



# LIFE TOGETHER

**A Virtual Small Group Investment in Your Spiritual Growth**  
**Starts: Wednesday, October 7 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Ends: Wednesday, November 18**

Perhaps the most challenging part of the COVID 19 season has been the loss of personal connection. While we have learned to virtually gather and connect via technology, we have all struggled with the disconnect from friends, family, and our spiritual community, the church.

In his book, *Life Together: A Discussion of Christian Fellowship*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer pondered how a church can deepen fellowship with Jesus and one another through the practice of the ancient ways of faith. Bonhoeffer is particularly interested in how a church grows deep community and mature disciples in a time of crisis. *Life Together* was written in 1938 and it is the reflections of Bonhoeffer on his time leading and building community in an underground seminary opposed to the Nazi movement in Germany from 1935-1937.

Starting on Wednesday, October 7, you can participate in a *Life Together* seven-week study on spiritual community. The study will conclude on Wednesday, November 18. Each group time will begin at 7:00 pm and conclude at 8:15. The meetings will take place on Zoom and include a large group seminar time and a small group time for conversation and prayer. If possible, we will substitute some in-person meeting time for Zoom connections.

Reading the book *Life Together* is part of the small group experience. You are welcome to read the book ahead of time, but there will be a reading plan that will take us through the seven weeks. Coupled with scriptural study, we will learn truths and practices of Christian community and discipleship.

A word of warning: *Life Together* is a small book, but Bonhoeffer is a challenging, provocative writer. So, be prepared! As part of our group times, we will cultivate understanding together!

If you are ready to sign up, click on this [Zoom sign up link](#) or contact Nikki Reid in the church office. We will have copies of the book in the church office for purchase.

I hope you will join us for the soul-deepening experience of *Life Together*.

### **Back to School 2020: A Year Unlike Any Other!**

A few more names were brought to my attention and added to the list of teachers and school personnel published in last week's First News. Please continue to keep all of them in your prayers along with students and their parents as we are learning to navigate the waters of virtual learning.

#### Teachers and School Staff from FBCNN

##### Elementary

Shellye Wardensky

Amy Hall

Amy Woodard

Cheryl Wilkerson

Amber McCarthy

Julie Casebolt

Sarah Protzman

Brianna Camden

Melanie Langdon

Allison Reynolds

Margaret Eichelberger

Abigail Eichelberger

Darcy Chiappazzi

Debra Costa



### Middle

Lisa Mason

Chris Pennington

Dana Murvin

Kim Borders

### High

Patty Patton

Alice Shepley

Kevin Wilder

Liz Wilder

Kolby Keller

Hannah Park

NNPS Staff-Mary Keeling, Sandra Forrest

HPS Staff-Val Wolfe

### **Reports Sent Tuesday, September 8 at 5:00 p.m.**

If you did not receive an email yesterday with the reports for the past quarter, [click here](#) to open a copy.

### **Weekly Worship Opportunities**

Join us for worship online September 13! Randy Shepley will be preaching at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. If you have any technical difficulties watching the services on Facebook Live, please send us a direct message on Facebook so we can help troubleshoot the issue.

The following is a list of weekly events that can be accessed on the First Baptist Church of Newport News Facebook page, youth events that can be accessed on their Instagram page-@fbcnn youth, and young adult events that meet using Microsoft Teams. (The 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday worship services will also be uploaded to the website, [fbcnn.org](http://fbcnn.org), each Monday, and can be accessed by clicking on the Resources tab.)

- **Sundays:** 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Facebook Live)  
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday Bible Study  
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
(Facebook Live)  
12:30 p.m. Hispanic Worship (Facebook Live)
- **Mondays:** 7:30 p.m. The Bridge Young Adults
- **Tuesdays:** 8:00 p.m. Young Adult Couples

### FBCNN Facebook Live Videos

If you missed Sunday's service and do not have a Facebook account, you can click [here for 8:30](#) or [here for 10:30](#) to watch it on our Vimeo page.

### **Back to School Prayer Slide Show**

We want to highlight all our students and teachers as they return to school with a slide show. Will you please email Susie, [swebb@fbcnn.org](mailto:swebb@fbcnn.org), a photo of yourself (if you are a student, a teacher, or a school employee) or of your children (all grades-Preschool through college!) by September 9 so we can share with our church family all those we can pray for this school year?

*Parents of minors, emailing a photo gives us permission to post and share the photo online; for safety reasons, please refrain from having your child's name in the photo.*





Every two weeks throughout the Summer and into the Fall, we would like to show support for a locally owned restaurant on or near our mile that has struggled throughout the pandemic. We encourage you to order a meal (eat in or take out) from each restaurant at least once during the two weeks, leave a good tip, and be encouraging and tell them you are from First Baptist. The restaurant for this week is Chihuahua's Mexican Grill located on Oyster Point near Planet Fitness. You can check out their menu and hours on their [Facebook page](#). The restaurant for the next two weeks will be announced on Sunday.

### **Prayer Requests**

If you have a specific prayer request that you would like the ministerial staff to pray for, you can send it confidentially to [prayer@fbcnn.org](mailto:prayer@fbcnn.org). This email address is monitored only by the staff of FBCNN. If you have permission from the person and would like them added to the prayer list at church please mention that in your email.

## **Building Usage**

As a reminder, our building is still currently closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. If you need to work on something in the building please check with the Church Office beforehand. We can let you know of the guidelines that are in place and remember that the mandate from Governor Northam requires masks to be worn. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## **Staff Contact Info**

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# FBCNN Stewardship Needs

**Thank you for your generosity in supporting the mission of FBCNN!**

**There are several ways to continue to support:**

- **Mail your Offering Envelopes:** All funds will go to the General Fund to cover operating expenses like salaries, utilities, etc. unless otherwise designated. We will continue to record your donations for the end of the year contribution statements.
- **Thru Your Bank Online Services:** Call your bank or go to your bank's website and select **Bill Pay**. You will only need the church's address, and you can set the amount and frequency you desire. There is no cost to you or the church.
- **Online Giving:** Go to [fbcnn.org](http://fbcnn.org) and click on the "Resources" tab and then the "Online Giving" tab.
- **Stock Contributions or Charitable Bequests:** If you wish to give stocks or charitable bequests to FBCNN, provide the church's name and address to your broker or lawyer to process the transaction.

If you need more information, please contact Monica Garcia at [monica@fbcnn.org](mailto:monica@fbcnn.org) or at the Church Office, 930-0911.

*"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*