
Celebrating Mike Adams!

Michael Adams started as the Associate Pastor/Youth at FBCNN on November 1, 2014. He answered God's call to serve on the ministerial staff of the church that raised him. While this is a great gift, it is not easy to serve as a ministerial leader in front of the persons who taught you as a child, chaperoned you on youth trips, and watched you grow up. Michael has handled this situation with grace and wisdom and in so doing, our entire church has benefited from his gifts and ministry. I am so glad he said "yes" to God and came to serve at FBCNN. I am grateful as the leader of our staff; I am even more grateful as a Dad who has seen Michael's ministry shape the lives of my three teens.

I am so thankful for Mike Adams. He has been an energetic, encouraging, spiritually grounded voice for many teenagers during his 6.5 years with us. I am grateful for the late-night conversations with teens and their parents, the times he shared coffee and conversation with hurting teens, the mentoring he offered to teens and adult leaders, all the trips he led, and all the times he preached for our whole congregation on Sunday mornings. Since he has been with us, he completed his MDIV degree, got married, and now, he and LeeAnna are preparing for parenthood. His life has changed, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, Mike's life has changed so many of us.

Due to travelling for a family baby shower, Michael's last Sunday of worship with us will be this Sunday, May 9. We will have the opportunity to Michael and LeeAnna a word of encouragement as they prepare for their new ministry in Virginia Beach at our church picnic on May 16 at 5:00 pm. I hope you will join us! Though they are sent out from us, they are always part of us. Thank you, Michael, for loving our youth, serving the mission of God, and for your friendship along the way. We are proud of and grateful for you.

Pastor Randy

Church Picnic and Celebration of Michael Adams Sunday, May 16, 5-7 PM



Come join us for a picnic so we can see each other, catch up, and celebrate Michael Adams!

Please bring a picnic dinner and 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.

The Playground will also be open with the following guidelines:

- Parent/responsible adult must accompany children in the fenced playground area
- Everyone 2 years old and older must wear a mask
- Please use hand 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, spending time with our church family, and being grateful for the time Michael and LeeAnna have been with FBCNN. We are looking forward to gather again!

Modified Return to Sunday Morning Bible Study Set for June 6, 2021 @ 9:30 am

As more people get vaccinated and the pandemic continues to trend down in the state of Virginia, the FBCNN staff, Vision, and Lead teams are preparing for the modified return to Sunday morning Bible Study on Sunday, June 6 at 9:30 am. Starting June 6, we will have multiple in person and digital Sunday morning class options available for children, youth, and adults.

Currently, we are working with teachers to get an accurate assessment of who is available to return on June 6. As we gain clarity on which in person groups we will offer in the summer, we will present the full slate of offerings in First News and on Sunday mornings during worship. We are excited about this phased in return of Sunday morning Bible Study during the summer, and we look forward to all God will do during our summer days of teaching and learning.

High School Seniors!

We know that you have a lot going on as you countdown to graduation, but please remember to fill out and turn in your scholarship applications. We, as your church family, are so proud of you all and are excited at the prospect of being able to aid you in your future plans! The deadline to turn in your application is **Sunday, May 23**, and we will schedule scholarship interviews the following week. If you have any questions, contact Misty Prussia at misty.watkins89@gmail.com.

Staff Anniversaries and Birthdays for May

May 8-Walter Satchell's 15th
Anniversary

May 20-Michael Adams' Birthday

Congratulations Walter and happy
birthday Michael!

Save the Dates

**May 13: Peninsula Food Bank
Mobile Food Pantry** will be in our
parking lot from 1:30-3 p.m. If you
know of someone in need of food
assistance, please let them know
about this opportunity to receive meat,
vegetables, fruit, and non perishable
items.

June 6: Graduate Recognition at 10:30 service

We are going to
recognize and
celebrate those in
our congregation
who are graduating from high school
and college. Please send information
(name of graduate, name of school,
degree if applicable, picture, and future
plans) to Nikki at nikki@fbcnn.org. We
will publish graduation photos and
information in First News and during
the 10:30 service on June 6.



June 13: Parent-Child Dedication

If you would like to participate in this
special time during the Sunday
morning services please contact
Sharon at shertzler@fbcnn.org for
more information.



Over the last year we have all seen the
benefit of technology allowing us to
worship together, remain connected, and
interact with people who may never
enter our doors. Even as we hope for
more in-person interactions in the
coming months, we want to continue to
invest in our digital ministry and its
unique opportunities to love and serve
our communities in Hampton Roads and
around the world.

If you have experience in graphic design,
video production, audio mixing, or if you
just like technology and are willing to
learn or interact with people online we
need your help. We want you to be part
of our digital ministry team. Contact
Ethan at ebrown@fbcnn.org to learn
more.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online
Sunday May 9 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30
a.m.! We will have a panel of Moms
speaking at both services.

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.



School Supplies for Yates Elementary

Thank you to everyone who donated individual packs of Kleenex and school supplies for Yates! So far we have received a total of **910 packs** of tissues in addition to other supplies!

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

DONATE

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.

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.

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