22 *Heritage in the House 1 "Beloved Community" 28 *Palm/Passion Sun./Holy Wk. Begins 29
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>APRIL Commitment</b> National Gardening Month Autism Awareness Month National Pickleball Month  *Passover Begins 1 *Maundy/Holy Thursday 2 *Good Friday 3 *Easter Sunday 5 *2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 12 *3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 19 *Earth Day 22 *4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 26	<b>MAY Growth</b> Asian Pacific Heritage Month Military Appreciation Month  * ABCNJ Latin Convention 2 * 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 3 * 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/ Mother's Day/ Women's Sunday 10 *ABW of NJ Harvey Cedars 14-16 * 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday/Ascension Sunday 17 *Pentecost Sunday 24 *Memorial Day Monday 25 *Trinity Sunday 31	<b>JUNE Integrity</b>  *Church Anniversary Weekend 5-7 - Legacy Benefit Dinner & Journal 5 - Heritage in the House 2 "First Baptists" 6 -183 Anniversary Sunday (Pastor Nietzer) 7 *Raritan Association Mtg/We Host 13 *Church Mtg. after Church 14 *Last Tues Prayer/Wed Bible 16-17 *Juneteenth 19 *Father's Day/Men's Sunday 21 *Education & Grad Sun 28
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>JULY Precision</b>  * Fourth of July Friday 4   Tues Prayer, Wed Bible Study and Sunday School are off for the Summer. Note there is still intercessory prayer on Sundays and youth activities as scheduled during the Summer.	<b>AUG. Creativity</b>  * Joint Churches VBS 6-8 * Praise & Worship under the Stars Bring Your Lawn Chairs & Picnic 29  Tues Prayer, Wed Bible Study and Sunday School are off for the Summer. Note there is still intercessory prayer on Sundays and youth activities as scheduled during the Summer.	<b>SEPT. Discipline</b> National Friendship Month  *Labor Day 7 *Rosh Hashanah 11-13 *Churchwide Retreat & Cornerstone Sun 11-13 -Heritage in the House 3 "Sacred Architecture" 12 *Hispanic Heritage starts 15 *Tuesday Prayer Zoom resumes 15 *Wed Night Bible Study resumes 16 *Sunday School/Youth Mtg resumes 20 * Yom Kippur 20-21 * Sukkot Begins 25 *Start to Plan Friends Family Fall Fest 27
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>OCT. Stewardship</b> Clergy Appreciation Month  *Sukkot Ends 2 *ABCNJ Annual Session 3 *Fall Revival w/FRCH 9 *Hispanic Heritage ends 15 * Stewardship Sunday 18 *Reformation Sunday 25 *Reformation Day 31	<b>NOV. Humility</b> Native American Heritage Month  *Daylight Savings ends 1 *Veteran's Sunday 8 *Veteran's Day 11 *Friends Family Fall Festival 21 * Friends & Family Sunday/ Reign of Christ 22 *Thanksgiving (Thurs) 26 *1 <sup>st</sup> Sun Adv   Hope Candle 29	<b>DEC. Joy</b> *Hanukkah 4-12 *Heritage in the House 4 "Sacred Music" 5 *2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun Adv   Peace candle 6 *3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun Adv   Joy candle 13 *4 <sup>th</sup> Sun Adv. Love 20 *Year-End Meeting 20 *Hanukkah ends 22 *Christmas Eve  Christ Candle  Food 24 *Christmas (Fri) 25 * First Sunday after Christmas 27 * NYE WNS (Wed) 31

**Monthly Meetings:** Deacons 1st Weds 8:05P Zoom; Trustees 4th Suns 12:30P In-person; Christian ed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Suns 12:30P In-person