



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**NEWPORT NEWS**

# First News: Monthly Vision Issue

May 1, 2019

## **Intentional Spiritual Development Lead Team**

### **Discipleship Strategy 2: Small Groups**

Last month we introduced the concept of a discipleship strategy. This month we talk about one piece of ours.

At the core of our discipleship strategy is involvement. We want our folks to grow closer to Christ, to live more like Christ, and to bring more of Christ's kingdom into the world. Much like athletes train for sporting events, disciples train themselves to live more like Christ. Two elements of this are making a training plan and working in a group of other believers. This month is about small groups. Next month is about Spiritual Training plans.

Different Churches have different types of small groups. At FBCNN we've had Sunday School probably going all the way back to when we were in downtown. Without dropping Sunday School, we want to offer some other discipleship opportunities for those that Sunday School doesn't connect with or who are busy on Sunday Mornings. Home groups are like small Sunday School classes that meet in peoples' houses in the community. Home groups help folks connect with their neighbors because a lot of our neighbors who don't go to church are more comfortable coming into our houses than into our church building. We have one home group meeting at the Tilley home in Hilton as well as the young adult home groups.

Affinity groups are those who meet around an interest or a hobby. We have a fitness group that is meeting on Wednesday night. We are looking to start other groups, probably in the same Wednesday night timeframe. Affinity groups also provide a good contact with folks who aren't necessarily involved in our community because people will come to a crafting or fitness group who would not immediately say "yes" to a new Bible study.

Finally, Huddle groups are those where a leader gathers a group of disciples to go into a deep study for a period of time. Huddle groups are intentionally kept small, allowing a few disciples to dedicate themselves to a time of growth and sharing. Huddle groups are especially valuable for those of us who may have spent a long time in church but who need a deeper experience of Jesus.

Grace & Peace!

Matt

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# Gift Fair April 28, 2019

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in the Gift Fair this past Sunday! Turnout was wonderful! Results and updates from the fair will be appearing in future First News newsletters.



# Updates From The Lead Teams

## Vision Team Update

### Why?

Matt Tilley, Vision Team Chair, [mtilley@fbcnn.org](mailto:mtilley@fbcnn.org)

At a recent Vision Team meeting we took time to ask the question **Why.**” I wanted to share some of the answers the Vision Team came up with. You may have heard some of these in a recent sermon.

- Because its the right thing to do
- To fulfil our purpose
- To love
- Because of others in our community
- Jesus told us to
- To follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit
- Because our community needs us and we need each other
- To make the Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven
- To bring honor and glory to God
- Because all people matter to God

To be like Christ

The question of **why** we do what we do is at the core of what it means to follow Jesus. In the Easter Season we remember and rejoice in the resurrection, remembering that resurrection is not just something that happened, it is also something that happens. As we go through this season and come to Pentecost please take a few moments to think about **why** we celebrate and **why** we do what we do as a church community.

Grace & Peace,

Matt

## More News from FBCNN

### Festival of Music · Sunday, May 5 · 6:00pm

Come out and listen to our choirs, musicians, and musical groups perform. Childcare will be provided for ages 4 and under. Reception to follow in Payne Fellowship Hall

### Men's Monthly Breakfast · Saturday, May 11 · 8:00am · Payne Fellowship Hall

All men are invited to come out for fellowship and food. Donations will be accepted.

### Youth Sunday · May 19

The FBCNN Youth will be leading us in worship.

### Puerto Rico Mission Trip · May 22-28

Remember the Puerto Rico Mission Team in your prayers. They will be assisting in repairing roofs damaged by Hurricane Maria.

# Mark Your Calendar- May



THURSDAY 2	FRIDAY 3	SATURDAY 4	SUNDAY 5	MONDAY 6	TUESDAY 7	WEDNESDAY 8
Hispanic Praise Team 6:00pm	Swingin' Singers 10:00am	Festival of Music Dress Rehearsal 9:00am	Traditional Worship 8:30am	King's Daughters Meeting 10:00am	Girl Scout Troop Meeting 6:00pm	Family Night Dinner 5:00pm
Transformed Praise Team 7:30pm		Prayer Group (Rm. 130) 10:00am	Bible Study 9:45am	Prayer Group (Prayer Rm.) 2:00pm		Joan Monroe Handbells 5:45pm
			Contemporary Worship 11:00am	Faith Class Movie Night 5:00pm		Children & Youth Activities 6:00pm
			Hispanic Worship 12:30pm	Biblical Proportions 6:30pm		Prayer & Bible Study 6:15pm
			Festival of Music 6:00pm	The Bridge Young Adults 7:00pm		Marcia Adkins Handbells 6:45pm
						Sanctuary Choir 7:30pm

## Tithes and Offerings Received as of April 28, 2019

<u>Budget Need</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Hope 127 Year to Date</u>	<u>Debt on Educational Building</u>
\$399,563.60	\$408,474.78	\$11,537.00	\$506,053.34

Note: Thank you for your sacrificial gifts to purchase new signs. We have received \$10,613 so far, and still need \$77,587. Our Sign Raiser goal is \$88,200. Be part of the enhancements our church is receiving! We have a list of improvements needed around our church, such as new roofs in three different areas, air conditioning system in the sanctuary, sound system, security system, LED lights for cost efficiency, new carpet, and others. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) money, \$1.95M, has helped FBC to pay down \$1M toward our building loan debt already, leaving us with \$506,053 debt (shown above weekly), we have also began some repairs mentioned. However, we still have a long list of items that need to be repaired, developments were held off in past years, due to VDOT litigation lasting over 9 years. We are counting on your support!

## Wednesday Night Menus

<u>May 1, 2019</u>	<u>May 8, 2019</u>
Beef Tips & Gravy, Rice, Peas, Rolls, Salad Dessert: Brownies Kids: Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Chips, Applesauce	Pork Loin, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Dessert: Peach Upside Down Cake Kids: Hot Dog, Corn on the Cob, Applesauce
Cost: Grade 5 & below \$3 Grade 6 & up \$5	