



## Welcome, Dr. John Irving!

Please join us in extending a warm First Baptist welcome to Dr. John Irving as the Director of Choral Ministry. John brings to us an impressive background in traditional choral music. He earned a doctorate in choral conducting from the University of North Texas, a master's degree in choral conducting from Westminster Choir College, and a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Texas at Austin. In addition to being our choral director, John is the director of choral studies at Christopher Newport University, the artistic director of the Ad Astra Music Festival in Kansas, and vocalist with both the Virginia Chorale and Philadelphia Symphonic Choir. In his free time, John enjoys: running the Noland Trail,

listening to Discovery Weekly playlists on Spotify, exploring Hampton Roads to find the best pastries, and cheering on the Dallas Cowboys, especially when playing against the Washington Football Team. John stepped into his new role on November 1, and we are thrilled to have him as a member of the First Baptist ministry team. Welcome, John!

## Thank You!!!

A heartfelt thank you goes to those who stepped in to lead music at the Traditional Service during the year-long period between the retirement of Rev. Dennis Adams as the Minister of Music and the hiring of Dr. John Irving as the Director of Choral Ministry. Our hymn leaders included Ray Boyette, Guy Buck, Alice Shepley, and Lesley Spitzer. We extend a special thanks to Ray Boyette who took on the additional role as interim choir director mid-summer and had the choir ready to lead in worship the first part of September. We are truly grateful for the time and talent given by these musicians!

# PORT (People Organizing Resources Together) Homeless Shelter Coming Soon!

First Baptist will be hosting PORT this year from **November 10-17**. We have partnered with other churches and organizations to provide dinner and breakfast in a bag each day but **we still need your help!** Here are some ways you can help:

1. Sign up to volunteer one evening from 6pm-9pm. The evening volunteers will help check in the PORT guests and their bags.
2. Sign up to volunteer for a morning shift from 4:30am-6:30am. The morning volunteers will hand out the breakfast in a bag to each guest as they are leaving.
3. Pray for the guests, volunteers, and support staff each night.

PORT organizers are providing overnight support staff. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to know more about PORT please contact Nikki, [nikki@fbcnn.org](mailto:nikki@fbcnn.org) or 757.930.0911. You can also sign up online by clicking [here](#). Thanks to those who have already signed up. We have two nights already filled, but there are **still several spots left!**

## Save the Dates

**Nov. 4, 1:30pm** Virginia Peninsula Mobile Food Bank will be in our parking lot handing out food to those in need.

**Nov. 7** Daylight Savings Ends, remember to set your clocks back one hour

**Nov. 7, 8:30am** All Saints Day Recognition: We will be remembering our members and regular attenders that passed away since November 1, 2020.

**Nov. 7, 10:30am** Baby Dedication: We will be dedicating a baby and parents to God.

**Nov. 9-10** BGAV (Baptist General Association of Virginia) Annual Meeting (See article)

**Nov. 10** Due to PORT, there **will not** be Midweek Café or Adult Bible Study. Children, Youth, Handbells, and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal will occur as usual.

**Nov. 10-17, 6:30pm-6:30am** PORT Homeless Shelter (See article above)

**Nov. 12-14** CBF (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship) Youth Retreat

## Thanksgiving Bag Sort

Following the 10:30am Worship Service on November 7, children will sort the food for the food pantry. Parents, please have your family stay after the worship service to help with this fun, child-friendly way to serve. We will enjoy a pizza lunch together after sorting the food.

## 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!

## BGAV Annual Meeting Mountain of Healing

**November 9-10, 2021**

We are excited to be the host church this year! For the health and safety of the BGAV family, the 198th Annual Meeting will be a virtual event with the ability to connect from around the world. Click [here](#) for more information. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending or being a messenger.

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

**DONATE**

## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, November 7 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 Caf 
- 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 31

[8:30am](#)

[10:30am](#)

## 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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