

Ways to Help Ukraine

We have been praying for those whose lives have been impacted in Ukraine, but many of us also want to know some of the best options to aid them financially. Our ministerial staff and Compassionate Mission Partnership Team have researched and decided on a couple of options.



The first is the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Ukraine Relief Fund. The initial portion of this fund will go to the Village of Hope in Kiviv which was started by Gennady and Mina Podaisky in 2003. The Podaisky's have spoken in our church services and preached in the Hispanic service in the past. The other portion will be directed to The Baptist World Alliance Forum for Aid Development, the international disaster response work of the Baptist World Alliance.

To help with this cause, send your donation to First Baptist and designate "Ukraine Relief Fund" in the memo. We will be sending these funds out on a regular basis so they can be used quickly. If you would like to learn more about the CBF Ukraine Relief Fund or donate directly, please click [here](#).

In addition, we have been in contact with Erika and Zoltan Joo at Camp Harghita in Romania. They have offered their camp for use by Ukrainian refugees. At this time, the camp is not being used for refugees. If we find out the camp is needed to host Ukrainian refugees, we will support this endeavor as well. We will keep you posted.

Easter Garden Gathering



Families, please join us Sunday, March 27th at 4pm to plant your own Easter Garden that will bloom just in time for Easter. Your centerpiece will be a great way to explain the real meaning of Easter. We will also enjoy a pizza dinner together and play on the playground.

2022 Narrative Budget Sent Out Tonight

The 2022 budget provisionally approved by the Vision Team will be emailed out to the congregation at 5pm today. It will also be available on the church app. The budget and Nominating Committee reports will be brought to a called church conference (see schedule below) for your questions, comments, and approval. The Budget Open Forum and Called Church Conference are scheduled to be held in Payne Fellowship Hall. If there is a large turnout then we will meet in the sanctuary.

March 9: 2022 Budget distributed to the church

March 16: Budget Open Forum – Wednesday, 6:30 pm

March 20: Called Church Conference – Sunday, 5:00 pm (Budget approval and review of Vision Team actions 2020-2022)



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came out to cheer on the runners in the 8th Annual One City Marathon! We had music, cowbells, pompoms, and posters to encourage them. Our Youth Director, Kolby Keller, ran the half marathon, then returned to cheer on the full marathoners. We were blessed with beautiful weather, (last time I had on two full layers of clothing including two pairs of gloves and still was cold). As you can see from the pictures above, some of the children from our church jumped right in to help at the water station.

We were also blessed to be partnered with a running group from Waters Edge Church to help hand out water and Huma Hydration drink. Thanks again to everyone who helped us support our community!

Staff Birthdays and Anniversaries for March

Birthday:

3/18 - Lindsay Rew

Work Anniversaries:

3/23 - Randy Shepley

3/26 - Nikki Reid

Ladies Spring Bible Study

There will be a 7 week Bible Study of Elijah beginning Wednesday, April 6th through Wednesday, May 18th from 9:30-11:30am in Room 144.

To sign up and order your book, please contact Georgia Mann at 757-595-3990 and leave a message or email mann.georgia@aol.com by Monday, March 21st.

Upcoming Events

March 9 Midweek Café returns. Bring your dinner to Payne Hall at 5:30pm and we will enjoy the company of each other.

March 10 Mobile Food Bank will be in our parking lot at 1:30pm. If you know of someone who needs food assistance, tell them about this opportunity to receive staples, fresh produce, meat, and dairy from the local food bank.

March 11 Youth BARF (Bring A Real Friend) at 6:30pm in the Youth area

March 16 2022 Budget Forum at 6:30pm in Payne Hall

March 17 Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in Payne Hall 2-6pm. Sign up [online](#) to schedule a donation.

March 20 Called Church Conference at 5pm in Payne Hall

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How many of us like to shop on Amazon because of the great selection, convenience, and prices? Amazon has a program called Amazon Smile that will contribute 0.5% of every purchase to a charity of your choice. You can help us every time you shop on Amazon by going to [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and selecting **First Baptist Church of Newport News** as the charity you would like to help. This program does not cost anything to use and the prices, convenience, and selection are the same as shopping on amazon.com.



First Baptist Preschool Now Registering!

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



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.

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

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, March 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
- 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

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

Thursdays

- 10:00 a.m. Swingin' Singers

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 11 this past Sunday. (Services are listed in chronological order with the most recent at the top.)

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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. 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.

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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