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## Wednesday Night Activities Postponed Through January

The following protocols are in effect through January 31. Please note the updates below for Wednesday nights.

### Sunday Mornings

Worship Services and Sunday Morning Bible Study classes will continue in person with the following protocol updates:

1. Masks are required for everyone regardless of vaccination status.
2. Eating and drinking in church gatherings is not permitted during this season of Omicron protocols.
3. We encourage people to greet one another with waves and “air hugs” rather than handshakes and hugs.
4. If you are not feeling well, we encourage you to stay home! We want you well and all of our people safe.
5. Our Digital ministry will continue sharing our services live. You can also give online as well. So, even if you are well, you are welcome to stay home and worship online.
6. Sunday morning Bible Study Classes that would like to move to a larger space in order to space out more can contact Ethan Brown to see if space is available.
7. Sunday morning Bible study classes that would like to move to virtual only meetings or to pause meeting during this Omicron surge are welcome to do so at their discretion.

### Wednesday Nights-Updated

1. All Wednesday night activities and groups are postponed for January.
2. Activities will resume on February 2.

### Church Building During the Week

1. Masks are required in the building.
2. Only essential personnel and activities will be allowed in the church office.
3. We encourage all official church meetings (committees, teams, etc.) to be held virtually during this Omicron season.

### Preschool

Will follow the schedule and protocols of NNPS.

# Kolby Keller Named Part-time Director of Youth Ministry at FBCNN

Since the end of May in 2021, Kolby Keller has served as our Interim Director of Youth Ministry at FBCNN. Many of you already knew Kolby since she has served our church as a youth Sunday morning Bible study leader, youth leadership team member, church coffee bar barista, and deacon. Since Kolby already had a strong rapport with our teenagers, she easily connected with our teens and their parents during the time of the interim period. Kolby's excellent work during the interim time have led the staff, Personnel Committee, youth leaders, youth, and youth parents to heartily endorse Kolby becoming our permanent part-time Director of Youth Ministry. Her position will be for approximately 15 – 20 hours per week, although during the summer the number of hours will increase.

During the interim, Kolby spent time asking questions and listening to youth parents, invested in bringing our English and Hispanic youth groups together, and led the group on two retreats: a summer retreat and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia Fall Retreat at Eagle Eyrie. During these months, Kolby also taught the Bible to our teens on Sundays and Wednesdays with the aid of our tireless youth leaders Diane Boyette, Patty Patton, Misty Prussia, and Kirsten Gray. We are grateful to Kolby for her faithfulness to our youth ministry during these trying latter days of the pandemic, and we look forward to how God will continue to develop our teenagers under her leadership.

Kolby is a Social Studies teacher at Denbigh High School where she also serves as the lead teacher for the youth development group. Kolby has a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and History from the University of Arkansas and a Master of Education degree from Old Dominion University. She is looking forward to furthering her youth ministry training through the Axis Ministry Academy which is affiliated with the Baptist General Association of Virginia. Kolby is continuing to listen to God regarding her ministerial calling. She is a gifted leader who cares deeply for our teens and the teens of our community. We are blessed as a congregation to have her in this Director of Youth Ministry role.

Mark Woodard  
Personnel Committee Chair

Randy Shepley  
Senior Pastor

## No Midweek Café, Kmotion, or Youth Group Tonight

Midweek Café, Bible Study, Kmotion, and Youth will not meet tonight, January 5. See article above for more information.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Campbell Webb on Monday night at Chihuahua's Mexican Grill. There was a wonderful turn out from the First Baptist family. Stay tuned to First News for future fundraisers.

## 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 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](http://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](mailto:lmason@fbcnn.org).

## 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 your entire offering can go to the work and ministry of the church.

## One Worship Service February 6 at 11am

There will be one combined worship service on February 6 at 11am containing elements from all of our services. There will not be a service at 8:30am. Sunday Morning Bible Study will occur as usual at 9:45am.

## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, January 23 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-@fbcnn youth. 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  
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
9:45 a.m. Children's Bible Study  
9:45 a.m. Infant-Preschool Bible Study  
9:45 a.m. Youth Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
11:00 a.m. Extended Session - infants through age 4  
12:30 p.m. Hispanic Worship

### Mondays

7:00 p.m. Young Single Adults

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](mailto:monica@fbcnn.org) or 757.930.0911.**

**Make a financial contribution to FBCNN today by clicking on the [Donate link](#).**

**DONATE**

**Wednesdays** (Not meeting Jan. 12)  
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.

January 16

[8:30am](#)

[11:00am](#)

## **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 Eloffson, Treasurer FBCNN

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