



CELEBRATING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION

**Only One Service Sunday,
October 3 at 11 am!
Celebration Dinner at 5:30 pm!**

All three services (8:30am Traditional, 10:30am Contemporary, and 12:30pm Hispanic) will be combined together this Sunday. There will be elements from each of these services to create a service where all people can gather and worship one God! At 5:30pm, members of the Hispanic congregation will prepare dinner for all of us to eat together. Weather looks like it will be beautiful, so we will eat outside near Payne Fellowship Hall. Join us for a day of worship, friendship, and celebration!

Sunday Morning Bible Study will meet for all ages at 9:30am as usual. See you then!

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 Teacher: Bruce Firestone
- **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

Security Enhancements Update

The project to replace the perimeter door lock cylinders began yesterday, September 28. As a result, staff and a few select members will be the only people who have access to the church via a hard key. Members can still access the church at the office and slate foyer entrances by entering one of the keypunch codes or, during business hours, by "buzzing" the receptionist on duty.

On Sundays, preferred church entry points are to enter through the sanctuary main door or preschool entrances. This is to ensure the safety of all who are in the church building. We are nearing selection of the door access control system where there will be more entry points to the church if a member has a keycard. Members who have active roles in the church will be granted a keycard in which to gain entry. I expect the door access control system to be installed in the next 60 days or so. Thank you for your patience.

Kris Keyes, Chair – Building & Grounds

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!

Staff Birthdays

10/7 - Nikki Reid

10/9 - Sharon Hertzler

Take a moment to wish them a happy birthday!

BGAV Hygiene Kits for Afghanistan

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!



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 October 3 at 11:00a.m.**! Randy Shepley and

Juan Garcia 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

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
- 6:30 p.m. Children's KMotion (Music, Missions, and Fun!)
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

[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 26

[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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