

Bring a Friend to Bethlehem

**Sunday, December 12 at 9:45am
Payne Fellowship Hall**



Join us for our annual family Christmas breakfast! There will be pancakes, crafts to make, a photo booth station, and more. We will also hear the wonderful story of the birth of Jesus.

**We hope to see you, and remember to
Bring a Friend to Bethlehem!**

Sing We Noel: The Music of Christmas



Join us on Sunday, December 12 at 5 PM in the sanctuary as we ring in the Christmas season with *Sing We Noel: The Music of Christmas*. This Christmas concert will include various music groups from our church family presenting the music of Christmas. You will hear selections performed by First Baptist Preschoolers, K-Motion Kids, Youth Praise Team, Joan Monroe Handbell Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Beth Tomassetti, Wendy Buck, Hispanic Praise Team, and Transformed. It will be an evening of holiday music that will surely get you in the spirit of Christmas!



Cookies, Cider, and Carols

Looking for a good old-fashioned Christmas carol sing? Join us on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30 in Payne Hall for *Cookies, Cider, and Carols*. Bring your Christmas spirit, wear your favorite Christmas attire, and be ready to spread Christmas cheer through song.

First Baptist Cups

Need a unique idea for a Christmas gift? Want to show your support for our church and have the opportunity to tell others about us and the God we serve? We have a great solution! You can pick up a 20 oz. tumbler just like the one pictured for a \$10 donation. The tumblers are double wall stainless steel construction with spill resistant lid and BPA-free. You can pick them up at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or at the Church Office during regular office hours. The proceeds from the cups will go towards the ministries of First Baptist.



Advent Offerings

We THANK YOU for your contributions in this Advent season. We had a great start but we still need your help. Together we can do this. There are three opportunities for giving this year:

- Loving our local community by making a special donation that will be used to give a gift card to every teacher, school worker, and bus driver for Yates, Gildersleeve, and Menchville. (These donations will need to be received by December 14 in order for us to get the gift cards to them before Christmas break.)
- Loving our international community by making a donation to Lottie Moon Christmas offering
- Loving our international community by making a donation to CBF Global Missions

Please be sure to designate the specific Advent Offering on your donation.

Update on Door Access Control System

The installation of the new door control system is progressing, although a bit slower than expected. Installation should

Staff Birthdays for December

12/7 - Randy Shepley

Take a moment to wish Randy a very happy birthday!

A Great Way to Help Campbell Webb

Church Family,

Many of you know that Susie and Jeff Webb's daughter, Campbell, has been battling leukemia since the spring. The family has suffered tremendous heartbreaks and prolonged hospital stays, but on September 7th, Campbell was blessed with a bone marrow transplant. The journey will continue to be long, and challenges no doubt lay ahead, but we are rejoicing about Campbell's road to recovery.

As your prayers have been the greatest gift, cards, Facebook messages, and gift baskets have also blessed the Webbs. That being said, many of you have asked about other ways to support this special family.

In response, Jeff and Susie have partnered with the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA). COTA

be complete by the end of this week. Next week, we will begin issuing the digital access cards. Cards or fobs will be issued on an as needed basis to those serving in active roles in the church such as on Teams, Choir or Handbell groups, Ministries, Teachers, and Staff. Those who are not active in service roles will not need a digital key.

On Monday through Wednesday, December 13-15, from 10:00am-3:00pm, digital keys will be issued out of the church office. Members will complete a short survey about the access they need and then they will be issued a digital key card or fob. The keycards or fobs will be activated soon after the 15th of the month and an email message from the church office will be sent acknowledging the activation date.

Save the Dates

Dec. 12 Family Christmas Breakfast 9:45am in Payne Fellowship Hall

Dec. 12 Sing We Noel: The Music of Christmas (See article for more information)

Dec. 15 Cookies, Cider, and Carols (See article for more information)

Dec. 17 Virginia Symphony Orchestra performs Handel's Messiah ([Tickets required](#))

New Online Giving Platform

As we move forward, we would like to inform you that we are switching our Online Giving Platform to Subsplash. This new platform offers substantially lower transaction fees, ACH transactions, and an option for donors to cover the cost of online giving so that

is a nonprofit organization that receives tax deductible contributions to help offset transplant-related expenses. Transplant families, like the Webbs, are the beneficiaries of COTA funds.

If you would like to find out more about this organization or give to COTA in Campbell's honor, please visit www.COTAforCampbell.com. The site also features personal updates and future fundraising events specific to COTA in honor of Campbell. Contact Lisa Mason for more information, lmason@fbcnn.org.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, December 12 at 8:30am or 11am! 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 11 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
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. Extended Session - infants through age 4

your entire offering can go to the work and ministry of the church. Subsplash will also provide a phone and TV app for our church that will integrate with our website and become a home for our sermons, media, group messaging and notifications, and event information. We are excited to go on this new journey with you! Click on this [link](#) to give now. Please let us know if you have any questions.

If you need offering envelopes for 2022 please contact Monica at monica@fbcnn.org or 757.930.0911.

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

DONATE

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.

December 5

[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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