

First News

March 31, 2021



Easter at FBCNN

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 at 7pm Join us 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.



Celebration of Spring Church Picnic Sunday, April 18 5-7PM

(Rain Date: April 25)

Have you missed seeing your church family during this pandemic? We have! Come join us for a picnic so we can see each other and catch up!

Please bring a picnic dinner & a blanket or camping chairs for your family, and feel free to bring your corn hole set too! We will have ice cream sandwiches for dessert, YUM! We will also have bottles of water if you need extra drinks.

Please remember to wear your mask unless eating or drinking, and please practice social distancing. Each family is asked to dispose of their own trash in the outside dumpster. The building will be closed, but there will be limited access to restrooms if needed. Children and youth must be accompanied by their parent/responsible adult if entering the building to use the restroom.

We are thrilled to announce the Playground will be open with the following guidelines:

- Parents/responsible adult must accompany children in the fenced playground area
- Everyone 2 years old and older must wear a mask
- Please use hand sanitizer gel when entering and exiting the playground area
- Mask and water breaks may be taken if your child gets hot and winded; please have your child sit more than 6 feet from others when taking a mask or water break.

Join us for a fun evening of gathering together, catching up on life, and spending time with our church family. We are so excited to be able to gather again!

Church Office Closed

The office will be closed on Monday, April 5 in observance of Easter Monday.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online to celebrate our resurrected Lord on Easter Sunday April 4 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-@fbcnnyouth, 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.



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=Tnc3QnFIV3pyL1BTRTdNejVrODVUUT09>

Meeting ID: 945 8511 4534

Passcode: 252385

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!

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

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

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