



## *Who is this Spirit?*

Greetings to all of you in Jesus Christ!

I feel that in order to progress in the knowledge of what it looks like for the believer to work out of the power of the Holy Spirit, it is imperative that we understand who the Spirit is and what His purpose is for believers in Christ. Only then can we fully understand the power that God has so graciously sent to live inside of us.

The Holy Spirit is one of the three persons of the triune God, alongside the Father and the Son. He is distinct in his personhood, yet without division in nature, essence, or being from the Father or the Son (BF&M, 1963). We do not have the space here to flesh out all of who the Holy Spirit is, but scripture speaks of him as our advocate and teacher (John 14:26), intercessor (Romans 8:27), and sanctifier (Romans 15:16). When I sit down and consider who the Holy Spirit is for me, I have reassurance and hope that he is the literal Spirit of God; the same Spirit that was with God as they created the cosmos together (Genesis 1:2) is the same Spirit that came upon King David in his youth (1 Samuel 16:13), is the same Spirit that conceived the Messiah in the virgin Mary's womb (Matthew 1:18-20), is the same Spirit that empowered and guided Jesus Christ as he walked with us in this world (John 3:34), which is the same Spirit that Jesus sent to us after his glorious ascension back to the Father (Acts 1:8) and is the very Spirit that empowers the believer to understand the things of God (1 Corinthians 2:10-16).

I know that when I came to a fuller understanding of the Spirit of God that is alive and active within my heart, it developed a deep passion in my soul to cultivate the depth of my faith. My prayer is that you will take time this week to meditate on who the Holy Spirit is and, in doing so, that He will continue to develop within you a deep desire that is receptive to Him in your daily living. May He cultivate a yearning in your heart to "keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1).

In This Together; Through Christ Alone,  
Myles W. Shipp

### **Sanctuary Choir**

Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

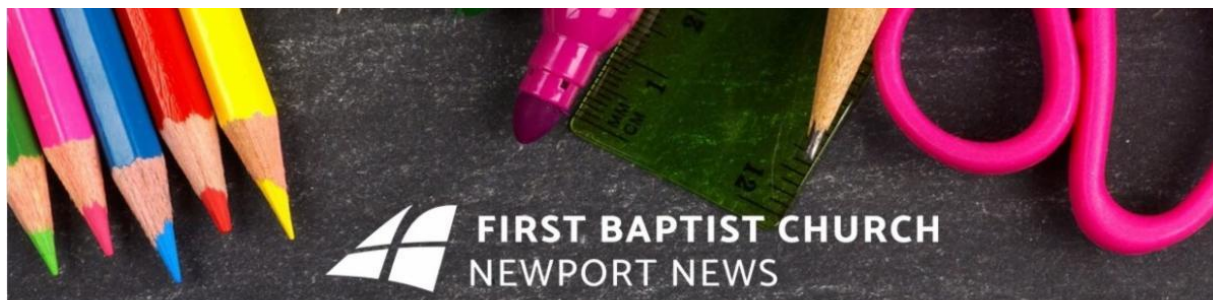
Join our Sanctuary Choir and sing together on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 pm for rehearsal and Sundays at the 8:30 am Traditional Service. In addition to participating in weekly services, the Sanctuary Choir looks forward to seasonal, musical offerings. This fall the choir will be performing John Rutter's *Requiem* with chamber orchestra at FBCNN and will be joined by other church choirs from our greater community. You do not want to miss this beloved work which offers hope and comfort to singers and audience alike.

All who love to sing are invited to join! Rehearsals begin on August 24th. If interested contact John (Director of Choral Ministry) at [jirving@fbcnn.org](mailto:jirving@fbcnn.org) for more information.

# Yates Elementary School Action Team

It's hard to believe the summer vacation is almost over. The first day of school is August 29th. We thank God for the opportunity we have to minister to our neighbor. With that said, our first event will be on August 19th. Hosting a Welcome Back Continental Breakfast has become a tradition for FBCNN. If you are able to volunteer to help set up and serve or donate goodies, please contact Karon Garcia at [keckwerth@cox.net](mailto:keckwerth@cox.net) or call 757-593-1904.

We will be helping with school supplies again this year. The following is the Elementary School Supply List for 2022-2023:



## School Supplies needed for Yates Elementary:

1. Crayons, Colored Pencils, or Markers
2. Glue Sticks
3. Pencils
4. Pencil Pouch, Pencil Box, or Pencil Holder
5. Dry Erase Markers
6. Folders with 2 Pockets and Prongs
7. Composition Notebooks or Spiral Notebooks
8. Wide Rule Notebook Paper
9. Mr. Clean Erasers



### **Earbuds are also needed!**

Please turn in supplies to the Welcome Center. We want to deliver the supplies by August 22nd. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Robinson, [gigi robin75@gmail.com](mailto:gigi robin75@gmail.com) or 757-283-5177.

