



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
NEWPORT NEWS

First News: Monthly Vision Issue

September 12, 2018

Hurricane Florence Update

There will be **no Wednesday night activities** this week. The Church Office will be open 9-3 on Thursday, September 13 and closed on Friday. Please check our website, your email, or our Facebook page for updates. Continue to pray for all of those who will be affected.

Welcome to the first Vision Issue of First News

Once a month, First News will have an issue dedicated to what the Vision and Lead Teams have been accomplishing. It will include articles from each group and an Opportunities to Serve section. The last page still has the calendar, financial report, and menus. Enjoy reading about exciting things happening at First Baptist!

Vision Team Update

So far, the core of the Vision Team's work is about coordinating between the various teams, seeking God's vision for our community, and prayer. We make sure to devote at about a third of our meeting time to Prayer to be sure that we seek God's presence before we talk about the coordination and planning aspects of our calling. We are trying to live out the devotion to prayer spoken of in Acts 2:42.

We have also agreed to covenant together. Our covenant is:

As the Vision Team, we believe that relationships in Christ's love are at the core of what it means to be a Christian. As 1 John 4:7-8 says, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love (NIV)." Our covenant as the Vision Team is to love each other in the following ways:

- We will pray for each other.
- We will be open to each other's ideas.
- We will be open to change, rather than being defensive or living with preconceived notions.
- We will remain positive.
- We will maintain communication and practice active listening.
- We will practice substantive agreement and disagree constructively.
- We will keep matters confidential when it is requested or when it is appropriate.
- We will accept each other as human beings created in the image of God and cursed by sin. We will forgive each other when we miss the mark with this covenant, our duties, or interactions.

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Updates From The Lead Teams

Authentic Community

We facilitate authentic connections, conversations, and care among members, participants, and neighbors.

We display infectious hospitality, both inside and outside of our walls.

Authentic Community Lead Team has met four times, May 15, June 11, August 13, and September 10, 2018.

New/Improved Action Teams:

- VIP Assistance Ministry – Rollout on June 17, 2018.
- Hospitality Coffee Bar – 4th Sunday of each month, began on August 26, 2018.
- New/improved signage both inside and outside of the church building to facilitate navigation throughout, particularly for visitors.
- Expand team members, to include coordinators, on the Welcome Center Action Team.
- Special Events Action Team – identify, create and support church-wide activities - “All Hands on Deck” church conference/covered dish dinner August 12, 2018, family night Thanksgiving dinner November 14, 2018.

Goals in process:

- Care Group Structure – review in coordination with Walter Satchell to expand and support the existing ministry.
- Identify existing care group structures throughout church small groups. How care is provided, how to improve, etc.
- Card writing Action Team.



Compassionate Mission Partnerships

Yates Elementary Update

Thanks to your generosity, 15 backpacks, several school supplies, and clothing for a 5th grader in need have been delivered to Yates.

More Than Nets Update

We received \$4,573.36 to provide mosquito nets and help plant churches in Ghana.

(That is over 457 nets!)



Extend Good News Invitations

Building relationships within our community in order to spread the Gospel is at the core of EGNi's objective and our team has been busy at work:

- Our Girl Scout troop held a “get to know us” event in August, followed by our first official troop meeting earlier this month, with 17 girls in attendance
- We're collecting data from our Sunday School mission survey to ensure that, as appropriate, an EGNi component is implemented
- We've received approval on a car magnet design, a stepping stone to establishing FBCNN's brand in the community
- Pub Theology is in the early stages, with an initial outing currently in the works
- Website calendar is being updated to ensure it is inclusive of all events open to our community
- We're brainstorming ideas to increase our outreach for Christmas in the Aire

We need your help! Contact Andrea at aderby@fbcnn.org to sign up for an Action Team or find out more about how you can help.

Updates From The Lead Teams (cont'd.)

God Centered Worship

The God-Centered Worship team has started a couple of behind the scenes initiatives that are already paying big dividends for our church. Our team of Facebook Live Streamers are continuing to stream the 11:00 worship services so that persons can watch our service as it occurs and later on as well. At this point, our services are averaging over 350 views per service. We are still in a trial and error phase, but as we continue, our goal is to advertise our live streaming service so that many people who do not attend can easily connect with us.

