

First News

March 17, 2021



Prayer Sheet Revision

Dear Church Family,

Due to the Coronavirus and regulations from our Governor, we have been unable to have our regular activities in order to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Many of you have requested some sort of listing that would show the prayer concerns for our members and friends and still stay within the guidelines of the government HIPAA requirements.

We will be introducing a new prayer sheet that will show only the name of the individual that has requested prayer or those you are requesting prayer for. We do not need to know the specifics of their health concerns. Since our Lord knows all, we just want to lift the individual up in prayer.

Each week we will send an email to our members which will include a link where you can go and get the latest prayer concerns. Each quarter we will include a link where you can go and get a copy of the Long Term Prayer Sheet and a copy of the Homebound List. If you want your name or someone else's name put on the prayer sheet, please call Nikki in the office at 757-930-0911 and please remember that in order to have a name put on the list, you must have the individual's permission. We will continue to carry the name on the active prayer sheet for a period of two (2) weeks and then the name will be removed or moved over to the Long Term Prayer Sheet in order to keep the listing at a manageable size. We will not carry over names from the previous prayer sheets that were printed prior to COVID-19, especially since we want to follow all HIPAA regulations.

Thank you for your understanding of this new procedure and if you have any questions



Lenten Journeys

During the season of Lent we remember the hopelessness and futility of life without Christ. Truly, "we are dust and to dust we shall return."

Lent is often known as a time of fasting in which we give up something good to taste life's bitterness. Yet Lent is also a journey as we see Jesus demonstrate true faithfulness on the road to Jerusalem and the cross. This journey is one in which we are all invited into. It is only in this journey to the cross will we find the life and redemption of Easter.

For the six weeks of Lent, join our ministers each Wednesday at 7 PM as we discuss a spiritual practice for the week. Meeting on Zoom, we will spend 30 minutes learning a new practice and sharing our stories and experiences from the previous session. Together we will explore what it means to be faithful and human during these times. Just follow the Zoom link below. I hope you will join us on the road.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94585114534?pwd=Tnc3QnFlV3pyL1BTRTdNejVrODVUUT09>

Meeting ID: 945 8511 4534
Passcode: 252385

about it please give me a call and we can discuss. My cell number is 757-287-0802.

Also, thank you for your willingness to lift up our families with prayer needs. Please be safe and I look forward to the near future when we can all gather for worship and fellowship more often.

In His Service,

Walter Satchell
Associate Pastor/Pastoral Care

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online March 21 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.! Randy Shepley will be preaching. If you have any technical difficulties watching the service 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 Zoom. The 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday worship services are uploaded to our [website](#) each Monday, and can be accessed by clicking on the Resources tab.

Sundays

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Pre-K & Kindergarten S.S.
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
12:30 p.m. Hispanic Worship

Mondays

7:00 p.m. Young Single Adults

Tuesdays

7:30 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.

Easter at FBCNN

Palm Sunday, March 28

Our children are invited to wave palm branches before our 8:30 and 10:30 worship services. They will stand on the sidewalks by the sanctuary entrance and welcome everyone to worship with palm branch waving and shouts of "Hosanna!" Please arrive 15 minutes before worship. Children under the age of 5 years must be accompanied by their parent/adult. Join us as we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem!



Journey with Jesus: Holy Week

We are approaching the climatic moments of our journey with Jesus through the season of Lent. Starting with Palm Sunday on March 28, Holy Week recognizes the significant moments of Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem that conclude with the dark night of his crucifixion and death on Friday and the silence of the grave on Saturday as all creation holds its breath for Easter morning. To help us walk this road to the cross, we will have a devotional written by one of our ministers posted to our Facebook and Instagram pages and sent by email Monday through Friday of Holy Week. On Saturday we will provide a link to a time of guided prayer through the Stations of the Cross. Be looking for more information about this time of prayer next week. We hope in these moments of reflection, you will see how Jesus' story intersects our own and that we too are called to "take up our cross and follow" (Matthew 16:24). We are all pilgrims on this journey together.

Good Friday Service April 2

Join us **at 7pm** for this special time of worship and reflection.



Easter, April 4

8:30am & 10:30am

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! Bring flowers to place on the cross outside near the sanctuary entrance.



Outside Work Day

THIS SATURDAY!

March 20

9 AM

Join us for a fun day of spreading mulch! OK, spreading mulch might not be so fun, but we can use your help in freshening up our flower beds with a new layer of mulch.

Please bring a wheelbarrow, pitchfork, shovel, gloves and whatever else you can use to help. We hope to get this done in one day, so please mark your calendar and come out to help!

Rain date: March 27

Red Cross Blood Drive April 15 1:30-6PM Payne Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendars for our next blood drive! Help the Red Cross help others by supporting in one of three ways:

1-Donate blood. You can sign up online by clicking [here](#) or calling 1-800-Red-Cross and let them know you would like to donate at First Baptist Church Newport News on April 15. All donors will receive a COVID antibody test and the results will be emailed to them within 2 days.

2-Be one of two volunteers needed from our church to sign in and register donors as they arrive. You can sign up to volunteer by clicking the link above or calling 1-800-Red-Cross.

3-Pray for those volunteering, donating, and receiving.

Their goal is to receive 30 successful collections. Let's help them reach that goal!

Make a financial contribution to FBCNN today by clicking on the link below.

DONATE

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 70 1/2, though if your 70th birthday is July 1, 2019 or later, you do not have to take withdrawals until you reach age 72. 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 reduced 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 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 FBCNN

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