



Welcome Back to Wednesdays: Starting September 15

We are so excited to return to our Wednesday night programming for the first time since March of 2020 due to the pandemic. We will still follow our COVID protocols which require all unvaccinated persons in the building to wear masks at all times, requiring masks for everyone in the children and youth areas, and strongly recommending masks for all vaccinated persons.

Here is our Wednesday night schedule:

- 5:30 – 6:30 Mid-Week Café in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 – 7:30 Adult Spiritual Formation Groups
- 6:30 – 8:00 Youth Group Gathering and Worship
- 6:30 – 8:00 Children's KMotion (Music, Missions, and Fun!)
- 7:30 – 8:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal

What is the Mid-Week Café?

Mid-Week Café is the new name for our Wednesday night meal experience. We will have tables in the Fellowship Hall that are set up and ready for conversation. Much like our summer picnics, we are inviting folks to pick up their favorite food from a local restaurant, or from home, and bring it to the church for conversation, laughter, and meeting new people. The church will provide drinks and paper products. You bring your food, family, and friends to join in the fun.

Why are we setting up for a “Bring your own food” Mid-Week Café? First, Cecil and June Simpkins who have organized our Wednesday night meals for years, are not able to continue with these efforts. Please tell them thank you for all of their hard work and sacrifice over the years to make our Wednesday night meals happen. They have served generously and tirelessly, and we thank them for the years of energy they have spent on our behalf.

Second, allowing people to bring their own food means that everyone can bring what they want and handle their own dietary considerations. This way, people will have exactly what they want to eat!

Finally, we are hoping to create an indoor environment like our summer picnics where people enjoyed getting to know new people and where new friendships were forged.

The Mid-Week café is an evolving concept. We will learn what works and what we can improve as we go along. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 15 at the Mid-Week Café and in all of our Wednesday night offerings.



Thanks, FBCNN for the Donations!

On Friday, August 27, the Yates Elementary Action Team gathered and sorted all of the supplies that were so generously donated. Afterwards, the supplies were delivered to Yates and the staff was very grateful. Thanks to Karon Garcia, Sharon Hertzler, Grete Johnson, Caspar Prussia, Misty Prussia, and Gail Robinson for your work in getting this project done!

We would also like to thank the Agape I Sunday Bible Study Class for donating and delivering fifteen backpacks-nine for kindergarten through 2nd grade and six for 3rd through 5th grade!



Breakfast At Yates Elementary

Thank you to the Yates Elementary Action Team for providing breakfast to the teachers and staff this morning. A very special thank you goes to Karon Garcia for leading this endeavor!

Security Enhancements at FBCNN

For more than a year, and in consultation with multiple security experts, we have analyzed our safety and security vulnerabilities and now are close to making much needed enhancements. The first phase of our efforts is to secure our perimeter doors. It has been decades since we have changed locks on the doors allowing access to the facility. Over the years, there has been no accountability for keys to the church. At times, doors are found unlocked. Unauthorized people have wandered into the church causing disruption. For the safety and security of our staff, members and guests, we need to better control access to the church building.

For several months the Building & Grounds Committee and Administration Lead Team have worked on a plan. This plan was recently shared with the Vision Team, and they approved to move forward with the plan implementation. In Phase 1, we will change locks on all the perimeter doors. The issuance of keys to the new locks will be limited to staff and three non-staff member roles. Temporary keys will be issued to a few roles. To access the church during non-service times you must go

to the office door and either use the punch lock or buzz the office for access. Obviously, on Sundays, the main sanctuary doors will be unlocked.

In Phase 2, which will occur within about 60 days of Phase 1, a door access control system will be installed. There will be five doors (Office, Slate Foyer, Library, Fellowship Hall, and Preschool) that will have a keycard reader. Active members will be issued a keycard to swipe at the reader which will allow the member to gain access to the facility. Also, at these five doors will be a camera and intercom. People can buzz the office to gain access if they don't have a keycard.

As Phase 2 nears, we will communicate the exact process to get a keycard for accessing the church. Keycards will be issued based upon the role of the member. For example, members who are active on committees will be issued keycards so they can come and perform their ministry. Other members who may only come on Sundays may not need a keycard. During this process we will also do a regular/common key recall. More on this later.

The intent is to secure the church while still allowing access to those who need it. We ask for prayers, support and patience during this challenging project.

Blessings,

Kris Keyes, Chair – Building & Grounds
Rob Brown, Chair – Admin Lead Team
Harvey Perkins, Chair – Vision Team
Randy Shepley – Sr. Pastor

Save the Dates

September 5: Teacher Appreciation Sunday

Join us in person or online at 8:30am & 10:30am worship services as we listen to and recognize the teachers in our congregation.

September 6: Labor Day

The Church Office will be closed for Labor Day.

September 7: Youth Back to School Event

The youth will meet at Waffle House on J Clyde Morris at 6:30pm.

First Baptist Preschool Now Enrolling

There is still time to register!

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

**September 8: First Baptist
Preschool and NNPS Begin**

**September 12: Fall Sunday
Bible Study Begins/Promotion
Sunday**

**September 15: Wednesday
Night Activities Begin**

**Note from the Director of Choral
Ministry Search Team**

We have received excellent resumes and our team has recently met to establish interview questions for prospective candidates. Also, we are in the process of setting up interviews over the next few weeks. We appreciate your prayers as we continue to seek God's direction and His will as we continue in this process.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Lystlund/Tracy Houston
Co-Chairs Director of Choral
Ministry Search Team

**A Special Wish for Marguerite
Peck's 101st Birthday
September 1**

To My Dear Church Family,
My special wish is that instead of flowers, visitations, or presents, you would consider helping an individual(s) in need. During these pandemic times I cannot think of any wish that would bring me more joy for my birthday. Thank you.

Blessings,
Marguerite

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.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday September 5 at 8:30a.m. and 10:30 a.m.! Randy Shepley will be leading us in worship.

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 do not have a Facebook account you can watch services on our Vimeo page by clicking on the links below. (The links for the videos of the August 29 services will be in First News next week.)



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

DONATE

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.



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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