



One Combined Worship Service on World Communion Sunday

October 2 at 11 AM



Join us as our English and Hispanic congregations worship together on October 2nd. Aspects from all of our worship services, Traditional, Contemporary, and Hispanic, will be combined in this service. October 2nd is also World Communion Sunday, and we will partake in communion together. Pastor Juan Garcia will be preaching. There will not be an 8:30 or 12:30 service, but Sunday Bible Study will be at 9:45.

After the service, a celebration luncheon will be in Payne Fellowship Hall. This luncheon will be a celebration of the Hispanic Heritage Month and the return of Juan Garcia from sabbatical. It will be a great time of food and fellowship for everyone!

Wednesday Night Mom's Group Starts Next Week

A new Wednesday night group is starting on September 28th. This group is for moms of all ages and will meet at various locations. The first meeting will be a meet and greet time in room 145 at 6:30pm. For more information contact Joyanne Manning.



Sanctuary

While I was in my chaplain training, my supervisor asked me, “Do you have a sanctuary?” My mind wandered frantically, attempting to find a location or a structure that I could share. As I thought more about it, not only did I realize that I did not have one, but I realized that a sanctuary did not have to be either of those things. It very well could be a physical place, but also a person of trust, a “safe space” within my imagination, or even a hobby. A sanctuary is a place where you feel protected and secure, a place that brings life, in whatever unique ways you can receive it.

The Webster dictionary defines a sanctuary as, “a place where someone or something is protected or given shelter” or, “the protection that is provided by a safe place.” In the Old Testament, God instructed the Israelites to build a tabernacle. Once the tabernacle was built, the Israelites carried it with them as they journeyed, and God promised that His presence would reside in it so that He would be with them. In the New Testament, Jesus Christ is the living, breathing incarnation of God, who walked the earth and dwelled with His people. Then, when He ascended into Heaven and sent His Spirit to dwell within us, our bodies became the sanctuary of God.

This week I want to emphasize the importance of having a sanctuary. As we live in the chaos of the world, we must have a safe place to return to, whether it be a physical space or mental “safe place.” Think about developing one sanctuary for each. Maybe there is a particular chair that sits perfectly: a chair that when you sit in it, it brings an immediate sigh of relief. Maybe it is a memory that, with your eyes closed, you envision complete freedom and solace from the world. Maybe it is a specific verse of scripture which, when you recite it brings peace or hope to you.

We are all uniquely and wonderfully made in the image of God. We have differing gifts and desires of the heart that bring us closer to the divine. This week, I encourage you to ponder the question that my supervisor asked me: Do you have a sanctuary? If your answer is yes, I challenge you to utilize it. If your answer is no, I encourage you to create it!

In This Together; Through Christ Alone,

Myles Shipp

Sermon Conversations Start Tonight!

Each Wednesday night after Midweek Café in Payne Fellowship Hall Randy Shepley will begin Sermon Conversations. These conversations will be discussions about topics that arise from the previous Sunday's sermon. Come join this group and delve deeper into God's word!

Church Quarterly Conference September 25 at 5pm Payne Fellowship Hall

Come out and hear about all of the wonderful things that have been and will be happening at FBCNN! More information will be sent out via email soon.

Upcoming Events

September 22 - Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6pm in Payne Fellowship Hall. Sign up to donate [here](#).

September 25 - Church Quarterly Conference at 5pm in Payne Fellowship Hall



Free Guest Wifi

Our Guest Wifi network will now be password free! While maintaining our internet security, this change will enable our guests to more easily

access internet on our property. If you have previously connected to this network and experience an internet issue, you may need to forget and rejoin the network the first time you connect. Feel free to reach out to Ethan if you have any issues. Network Name: FBCGuest

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**. 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.

Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversary

September 3 - Beth Tomassetti

Birthdays

September 9 - Beth Tomassetti

September 21 - Walter Satchell

Take a moment to wish them a happy anniversary and/or happy birthday!

Mentorship Program at Yates

We have been ask to provide much needed mentorship to a select group of young people at Yates Elementary School. What a great opportunity! If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this ministry, please contact Karon Garcia at (757) 593-1904 or email her at keckwerth@cox.net.

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! If interested contact John (Director of Choral Ministry) at jirving@fbcnn.org for more information.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, September 25 at 8:30 am and 11:00 am! Randy Shepley will be leading us in worship.



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 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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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.

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
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

5:30 p.m. Midweek Café
6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Library Open
6:30 p.m. Adult Spiritual Formation Group
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.)

[September 18](#)

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

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- **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 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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