
Commissioning for Pastor Juan's Sabbatical Takes Place This Sunday

This Sunday, May 15, we will have one combined worship service for our English and Hispanic congregations. We will worship together at 11:00 in our sanctuary. While we will enjoy praising God and worshipping in English and in Spanish as we do at all of our quarterly combined services, we will also commission Pastor Juan Garcia as he leaves for his sabbatical. Juan will begin his sabbatical leave on Monday, May 16 and return on September 5. If you would like a refresher on Juan's sabbatical plan and experience, please read the article in our April 20 issue of First News [here](#).

I would like to invite all of you to join me in praying for Pastor Juan, Monica, Natalia, Daniel, our Hispanic congregation, and our church as a whole during Juan's sabbatical season. Here is a pattern for prayer that you can use during this sabbatical season:

Sunday: Pray for our Hispanic congregation as they live out their calling while Juan is gone. Pray for those who preach and lead in worship. Pray for their spiritual renewal even while their Pastor is renewed on sabbatical. Pray for our church as a whole as we treasure and support our Hispanic congregation.

Monday: Pray for deep rest for Juan and safety as he and his family travel

Tuesday: Pray for a renewed sense of call and direction in Juan

Wednesday: Pray for Juan to experience recreation, fun, and the joy of the Lord

Thursday: Pray for Monica, Natalia, and Daniel as they spend time away from Juan during portions of his sabbatical

Friday: Pray for marriage and family renewal for the Garcia family

Saturday: Pray for God to refresh and renew Juan's soul

As part of finding rest and replenishment, Juan will completely disconnect from his responsibilities in order to focus on reconnection with God. Therefore, he will not be available by phone, email, text, social media, or appointment for the duration of his sabbatical. If you have a question for Juan during this sabbatical season, you can reach out to Pastor Randy or another member of the ministerial staff.

In addition, Pastor Juan will spend a good portion of his sabbatical leave away from Newport News, but he will be in town for some weeks as well. It is possible you will see him out with his family or even handling errands that are necessary while he is in town. If you see him, please bear in mind that he is living in a sabbatical rhythm that has him unplugged from church for replenishment. So, greet him, assure him of your prayers, and refrain from an

extended conversation, especially if it is about church! Help him maintain his sabbatical rhythms of rest.

I hope to see all of you here on Sunday at 11:00, in person or online, for our combined worship service, and our time of commissioning for Pastor Juan's sabbatical day. It will be a significant day in the life of our church.

Pastor Randy



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BAKE SALE SUNDAY!

FBCNN Youth will be collecting donations for cookies
after worship this Sunday, May 15!
Proceeds will go to Ukraine relief efforts and Youth
activities for the Summer.

Bake Sale Fundraiser

Donations can be made in check, cash, or through to church app.

Quarterly Church Conference

Sunday, May 15 @ 5pm
Payne Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

May 12 Red Cross Blood Drive at 1pm in Payne Fellowship Hall. It's not too late to [sign up to donate!](#)

May 12 Peninsula Mobile Food Bank at 1pm will be in our parking lot. If you or someone you know needs food assistance, please let them know about this opportunity.

May 15 One Combined Service at 11am
There will not be a service at 8:30 or 12:30. Sunday Bible Study will occur at the usual time. Join us for this special service and see the article above for more information.

May 15 Quarterly Church Conference at 5pm in Payne Fellowship Hall

May 20 Youth BARaF (See article below)



BARaF (Bring A Real adult Friend)

May 20 6-8pm
Youth Rooms

Our youth are inviting the adults and children of the church to an evening full of games and fun!

May Staff Anniversaries

Walter Satchell - May 8

Kolby Keller - May 25

Attention Class of 2022!

Congratulations to our high school and college graduates! If you would like to be recognized in our Graduate Recognition service on June 5 at 11am, please send where they are graduating, what their future plans are, and a few (3-4) photos to either Kolby, kkeller@fbcnn.org, or Nikki, nikki@fbcnn.org. If you are graduating from high school and are interested in filling out a scholarship application, please contact Kolby for more information.



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 Diabetes and You Classes

Bon Secours is offering outpatient diabetes classes starting in June at Mary Immaculate Hospital Health Resource Center, Ruth Bell Room. These classes are free and open to the public. Please call 757-886-6704 to RSVP or for more information.



Ways to Help Ukraine

Please continue to pray for the lives impacted by the war in Ukraine. Until now, we have collected funds for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Ukraine Relief Fund. Now we will be sending all funds designated for Ukraine relief to our partners, Camp Harghita and Project Ruth. Both of these organizations have been taking in refugees and providing assistance to those affected by the war. 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.

**One Combined Service,
11:00AM, May 15th**

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, May 15 at 11am! Randy Shepley and Juan Garcia 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 (No 8:30 service on May 15)
- 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 (Combined worship at 11 on May 15)
- 11:00 a.m. Extended Session - infants through age 4
- 12:30 p.m. Hispanic Worship (No 12:30 service on May 15)

Mondays

- 7:00 p.m. Young Single Adults

Wednesdays

- 5:30 p.m. Mid-Week Café
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Library Open
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Spiritual Formation Groups
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering and



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.

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.)

[May 8](#)

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



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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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