



Celebrating Nancy Thomas: 17 Years of Faithful Service

Nancy Staton Thomas retired from First Baptist Church of Newport News on March 1, 2020, right before public gatherings shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The time has now come where we can safely celebrate the accomplishments and gifts of an extraordinary lady. This Saturday, from 2:00-4:00 pm in Payne Fellowship Hall, we will host a drop-in reception for Nancy. I hope you will join us. As a reminder, our COVID-19 protocols require unvaccinated persons to wear a mask in our building and masks are recommended for vaccinated persons as well.

Nancy has been a part of First Baptist all her life. In fact, she grew up living across the street from our downtown location. She spent many happy days in all areas of the church building! Nancy was baptized in 1954 and has served the Lord through her church family ever since.

She has taught Sunday School for 43 years to generations of preschool aged children. She has sung in the choir for 40 years, served on the Personnel, By-Laws, Lord's Supper and Decorating Committee, and even served as our church clerk for 10 years. Nancy has served our church in so many volunteer positions that it would take a number of paragraphs to catalog them all!

In 1990, however, Nancy offered to serve her church family in a new vein. She brought the skills she learned as a mother, Shipyard administrative assistant, and school administrative assistant to the church office. In addition to providing support to senior pastors, Nancy handled the multiplicity of tasks that occur in church offices ranging from phone calls, serving church and staff members, organizing volunteers and projects (and she is a stellar organizer), and in short, making sure the activity of the office always moved forward in serving the purposes of God. Nancy could handle a phone call, a visitor in the office, proofreading a bulletin, and a request from a staff member all at the same time and with a smile. She was the perfect blend of compassion and efficiency for a church office.

Nancy actually "retired" from the church staff once before - in 2001. However, in 2014, during a difficult interim season in the life of the church, Nancy returned to the church staff and brought her ability to organize and multitask to the church office. Her ability to connect and offer compassion to everyone she meets has made her an invaluable resource to the ministry team of our church. Nancy is missed in our office, but we are grateful to still see her regularly in retirement. We see her teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, decorating, and doing whatever needs to be done, because Nancy loves her church.

Thank you, Nancy, for your years of service, and for your deep love for FBCNN and her history. You leave behind a legacy that will never be forgotten. For Nancy, her gifts, and her willing spirit, we offer our gratitude with a resounding, "Thanks be to God!"

--Randy Shepley



**Sunday, October 17
12:30PM**

Let's have a fun, family day together at Darden's Country Store and Pumpkin Patch! Bring a picnic lunch, and we will eat together when you arrive. There's lots of fun things to see and do - farm animals, play area, corn maze, and pumpkins to pick. Each family will take care of their pumpkin costs. Please invite your friends and family!

First Baptist Preschool Wheel-A-Thon Fundraiser!

We are so excited to announce our annual Wheel-A-Thon fundraiser!

Thursday, October 21 at 11:30am

Everyone is invited! Please come cheer on our students!

First Baptist Church Parking Lot

What is a Wheel-A-Thon? Students are asked to bring any non-motorized vehicle with wheels! They can ride a bike, trike, or scooter. They can push a baby in a stroller, pull a wagon behind them, or "drive" a car. Each child will decorate their wheels of choice (and helmet)! They will bring these decked out wheels to school on race day. The students will use their wheels to complete a full circle on our wheel-a-thon course. Everyone is invited to come cheer our students on! Afterwards they will be rewarded with a medal and a refreshing treat!

How much should I donate? The donation envelope has a slot to write in any amount and the donor's name. These amounts can be anything ranging from \$1, \$5, \$10 or any custom amount the donor chooses. Donations are made for participation only (not per lap).

What will the money raised be used for? As a non-profit preschool that has served our community for over 10 years, we strive to offer a solid foundation for learning where great minds, friendships, partnerships, and lifelong learning begin! Many important factors work in tandem to provide this education-rich environment, which is why your help is vital to the sustainability and success of our program. Any offering is appreciated and will directly benefit your children! The money raised will be used to purchase new curriculum materials, books and supplies for our preschool. We will also use the money for some special enrichment activities for our students during school hours. **THANK YOU** for your continued support!



[Click Here to Donate Online](#)

Save the Dates

Oct. 14 1:30pm Mobile Food Bank will be in our parking lot handing out food to those in need.

Oct 17 10:30am First Grade Bible Presentation

Oct. 19, 1-6pm Red Cross Blood Drive
There is a national shortage. Sign up [here](#) to donate if you are able.

New Bible Study Opportunity

Are you looking for a new Bible Study opportunity? CBFVA (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Virginia) has a brand new one in their Imagine Bible Studies series on the book of Ezra which can be accessed by clicking on this [link](#). There is no registration and you can read the lessons at your own pace. The second lesson was written by our very own Randy Shepley!



Thanksgiving Bags

Thanksgiving bags will be handed out Sunday, October 31 after each service. Please use the list below to purchase your donations and return them in the bag on Sunday, November 6.

Box Cake Mix
Spaghetti Noodles (16oz.)
Canned Icing
Can Corn (14.5 oz.)
Can Green Peas (14.5 oz.)
Can Chicken Noodle Soup (10 3/4 oz.)
Stove Top Dressing
Can Pie Filling
Can Cranberry Sauce
Can Sweet Potatoes/Yams
Box of Saltine Crackers (1 lb.)
Monetary donations are also needed.
Thanks for your support!

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, October 17 at 8:30am or 10:30am! 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-@fbcnn youth. 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 link below.

October 10

[8:30am](#)

[10:30am](#)

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

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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