

First News

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
NEWPORT NEWS



Mid-Week Café & Wednesday Night Activities Off to a Great Start!

We had a great turnout at our Mid-Week Café and other Wednesday night activities last week. It was wonderful to hear all of the discussions going on around Payne Fellowship Hall during dinner, see parents bringing children and youth, and have study groups for all ages meeting on Wednesday night again! In case you missed last week and would like to join us this week, here is our Wednesday night schedule:

- 5:30 – 6:30 Mid-Week Café in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 – 7:20 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

Fall Sunday Bible Study

All our current opportunities are listed below with their room numbers, but we will continue to add more Bible Study offerings over the coming weeks. We look forward to renewed growth in discipleship and community this semester!



Bible Studies:

- **Journey through Scripture** – 143 (**New Class for Adults**) Teacher: John Hertzler
- **King's Daughters** - 148 Teachers: Joy Kilgore, Mary Merritt, Rita Hyatt
- **Agape I** - 144 Teachers: Peggy White, Ray Boyette
- **Crossroads** – Mary Merritt Hall Teacher: Harvey Perkins
- **Faith Class** - A/V Room Teacher: Terry Gunnels
- **Spirit Seekers** - 141
- **Women of All Ages** - 145 Teacher: Sandy Droessler
- **Young Adults** – 147 Teachers: Amanda Tilley, Kevin Prussia, Ethan Brown
- **God and the Pandemic** – [Zoom](#) Teacher: Paul Morris



Special Bible Study Opportunity: God and the Pandemic

As we look forward to resuming many of our in-person small groups this Fall, the reality of COVID and the Delta Variant mean that many of us are not yet ready or able to be back in our physical building. We all, however, need connection, community, and discipleship whether in-person or through a digital option. If you are unable to join us for in-person Bible Study then I am excited to announce our digital only small group based around N.T. Wright's book *God and the Pandemic*. Paul Morris will be leading the discussion as he helps us wrestle with God's presence in our Pandemic reality – and you don't even have to read the book! Join via zoom at 9:30am this Sunday. Just click this link to join:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89613019774?pwd=ZWs1RDZXbUN5Nk1oUjZlRU5FZE1yZz09>

Make sure to invite the people you know who can't be in-person yet!

Security Enhancements Coming Soon

We have scheduled next Tuesday, September 28th, to have new locks installed on all the perimeter doors of the church. This will greatly improve our security and help to ensure the safety of all those who are in the building. Keys issued to the new locks will be tightly managed and controlled and will be issued to staff and a few members who have roles that require entry at various doors at various times.

Then, in about 60 days or so, we will install what is called a "door access control system". There will be five doors that will have a scanner where an authorized user will scan a computerized keycard that will unlock the door. Authorized members will be issued the keycards for entry to the church based upon their needs. The cards can be programmed to unlock doors only at select times and days of the week, or they can be programmed to unlock the doors more frequently based upon need. The five doors where this system will be installed are: Office, Slate Foyer, Library, Fellowship Hall and Preschool Foyer. Also, at these five doors will be a two-way communication system where a camera and intercom can be used by the office to identify a person and, if appropriate, that person can be let into the church.

The timeframe between when the new locks are installed and the door access control system is installed, the general membership will be required to access the church in one of two ways. The two key-punch pads at the Office door and Slate Foyer door will still be active and can be used to gain entry if the user has the code. Or, during office hours, a member can "buzz" the office door and Nikki or receptionist on duty can let the person in. In the coming weeks we will be communicating more about the door access control system and the process for getting a keycard issued. Thank you for your patience.

Kris Keyes, Chair – Building & Grounds

BGAV Hygiene Kits for Romania

We are collecting hygiene kits for the refugees in Afghanistan in coordination with BGAV Disaster Response. Please place the items listed below in gallon size Ziploc bags and drop them off on Sunday morning in the sanctuary foyer or at the church office during office hours before September 30.

Small or travel size items needed:

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Washcloth
- Comb/brush
- Facial tissue
- Shaving cream/razor
- Toothbrush/toothpaste

Thanks for your participation in this effort!

Retirement Reception for Nancy Thomas

All are invited to a retirement reception for Nancy Thomas on Saturday, October 16, 2021, 2-4PM, in Payne Fellowship Hall. Come out and celebrate Nancy and all of the years of hard work she has given to our church!

Save the Date

October 3: Hispanic Congregation 15th Anniversary Celebration Service

Join us as we celebrate the 15th anniversary of our Hispanic congregation during one combined worship service at 11:00am! At 5:30pm, the Hispanic congregation will prepare a meal for all of us to enjoy together! Stay tuned for more information on this special event.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday September 26 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



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.

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

Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. Library Open
5:30 p.m. Mid-Week Café
6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Adult Spiritual Formation Groups
6:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering and Worship
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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.

September 19

8:30am

10:30am

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.

Rick Elofson, Treasurer FBCNN

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