## First News

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# Modified Sunday Morning Bible Study Returns!

We are so excited to be welcoming children, youth, and adults back into our building for modified in-person Sunday morning Bible Study. If you have not registered for a class yet, please see the article below the graduation article. You can certainly come even if you have not registered, but registration helps us plan for our space.

Here are some important points to know as we return:

- Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear masks in the church building. It is up to your honor to follow this requirement.
- Vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a mask for worship and Sunday morning Bible Study.
- While walking to Sunday morning Bible Study and worship, all persons will be required to wear masks in the Children's foyer, second floor youth and children hallways and foyer, and in the stairwells leading to the second floor. This mask requirement in these areas will protect our children and unvaccinated teens. Once past these areas, vaccinated individuals can remove their masks. While it will cause some inconvenience, we are going the extra mile to protect our children and youth.
- All children and youth Sunday morning Bible Study leaders will wear masks, in accordance with current CDC school recommendations.
- Children 3 and above are required to wear masks in Sunday morning Bible Study and worship. Vaccinated teens do not have to wear masks in worship.
- The following doors will be unlocked for Sunday morning Bible Study: Payne Hall doors, Children and Youth Foyer doors, and the Sanctuary doors. All other building door will be locked.
- For the summer, we will use half of our physical plant on Sunday mornings.
   This will help us save on utilities and cleaning costs. We will use the space from the library to the sanctuary foyer restrooms for our ministries during the summer. Access to other hallways will be marked off as a reminder.
- Click <u>HERE</u> if you would like more information on our Children's ministry protocols for the summer.

It will be so exciting to see one another this Sunday morning! Come ready to reconnect with God and one another!

## **Congratulations Class of 2021!!**

FBCNN would like to congratulate all of our graduates that have definitely experienced unique Junior and Senior years! Listed below are some of our graduates and their future plans.



## **Jacob Chandler**

Warwick High School Advanced Studies Diploma

Jacob will be attending George Mason University to pursue a career in the arts by getting a Bachelor of Fine Arts.



## **Benjamin Wilkes Hertzler**

Warwick High School
Advanced Studies Diploma with Honors

Ben will be attending Thomas Nelson Community College to earn an Associate Degree in Engineering before transferring to a 4 year university to complete his Bachelor's Degree.



## **Riley Musick**

Menchville High School Advanced Studies Diploma

Riley will pursue his Associate of Science in Manufacturing at Thomas Nelson Community College.



### **Carter Scott Webb**

Menchville High School Advanced Studies Diploma with Honors

Carter will be attending Thomas Nelson Community College then transferring to a university to study kinesiology.



## **Margaret Lazelle Chiappazzi**

University of Lynchburg
Bachelor's in Health and Physical Education
4 Year Field Hockey Member

Maggie is continuing her education in the masters program at the University of Lynchburg where she will receive a degree next spring in Curriculum and Instruction. Upon graduation Maggie hopes to be hired as a Physical Education teacher, and to work with special needs students by instructing Adaptive PE. She would also like an opportunity to pass on her love of Field Hockey by coaching a high school team.

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

## **Don't Forget to Register!**

Everyone is welcome to join one of the following classes. Please register for the adult class of your choice by going to our <a href="website">website</a> or contacting the church office at 757.930.0911 or <a href="mailto:nikki@fbcnn.org">nikki@fbcnn.org</a>. 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:

- <u>Class 1</u>: 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.
- <u>Class 2</u>: 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.
- <u>Class 3</u>: 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. (Postponed until Fall)
- <u>Class 4</u>: King's Daughters led by Shirley Gratto. This class will be studying 1 Peter and Ephesians using Bible Studies for Life curriculum.
- Class 5: Taught by Sandy Droessler. This class will be studying Gifts of the Spirit.

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.

Extended Session will be available to children age 4 and under during the 10:30 worship service.

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



## **ATTENTION PARENTS:**

We need your help to prepare our Children's Ministry for the summer. Please take a moment to fill out our short survey.

## **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.

## June 13: Parent-Child Dedication

If you would like to participate in this special time during the Sunday morning services please contact Sharon at <a href="mailto:shertzler@fbcnn.org">shertzler@fbcnn.org</a> for more information.

## June 15: Red Cross Blood Drive

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

## June 19: Juneteenth Faith Walk

This annual walk begins at 4 PM in front of Hampton City Hall and continues to the Emancipation Oak at Hampton University. You are invited to join FBCNN and other faith organizations around the area to walk for racial justice and equity. Check out the Faith-Walk Hampton Facebook page for more information.



# Summer Church Picnic! June 27th 5-7pm

Officially kick off summer with a COOKOUT! Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and water will be provided, or bring your own meal. As a special treat, we will have a hymn singalong in addition to other activities. Let's celebrate the lazy days of summer together!

# First Baptist Preschool Now Enrolling

We're registering 2 1/2 year olds, 3 year olds, and 4 year olds for the 2021-2022 school year. There is a \$225 one-time, nonrefundable registration fee. We also have a \$225 monthly tuition: September-May.

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



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 <a href="mailto:experience-color: blue;">ebrown@fbcnn.org</a> to learn more.

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

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church, so please consider supporting this ministry. For more information on the preschool, visit our webpage at <a href="mailto:fbcnnpreschool.org">fbcnnpreschool.org</a>.

# Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday June 6 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.

# 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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