

First News

March 23, 2022



Break The Fast Fellowship Dinner

Join us in Payne Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 23 at 5:30pm for a Break the Fast Fellowship Dinner during this season of Lent. We will be serving soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. See you there!



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.



Please RSVP to Sharon and Ethan by clicking [here](#).

Ways to Help Ukraine



We are continuing to pray for the lives impacted by the war in Ukraine. We are also collecting funds for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Ukraine Relief Fund and 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.

Nikki Reid Celebrates 10 Years at FBCNN

On March 26, our Executive Assistant, Nikki Reid, will celebrate her ten-year anniversary on the First Baptist Church of Newport News staff. We will recognize her in the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on Sunday, March 27.

As the Executive Assistant, Nikki juggles numerous responsibilities. She is often the first voice people hear when they call or visit the church office. She is the editor of our church publications, the creator of our email and outside sign communications, the master of our website, the organizer of our calendar, and the manager of our office technology. She is the first line of contact for contractors visiting the building and the initial troubleshooter for any issues that happen in our facility. She is the coordinator of office and building resources, the keeper and cruncher of data, and the guardian of staff vacation time. In addition, Nikki's math and accounting background make her an excellent financial backup for Monica Garcia, our Financial Coordinator. Finally, Nikki is my right arm in the office. She keeps me focused, finds what I have lost, and takes on projects that make me and all of our staff better. I am so grateful for her help and support.

Nikki is a professional and exceptional team member, but her capabilities do not scratch the surface of her importance to our staff. Years ago, Nikki was elected a deacon by our congregation. When she became a staff member, Nikki stepped away from active deacon service; however, she epitomizes on a daily basis what a deacon looks like. She listens well, shows compassion and kindness readily, and looks for ways to serve without ever being asked. She prays for our staff and church. She longs to see us fully living into God's mission. In all she does, she carries with her the humility and gentleness of Jesus.

Join me over the next few days in celebrating Nikki. Send her a card, give her a gift (she loves sweets, but only on Sundays during Lent since she gave up snacks), or share a word of encouragement with her. She does more for our church family than any of us will ever know. Thank you, Nikki!

Randy Shepley



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.

Bon Secours Women's Wellness: Cancer Prevention Event

Thursday, March 24 at 11am
Payne Fellowship Hall

Purpose: To provide general guidelines for reducing your risk of cancer through good nutritional choices and use of physical activity.

If you are interested, please RSVP by calling 757-886-6704 to register. The cost is free and a free lunch will be provided.



You can download our app on your phone, smart TV or Roku player. This will give you the

Upcoming Events

March 23 Break the Fast Fellowship Dinner at 5:30pm in Payne Hall (See article above)

March 25 Youth BARF (Bring A Real Friend) at 6:30pm

March 27 Easter Garden Gathering at 4 pm (see article above for details)

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, March 27 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-@fbcnn youth. 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

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.

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 8:30 & 11 this past Sunday. (Services are listed in chronological order with the most recent at the top.)

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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.

Rick Elofson, Treasurer FBCNN

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