Also, we are doing maintenance work on our sound system. Our sound team has cleaned up and re-labelled many areas that needed addressing. In addition, we have experts coming in who will help us determine what steps to take for current repairs and future preparations. We are making good progress with our sanctuary sound.

Intentional Spiritual Development

The Intentional Spiritual Development (ISD) Lead Team has been working on several exciting things that we want you to know about. We are supporting the new Men's Ministry Action Team. We have a new Wednesday Night Action Team that is looking for ways we can minister to adults who aren't already involved. Last but not least, we want you to know about the Spiritual Gifts Inventory that will be coming up next month.

Our Men's Ministry Action Team is about helping men connect to each other and to God. They have started things off by scheduling a Saturday morning breakfast. Clark Lamp and Larry Nester are leading the charge with the team so contact them if you are interested in getting involved (and getting breakfast).

With all the young people that come to our Wednesday night activities, we want to make sure we are ministering to parents too. Our Wednesday Night Activities Action Team is working on how we can connect with those folks and how we can align what we are doing with what God has called us to do. The core mission of ISD is to help everyone associated with our church to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ. Contact Tracy Houston or Linsey Wyne if you want to get involved with this effort.

You may or may not know that we will all have the opportunity to take a Spiritual Gifts Inventory next month. Everyone has gifts but we don't all know what they are. We want to see every person involved with FBCNN engaged in works of service that align with their gifts. While this team isn't currently seeking members, you can help by being ready to take the inventory, getting excited about opportunities to get involved, and by working together to make sure that we all find the right places to serve the community.

Investment in Next Generations

First Ever Young Adult JAM a Great Success!

Our first young adult JAM event was on August 18. Young adults from all three young adult small groups in our church (The Bridge Single Young Adults, Young Adult Couples Class, and the Bible Study of Biblical Proportions Monday night group) joined together for a night of games, ping pong, foose ball, karaoke, and Chick fil a. Laughter was plentiful and the connection between friends old and new was fantastic. We look forward to holding JAM events on a regular basis as a connecting point for young adults in our community to FBCNN.

Get Involved!

- Pray for the Vision and Lead Teams implementing God's direction for First Baptist.
- People are needed to set up and operate the coffee station every 4th Sunday. Contact Jeanette Lystlund for more information.*
- A six to eight person action team is needed to coordinate people for every 3rd Saturday, to help with a Homeless Neighbor Breakfast held in downtown Newport News. The team of people would be responsible for cooking, serving, and leading a devotional. Please contact Kim Overman for more information.*

*Please see front page for contact information.

Mark Your Calendar- September ✓

THURSDAY 13	FRIDAY 14	SATURDAY 15	SUNDAY 16	MONDAY 17	TUESDAY 18	WEDNESDAY 19
Hispanic Praise Team 6:00pm	All Events Canceled Due to Weather	Prayer Group (Rm. 130) 10:00am	Traditional Worship 8:30am	Prayer Group (Prayer Rm.) 2:00pm	Girl Scout Troop Meeting 6:00pm	Family Night Dinner 5:00pm
Transformed Praise Team 7:30pm			Bible Study 9:45am	Biblical Proportions 6:30pm		Children & Youth Activities 6:00pm
			Contemporary Worship 11:00am	The Bridge Young Adults 7:00pm		Prayer & Bible Study 6:15pm
			Hispanic Worship 12:00pm			Sanctuary Choir 7:30pm

Deacons' Meeting has been rescheduled to September 23 at 4:00 pm.

Tithes and Offerings Received as of September 9, 2018

<u>Budget Need*</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Hope 127 Year to Date**</u>	<u>Debt on Educational Building</u>
\$902,305.94	\$834,407.03	\$34,217.00	\$1,531,455.63

*\$25,064.02 per week is required to meet the needs of the ministries of our church.

**Hope 127 gifts are given to directly pay down debt.

The first two Sundays in September we met our weekly budget. Please continue to help us reach that goal and more to pay our Building Debt.

Wednesday Night Menus

September 12, 2018

Baked Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Rolls,
Salad

Dessert: Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Kids: Pizza, Potato Chips, Applesauce

September 19, 2018

Pork Loin, Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Apples, Rolls,
Salad

Dessert: Ice Cream Sandwiches

Kids: Chicken Nuggets, Macaroni & Cheese, Applesauce

Cost: Grade 5 & below \$3 Grade 6 & up \$5