



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

# First News: Monthly Vision Issue

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## Vision Team Article - Advent Conspiracy

Matt Tilley, Vision Team Chair (mtilley@fbcnn.org)

The folks that have been in our community for a few years may remember when we started doing Advent Conspiracy. We made it a focus in our small group discipleship and in our community worship time. Since the first year we started it, we have made Advent Conspiracy a part of our Advent season. However, we have taken a couple of years since we have asked the whole community to focus on what it means to Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, and Love More.

This year, we believe that we have been called to really examine how Christ coming into the world changed our reality. As a part of this, we will be inviting our small groups, our mission activities, and our worship experiences to refocus on worshipping fully, spending less, giving more, and loving all.

So what does that mean to you? If you are a regular worshipper in our community, you will see a different focus during the Sundays leading up to Christmas. If you are a small group leader, you will be invited to refocus your group as we come into advent. Regardless of who you are or your relationship to this community, we hope that thinking about the birth of Christ will challenge you to recommit your life to the ongoing emergence of God's Kingdom in the world.

## New Wednesday Night Bible Study

October 9 - November 6

6:15pm · Payne Fellowship Hall

Disciple First led by Randy Shepley and Matt Tilley

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# Updates From Lead Teams

## Intentional Spiritual Development

Matt Tilley, Intentional Spiritual Development Lead Team Chair (mtilley@fbcnn.org)

Grace and Peace from the Intentional Spiritual Development Lead Team! I'm taking this opportunity to let you know about something that is coming up for our Wednesday night group study. For a few weeks we will be focusing on what it means to be a disciple and how we intend for discipleship to work at FBCNN.

Starting October 9th, Randy and I will be leading a conversation about what we believe it means to follow Jesus. We want to talk about what discipleship is and how our community is practicing discipleship together. We think this is the core of what it means to live out Jesus' great commission (Matthew 28:18-20). We invite you to join us for this conversation.

## God Centered Worship

Service of Ordination to Set Apart Lesley Spitzer for the Gospel Ministry

Sunday, October 13 · 6:00pm · Sanctuary

## Investment in Next Generations

New College Small Group · Sundays · 12:30pm

Our Bible study is officially being called 'The GAP' now! This new Bible Study is for young adults and will meet in room A144. Lunch is provided.

## Compassionate Mission Partnerships

Romania Mission Trip Interest Meeting: Are you interested in going on the Romania Mission Trip next year or want to find out more information? Come to the Interest Meeting Sunday, October 6 4:00-5:30pm in the Choir Room.

Thanksgiving Bags: Bags will be handed out after each service on Sunday, November 3 with a list of items that will be collected. These items will be used to replenish our food pantry and help those in need have a Thanksgiving dinner. Please pick up a list and bag after worship on November 3 and return it on November 10.

PORT: Our week for hosting PORT (People Organizing Resources Together) homeless shelter will be January 1-8, 2020. More information on how to get involved will be coming in future editions of First News.

## Authentic Community

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We need 2 volunteers to help with the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings! There are openings for the 2nd and 4th Sundays at the 11:00 service. For more information or to sign up, please contact Tom or Elizabeth Glass (navyamdo@gmail.com or 757.766.2681). Thank you so much for your help! (Free mints for the first two volunteers!)

# Updates From Lead Teams (cont'd)

## Administration Lead Team

We are seeking member gardeners who are interested in maintaining the landscape and beauty of our exterior beds. This team would be responsible for weeding, pruning, watering, and helping to select the plants and flowers that would bring the most beauty to our church. The team would meet periodically for brief periods to carry out the responsibilities. If interested, please contact Kris Keyes at kris.keyes@outlook.com, or contact the church office.

## More News from FBCNN

### Youth BARF · October 4 · 6:00pm

This is our first BARF for the school year and there will be a lot of fun stuff to do! There will be a life size WackAMole that requires a waiver. Contact Michael Adams, madams@fbcnn.org, for more information.

### Annual Ladies Circle Luncheon · October 12 · 11:30am · Payne Fellowship Hall

Elizabeth Ameling, Founder and Executive Director of Latisha's House Foundation, will be speaking about human trafficking. All are welcome to attend. Contact Bev Parker (bevparser@cox.net or 757.880.8668) with any questions.

### Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast for October will not be meeting in order to support the luncheon for Latisha's House Foundation. Stayed tuned to see what we will be doing in November.

### Church Dinner and Quarterly Conference · October 27 · Payne Fellowship Hall

Dinner at 5:00pm                      Conference at 5:45pm

Theme for dinner will be announced soon!

### Upcoming Guest Speakers

Sunday, October 20 at 8:30am & 11:00am services: Caitlin Brown

Sunday, October 27 at 8:30am & 11:00am services: Michael Adams

Wednesday, October 30 at 6:15pm Bible Study: Steve Wendell

### Donation Opportunity for those with IRA Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)

Congress has approved a permanent charitable giving tax break, known as the "IRA charitable rollover". The rollover is available for those who are 70½. You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA of up to \$100,000 to a charity, such as First Baptist Church. The donation will count toward your IRA required minimum distribution.

The distribution is not recognized as income on your tax return. As such, you do not take a donation deduction either. With the change in the recent Tax Legislation, the Standard Deduction has doubled thus itemized charitable deductions will no longer be needed to be kept track of. By donating all or part of your IRA RMD to the Church, you receive the benefit of a reduce Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) in that the RMD to charity is not taxed, which helps the opportunity of obtaining lower cost for your Medicare Part B and Prescription Drug premiums.

The distribution must come directly from the IRA account to the Church not through you the owner of the account. Let our Financial Services Coordinator, Monica Garcia know how you want the contribution designated, such as the General Fund.

Rick Elofson, Treasurer FBC

# Mark Your Calendar- October



THURSDAY 3	FRIDAY 4	SATURDAY 5	SUNDAY 6	MONDAY 7	TUESDAY 8	WEDNESDAY 9
Hispanic Praise Team 6:00pm	Swingin' Singers Trip 8:00am	Prayer Group (Rm. 130) 10:00am	Traditional Worship 8:30am	Prayer Group (Prayer Rm.) 2:00pm	Compassion Ministries 8:00am	Family Night Dinner 5:00pm
Transformed Praise Team 7:30pm	Youth BARF (Bring A Real Friend) 6:00pm	JAM (Jesus Always Mingles) 4:00pm	Bible Study 9:45am	Faith Class Movie Night 5:00pm	Biblical Proportions 6:30pm	Joan Monroe Handbells 5:45pm
			Contemporary Worship 11:00am	The Bridge Young Adults 7:00pm		Children & Youth Activities 6:00pm
			The GAP Bible Study 12:30pm			Prayer & Bible Studies 6:15pm
			Hispanic Worship 12:30pm			Marcia Adkins Handbells 6:45pm
						Sanctuary Choir 7:30pm

## Tithes and Offerings Received as of September 29, 2019

<u>Budget Need</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Hope 127 Year to Date</u>	<u>Debt on Educational Building</u>
\$916,641.00	\$890,703.58	\$30,437.00	\$485,746.19

**Sign Raiser Total to Date:** \$52,257.25

**Note from Monica Garcia, Financial Coordinator:** Week by week FBCNN is working and serving to impact the neighborhood and community in this area. Our Preschool LLC has started its classes. Also, FBCNN is hosting a group called Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) on Wednesday mornings and receiving around 400 ladies to study the word of God. September means starting with Wednesday night programs as well: Family Night Dinners, Youth, Children, Hispanic, and other Bible Study groups. Let us keep on pursuing to support God's Kingdom with our daily prayers, our passionate service, and our continuous donations. Christ only deserves the very best. Thank you for your support!!

## Wednesday Night Menus

### October 2, 2019

Chicken Pot Pie, Sweet Potatoes, Apples, Rolls, Salad  
Dessert: Brownies  
Kids: Hamburger/Cheeseburger, French Fries, Applesauce

### October 9, 2019

Spaghetti, Baked Peaches, Garlic Bread, Salad  
Dessert: Chocolate Delight  
Kids: Pizza, Potato Chips, Applesauce

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