First News



July 14, 2021

Dental Hygiene Kits for Lackey Clinic

We are collecting the following items for Lackey Clinic. Please bring or send items to the church office by July 25.

- Toothpaste, 4-6 ounce
- · Toothbrushes, adult size
- Mouthwash, 8-17 ounce
- Dental Floss

If you prefer, you can create a dental kit on your own by placing two toothbrushes and one of each of the other items in a gallon size Ziploc bag.

Thank you for helping Lackey, a faith-based, free and charitable health care center, assist those in need in our community.



First Baptist Children's Ministry Summer Bible Adventures

Finding Hope in God's Love July 20, 27 6-7:30pm

Join us on Tuesday nights in July for a Summer Bible Adventure. Older preschoolers and children are invited to the FBC playground from 6:00-7:30pm for a time of Bible study, music, games, and crafts. A time of family fellowship with simple dinner options will also be available at 7:30 in the parking lot. Register online or at the preschool desk, or each night with Miss Sharon.

Our first night was wonderful! God provided us with some cloud cover and a breeze to help take the edge off of the heat. The children learned their hope and future are in Jesus. They also helped plant a tree on the playground. Thank you to all of the volunteers who came to help and all of the parents/grandparents who brought their children. Here are a few photos from last night:





Landscaping Changes

You may notice that Building & Grounds has had some work done to the grounds. We consulted with an Arborist as well as the City Planning Department regarding this work to ensure we were making sound decisions.

- Cleared the underbrush and removed a downed Leland Cypress along the south side of the lot.
- Pruned two Southern Live Oaks near the sanctuary entrance.
- Pruned two Crepe Myrtles out by the digital sign.
- Removed three Silver Maples on the north side of the building. These three trees were interfering with underground utilities and impacting the integrity of the roof.

Two new trees were planted this week in and near the children's playground. (See photo above left and photos in article above.) We are making plans to plant some additional trees in more appropriate locations.

Save the Dates

July 14: Youth Field Day

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to a time of fun and games on our field behind the church from 6-7:30pm.

July 20: Red Cross Blood Drive

We will be hosting another blood drive in Payne Fellowship Hall 1-6pm. You can sign up to donate or volunteer by visiting redcrossblood.org.

<u>July 20, 27</u>: Summer Bible Adventures

(See write up in article above)

July 21: Youth Pamper Day

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to come out and be pampered from 6-7:30pm.

<u>July 2</u>1: Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

The Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsing again from 7-8pm.

July 24: Summer Fun Beach Day

Bring your children and a lunch to Fort Monroe Beach from 10am-2pm.

July 29-31: Youth Retreat

Our Youth will be heading to Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center for a time to grow in faith through devotions, worship, and fellowship. Contact Kolby Keller, kkeller@fbcnn.org, for more information.

Staff Birthdays

Kolby Keller - July 28

Take a moment this month to wish or whistle Kolby a "Happy Birthday"!

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 church, so please consider supporting this ministry. For more information on the preschool, visit our webpage at fbcnnpreschool.org.

Handbells Are in the Near Future!

It has been a very long year and a half filled with many challenges associated with the pandemic; however, with God's Grace brighter days are unfolding. We are praying that things will continue to normalize throughout the summer and September will bring the resumption of church activities to include the beautiful ministry of handbells.

We have openings for ringers in both the beginner/intermediate and intermediate/advanced bell choirs. For more information, please contact Beth Tomassetti, 757-952-5351 (cell), btomassetti@cox.net, or Jeanette Lystlund, 757-872-7320 (home), 757-329-8998 (cell), jettlystlund@verizon.net.



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 July 18 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.

Learn more about children's events on Facebook and youth events on their Instagram page-@fbcnnyouth. 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. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Children's Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Infant-Preschool Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Youth Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:30 a.m. Extended Session - infants through age 4 12:30 p.m. Hispanic Worship

Mondays

7:00 p.m. Young Single Adults

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.

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.

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