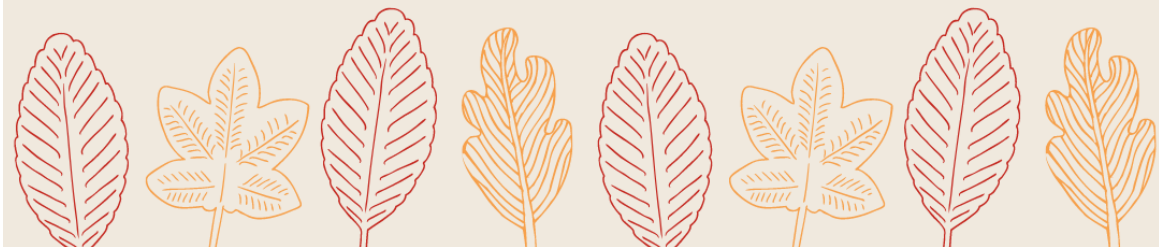




SEPTEMBER 7 FROM 5:30- 7:30

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICKOFF

Join us for food, games, inflatables,
and more! Come spend time in
fellowship wearing your favorite
football gear.



Wednesday, September 7 we will kickoff our return to Wednesday nights! We will have hot dogs for dinner, and then play games on the softball field, jump in bounce houses, have a devotion, bubbles, and more!

The following Wednesday, September 14, we will start our regular Wednesday night activities at our usual time 6:30-8pm. (Sanctuary Choir will be 7:30-8:30pm.) Midweek Café will be held in Payne Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm, where people bring their dinner and fellowship together.

Come join us and see what is happening at First Baptist!

Unceasing Prayer

My sister is a personal trainer who always seems to be able to stay on schedule and eat the right foods. When I asked her how she keeps up with her fitness goals she simply stated, "This isn't something that I do; this is who I am. It's a lifestyle choice." Many people talk about how they would love to be able to spend more time with God on a routine basis but seem to not have the time; I have wrestled with this myself. We compartmentalize the areas of our lives: our family life, our social life, our individual life, etc. When we plan our lives around events, our lives translate into "to-do" lists and time disappears. It is no different when it comes to our spiritual lives.

God calls us to live out our faith as a lifestyle choice, rather than an event that takes place when we plan for it. The reality is that God is alive and active in every minute of our day, and the Holy Spirit is constantly at work in and through us. Last week I referred to Psalm 1:1-2, "Blessed is the one...whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night." The phrase "day and night" suggests an ongoing pursuit. Paul teaches this, instructing us to "pray continually" (1 Thess. 5:17).

It's time that we begin to apply the principles we have learned over these last four weeks in tangible ways. This week, I encourage you to practice *unceasing prayer*. This discipline focuses on accessing God, through the power of the Spirit living within us, as we go about our daily living. Praying to God throughout our day acts as a reminder to us of God's covenant: "I will never leave you nor forsake you (Deut. 31:6) and brings to life the promise from Jesus Christ: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20). Try leaving a note on your bathroom mirror, praying for the people in the schools or businesses you drive by each morning, or setting a regular reminder on your phone to stop and pray throughout the day.

As you practice unceasing prayer, may God's Spirit develop in you a deeper awareness of His Kingdom on earth, as it is in Heaven, and bring you peace that transcends all understanding (Phil. 4:7).

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 for more information.

Swingin' Singers

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Back to school means back to singing. All senior adults (55 and up) are welcome to join the Swingin' Singers to make a joyful noise on **Thursdays** from **10-11 am** beginning **September 8th**. The Swingin' Singers connect every Thursday through song, fellowship, and prayer. Want to hear more? Ask Swingin' Singers Co-Directors - John Irving or Janet Rippy.



First Baptist Preschool Starting a New School Year!

First Baptist Preschool will be starting next week with an Open House on Tuesday and the first day of school on Wednesday. Keep the preschool director, teachers, assistants, and students in your prayers as they explore the wonders of God's world together.

Ukraine Updates

What a pleasure it was to have Gennady and Mina Podgaisky, CBF Field Personnel, speak during worship last Sunday! They told us stories of encouragement and sorrow since the start of the war, and gave us a better understanding

Upcoming Events

September 4 - Promotion
Sunday

Children and youth will be going to their new Sunday Bible Study classes.

September 7 - Wednesday
Night Activities Resume (see
article above for more
information)

Ladies Fall Bible Study

There will be a 7 week Bible Study of Hosea beginning Wednesday, October 5th through Wednesday, November 16th from 9:30-11:30am in Room 144.

To sign up and order your book, please contact Georgia Mann at 757-595-3990 or email mann.georgia@aol.com by Monday, September 19, 2022.

Amazon Smile

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of the conditions in Ukraine. If you missed hearing them, you can watch the service online by clicking on the "August 28" link near the bottom of the right hand column.

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 these organizations have been taking in refugees and providing assistance to those affected by the war.

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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Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, September 4 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, 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

Mondays

7:00 p.m. Young Single Adults

Wednesdays

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

10:00 a.m. Swingin' Singers
(Resuming September 8)

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.

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 28](#)

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- **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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