Thank you for your prayers and generous donations. If you would like to be a member of our Yates Elementary School Action Team, please contact Karon Garcia.

## Staff Anniversaries and Birthdays

### Anniversary:

**August 7** - Juan Garcia

### Birthdays:

**August 10** - Ethan Brown

**August 26** - John Irving

## VBS Themed Sermon Series

A sermon series based on the theme of VBS continues Sunday, August 14. We are discovering how God worked through the life of Joseph to do "Monumental" things. The next sermon in this series will be on Genesis 41.



## First Baptist Preschool Registering!

There are only a few slots left for the 2022-2023 school year! 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](mailto:preschool@fbcnn.org).



## Ukraine Updates

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the lives impacted by the war in Ukraine. Half of the money collected is going to Camp Harghita in Romania and

## Upcoming Events

**August 11** - Peninsula Mobile Food Bank will be in our parking lot at 1pm handing out meat, dairy products, fresh produce, and staples. If you or someone you know needs food assistance tell them about this opportunity.

**August 13** - PBA Women on Mission Workshop (see article below for more information)

**August 28** - Youth Going to Waffle House (see Kolby for more information) The VBS Pool Party has been postponed due to the thunderstorms that passed through Friday night. Stay tuned on our social media and newsletter for updates on when it will be rescheduled.

## Amazon Smile

Thank you to everyone who is already supporting us by using Amazon Smile. If you have not signed up, search for Amazon Smile the next time you are on amazon.com and select First Baptist Church of Newport News, There is no extra cost to you and we will receive a donation every time you shop!

## PBA Women on Mission Annual Workshop August 13

On Saturday, August 13, FBCNN will host the PBA Women on Mission Annual Workshop and Business Meeting. The meeting will be held in Payne Fellowship Hall from 9am to noon beginning with a continental breakfast. Please join us. If you have any questions contact Rhonda Wiatt via text or email (757-871-7128 or [Rhonda.Wiatt@aol.com](mailto:Rhonda.Wiatt@aol.com)).

## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, August 14 at 8:30 am and 11:00 am! Randy Shepley will be leading us in worship.

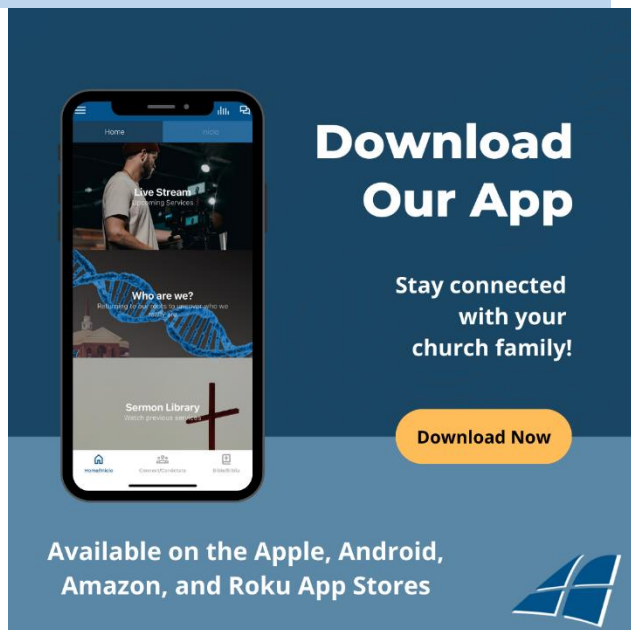
If you have any technical difficulties watching the service on Facebook Live,



the other half to Project Ruth. Both of these organizations have been taking in refugees and providing assistance to those affected by the war.

Please continue to remember Gennady and Mina Podgaisky in your prayers. They served in Kyiv, Ukraine beginning in December 2002 and helped establish the Village of Hope which was destroyed earlier this year. The Podgaisky's will be coming here Sunday, August 28 as guest preachers.

To continue supporting Ukraine, 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.



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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**

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursdays**

10:00 a.m. Swingin' Singers (Resuming in September)

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.)

[August 7](#)

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

**DONATE**

# My Summer Checklist

- Beach Towels
- Suntan lotion
- Golf clubs
- Fishing gear
- Board games
- Tithes and offerings set up to submit while we are gone.



**Have a wonderful vacation!!!**

## WAYS TO GIVE FINANCIALLY



IN PERSON



MOBILE APP



ONLINE



MAIL OR AUTOMATED  
BANK DRAFT

- **Stock contributions:** If you wish to give stocks to First Baptist Church, please give the church's name to your broker to process the transaction. If you need more information, please contact Monica Garcia at [monica@fbcnn.org](mailto:monica@fbcnn.org) or at the church office number.
- **Required Minimum Distributions (RMD):** If you are 70½ or older and have an IRA (Individual Retirement Account), you can make your Charitable Contribution to the Church via your Broker/Banker. The RMD must come directly to the Church from your Broker/Banker. Please contact your Broker/Banker for this option.

*"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4*

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