## **First News**

March 30, 2022





**Easter Garden Gathering** 

We had so much fun at our Easter Garden Gathering this past Sunday! Families from all across our church family made a living reminder of the Easter story. It was so good to see everyone! Don't forget to water your garden and join us on Palm Sunday as the children start our 11am service.



## 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 <a href="here">here</a>.

We have recently heard that Camp Harghita has started receiving refugees from Ukraine. As a result, we have begun to support them as part of the Ukraine relief. Continue to pray for Erika and Zoltan Joo as they are using their camp as a safe haven for others.

### **Upcoming Events**

<u>April 6</u> Women's Bible Study on Elijah begins at 9:30am in Room 144

<u>April 15</u> Good Friday Service at 7pm in the sanctuary

**April 17** Easter Sunday



# 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 <a href="mailto:preschool@fbcnn.org">preschool@fbcnn.org</a>.



### **Thank You**

Thank you all for the kind words, cards, emails, and flowers that I received in response to my tenth anniversary here on staff at FBCNN. While working here, I have come to know some wonderful people, expand my skill set (including knowledge of roofs and HVAC units), and develop a deeper sense of what it is like to work behind the scenes to promote Christ's love to our community. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for both myself and our church.

Sincerely,

Nikki Reid

# Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, April 3 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

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.

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

**DONATE** 

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

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## 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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