



## *The Holy Spirit: From the Head to the Heart*

Grace & Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

We know that the Holy Spirit lives in us, and we took a survey of who He is; now what do we do with that information? There must be a transfer of the knowledge of who the Spirit is from the head to the heart.

In Ezekiel 36, God promises purification to Israel. He declares, "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances." (vs. 26-27, NRSV). Jesus echoes this same truth in John 3:5 by stating, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit" (NRSV). Thanks be to Jesus Christ that through his life, death, resurrection, and ascension, He made the way for purification through the Holy Spirit for all who believe by faith!

A Christian is a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17). The first step in that process is a spiritual heart transplant. God replaces the "heart of stone" with a "heart of flesh." The essence of the believer as a human being is forever changed! They can now live "in step with the Spirit" (Gal. 5:25, ESV). Does this mean that after this spiritual operation one will always live in that state? As the Apostle Paul exclaims, "By no means!" Paul talks openly about his battle between the desires of the flesh and the desires of the Spirit (Rom. 7-8). As God's people, living in a fallen world and awaiting our King's arrival, there is a tension in our lives between God and Satan, a spiritual battle. Paul describes the way Christians can overcome their worldly desires as they continue in their sanctification: "Walk by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16, ESV). This is an invitation: we can choose to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, or we can choose to live out of our fleshly, human nature. Next week we will begin our exploration of how to cultivate our Spirit-filled life in order to progress in our sanctification!

In This Together; Through Christ Alone,

Myles W. Shipp

## VBS Pool Party: Update

"The VBS pool party is rescheduled for Saturday, August 27th 10am-12pm at Wendwood Pool. All VBS families and volunteers are invited! It will be great to see everyone again!"

# 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, [gigirobin75@gmail.com](mailto:gigirobin75@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



### **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 the other half to Project Ruth. Both of

## Upcoming Events

**August 28** - Youth Going to Waffle House (see Kolby for more information)

## 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!

## Sermon Series

Associate Pastor Ethan Brown will be bringing the message this weekend, August 21. We look forward to seeing you Sunday and worshipping together with you!

## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, August 21 at 8:30 am and 11:00 am! Ethan Brown 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

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.

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**

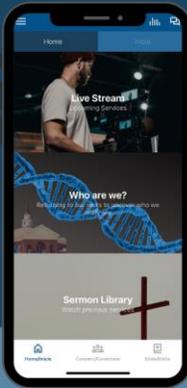
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **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 14](#)



**Download Our App**

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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.**

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# 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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