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

1st Quarter	**JAN. Faithfulness** 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	**FEB. Compassion** 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 Hackensak7p 18 *1st Sunday in Lent 22	**MARCH Courage** Women's History Month *2nd Sunday in Lent 1 *3rd Sunday in Lent, Pastor's 2nd Anny, Int'l Women's Day, Daylight Sav. Begins 8 *Elizabeth Public Schools Fair 14 *4th Sunday in Lent (Laetare/Rose Sun.) 15 *St. Patrick's Day 17 *ABCNJ Ministry Training 21 *5th Sunday in Lent 22 *Heritage in the House 1 "Beloved Community" 28 *Palm/Passion Sun./Holy Wk. Begins 29
2nd Quarter	**APRIL Commitment** National Gardening Month Autism Awareness Month National Pickleball Month *Passover Begins 1 *Maundy/Holy Thursday 2 *Good Friday 3 *Easter Sunday 5 *2nd Sunday of Easter 12 *3rd Sunday of Easter 19 *Earth Day 22 *4th Sunday of Easter 26	**MAY Growth** Asian Pacific Heritage Month Military Appreciation Month * ABCNJ Latin Convention 2 * 5th Sunday of Easter 3 * 6th Sunday of Easter/ Mother' s Day/ Women's Sunday 10 *ABW of NJ Harvey Cedars 14-16 * 7th Sunday/Ascension Sunday 17 *Pentecost Sunday 24 *Memorial Day Monday 25 *Trinity Sunday 31	**JUNE Integrity** ***Church Anniversary Weekend 5-7** - Legacy Benefit Dinner 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
3rd Quarter	**JULY Precision** * Fourth of July Fr./America 250 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.	**AUG. Creativity** *Great Falls Parents & Youth Fun 9 *Back to School Supply Drive 23 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.	**SEPT. Perseverance** 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 * Yom Kippur 20-21 *Tuesday Prayer Zoom resumes 22 *Wed Night Bible Study resumes 23 * Sukkot Begins 25 *Sunday School/Youth Mtg resumes 27 *Start to Plan Friends Family Fall Fest* 27
4th Quarter	**OCT. Stewardship** Clergy Appreciation Month *Sukkot Ends 2 *ABCNJ Annual Session 3 *Hispanic Heritage ends 15 * Stewardship & Reformation Sunday 25 *Reformation Day 31	**NOV. Humility** 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 *1st Sun Adv| Hope Candle 29	**DEC. Joy** *Hanukkah 4-12 *Heritage in the House 4 "Sacred Music" 5 *2nd Sun Adv| Peace candle 6 *3rd Sun Adv | Joy candle 13 *4th Sun Adv. Love 20 *Year-Ender 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. 2nd Suns 12:30P In-person