

First News

February 9, 2022

A smartphone displaying the church app interface with a person's profile, a DNA helix graphic, and a cross icon.

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A small version of the church logo icon.

Our New App Is Here!

You can download our app on your phone, smart TV or Roku player. This will give you the opportunity to get push notifications (notifications that pop up on your phone) that will allow you to stay informed. In the event of bad weather, we will be able to notify everyone if we need to make changes to our Sunday morning services and Bible Study or Wednesday night activities. You can also watch past and present services, see upcoming events, and more. If you need assistance in downloading the app contact Ethan or a member of our Tech Team for help.

COVID 19 Protocol Update for February

Join us tonight for Spiritual Formation groups, children and youth activities, and choir rehearsals! Mid-Week Café will not meet for the time being.

For the month of February, at the recommendation of our staff and Vision Team, FBCNN will continue following an indoor mask requirement for all persons. We are still watching the positivity rate in Newport News and as the rate drops below 8%, we will discontinue our mask requirement. Please continue to be patient with one another and with our church as a whole while we navigate what we hope are the waning days of this pandemic.

Let's be patient, prayerful, and proactive in our love for one another.

A graphic for Ash Wednesday Service featuring a cross and the text "ASH WEDNESDAY" and "Service" over a background of ash.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Service

March 2, 2022
6:30pm

Please join us for this service on Wednesday, March 2 to prepare our hearts for the season of Lent. It will be a unique worship experience for you and your family. This service is a time of prayer, reflection, lament, and a pastor-moment where we observe the imposition of ashes together.

Volunteers Needed for Our One City Marathon Water Station



Join us in supporting the marathon runners in One City Marathon on Sunday, March 6! The whole marathon begins at Newport News Park and the half marathon begins at Menchville High School, and both start at 7am! The City of Newport News has asked us to provide water and encouragement to the runners again this year. FBCNN will be partnering with The Run Club to man Water Station 8 across the street from the church. You can sign up to help by clicking [here](#) and follow the instructions to fill out a volunteer form. We need at least 8 volunteers to help keep the runners hydrated and motivated. If you would like more information, please let Nikki know.

Another Yummy Fundraiser to Help Campbell Webb!

COTA for Campbell is having a virtual Krispy Kreme doughnut sale! Purchase a gift card for a dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts for \$10.35 by using this [link](#) and the proceeds will go to help Campbell. The gift card can be used at any participating Krispy Kreme location. Be sure to place your order by February 12!

Upcoming Events

Feb. 10 Peninsula Food Bank will be distributing food in our parking lot at 1:30. If you or someone you know has food insecurities, please let them know about this opportunity to receive meat, dairy, produce, and shelf staples.

March 2 Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm (See article above for more information.)

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.



First Baptist Preschool Registering Soon!

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year will begin February 14. The preschool has classes for ages 2 1/2-4 years old. If you would like more information, please contact Lindsay Rew at 757-930-0911 (ext. 222) or preschool@fbcnn.org.

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. 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.

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. 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

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, February 13 at 8:30am and 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 streamed directly to our [website](#), and can be accessed by clicking on Sermon Library in the Resources tab.

Sundays

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Not Meeting February 6)
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 (Not meeting February 6)

Mondays

7:00 p.m. Young Single Adults

Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. Library Open
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

Thanks to our new FBCNN app, we are able to stream our services directly to our website!

Click on the link below to watch the service from 8:30 or 11 this past Sunday. (Services are listed in chronological order with the most recent at the top.)

[February 6](#)

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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