



New Guidelines for Sunday Morning Worship Begin May 23

Now that the CDC and Governor of Virginia have relaxed a number of pandemic restrictions for vaccinated people, it is time for new in-person worship guidelines at First Baptist Church of Newport News. The following changes will begin for our 8:30, 10:30, and 12:30 (Hispanic) worship services beginning Sunday, May 23:

1. All fully vaccinated individuals can attend in-person worship at First Baptist Church of Newport News without a mask.
2. All non-vaccinated individuals are required to wear a mask to attend in-person worship. We will trust our unvaccinated members and attendees to follow this requirement.
3. Parents will be responsible for their unvaccinated children (ages 3 -17) wearing masks in our worship services.
4. Most of the physical distancing measures have been removed from the sanctuary. Areas not marked for physical distancing are available to any worship attendee, whether or not they wear a mask.
5. One section on the floor of the sanctuary and the two lower sections of the balcony remain set up for physical distancing. These sections require mask-wearing and physical distancing. These sections will offer greater levels of safety for persons who want or need extra layers of protection.
6. As we move into this new time, please remember: many people will continue to wear masks and practice physical distance due to their own personal preferences and life situations. Please respect the choices of others as we enter into a more normalized worship reality.
7. We will continue broadcasting our worship services online. Digital ministry is now a core part of our mission. Online worship is now the front door of our church for so many and it has opened up a whole new way to invite people in our city and around the world toward Jesus.

As we approach our return to modified Sunday morning Bible Study on June 6, we will have more guidelines to share regarding Sunday morning Bible study and other church ministries. Keep an eye on our church social media posts and *First News* for more information. Thank you for your continued support of our church as we emerge from the pandemic. Through all of these pandemic days, you have served one another and our community, continued to support our church financially, and prayed for our church diligently. THANK YOU!

Summer Sunday Morning Bible Study Groups Begin June 6, 2021 @ 9:30 am

Everyone is welcome to join one of the following classes. Please register for the adult class of your choice by going to our [website](#) or contacting the church office at 757.930.0911 or nikki@fbcnn.org. This will give us the opportunity to plan and prepare the classrooms based on the number of participants.

Here are the adult classes being offered this Summer:

- Class 1: Taught by Harvey Perkins. This class will be studying the book Acts by N. T. Wright and will be held both in person and online.
- Class 2: Taught by Peggy White. This class will be studying the book The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy by Timothy Keller.
- Class 3: Taught by Jim Lystlund, John Hertzler, and Randy Shepley. This class will be studying the book God, The Pandemic, and The Future by N. T. Wright and will be held both in person and online.
- Class 4: King's Daughters led by Shirley Gratto. This class will be studying 1 Peter and Ephesians using Bible Studies for Life curriculum.

There will be classes for children as well. Please contact Sharon Hertzler to register your child.

Here are the classes for children:

- Infants
- Toddlers
- 3 Year Olds
- 4-5 Year Olds
- Grades 1-5

Youth classes will be available to both Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers.

We look forward to having more opportunities to study God's word throughout the Summer!

Save the Dates

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 by **May 24**. We will publish graduation photos and information in First News and during the 10:30 service on June 6.



First Baptist Preschool News

We would like to welcome Lindsay Rew as our new First Baptist Preschool director! Lindsay holds a bachelor's and master's degree in Education from Old Dominion University. She is certified in Pre-K through 6 and has previously taught Kindergarten in Hampton City Schools and 4 year old preschool at FBP during the 2019-2020 academic year. Lindsay loves to spend time with her family, read, and travel. She is married to Mark and they have a five year old daughter, Madelyn. We are

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.

June 15: Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next drive will be from 1-6 PM. Visit redcross.org to sign up for an appointment to donate.

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.



thrilled to have Lindsay bring her knowledge and leadership to her role as director!

We also have exciting enrollment news! If you enroll your child now, you can save \$300! We're registering 2 1/2 year olds, 3 year olds, and 4 year olds for the 2021-2022 school year. There is a \$195 one-time, nonrefundable registration fee (after June 1, 2021 fee will be \$225). We also have a \$195 monthly tuition: September-May (after June 1, 2021 tuition will be \$225). If anyone enrolls their preschooler by June 1, 2021, they will save \$300!

Don't have a child this age but would still like to help? Spread the word of our fantastic preschool program. Tell your relatives, your friends, and your neighbors. Word of mouth is often the best way to get our name out into the community. Would you like to help financially? First Baptist Preschool relies on donations to support our amazing staff, to provide classroom supplies, as well as make scholarships possible so more children can benefit from a jump start on their education. If you would like to make a donation, make checks payable to First Baptist Church Newport News with a note of FBP on the memo line. First Baptist Preschool provides wonderful community outreach for the church, so please consider supporting this ministry. For more information on the preschool, visit our webpage at fbcnnpreschool.org.

Another Successful Food Bank Distribution

God blessed the recipients and Food Bank volunteers with beautiful weather last Thursday. FBCNN will be hosting the Peninsula Mobile Food Pantry again on Thursday, June 10.



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.

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

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Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday May 23 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.

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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