



One Combined Worship Service on World Communion Sunday

October 2 at 11 AM



Join us **this Sunday** 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!

Fellowship

We have practiced various ways of developing deeper awareness and access to God through the Holy Spirit. Those disciplines have to do with intimate, personal time with God. This week we will look at how those practices aid in developing the desire to fellowship together. The spiritual disciplines are not a means to an end; their purpose is to foster an intimate relationship with God, allowing Him to embrace our hand in His as He lovingly sanctifies our hearts. These practices will inexorably develop a yearning to be in fellowship with our sisters and brothers. As

we experience God individually, we will naturally desire to “spur one another on toward love and good deeds...not neglecting to meet together...and all the more as you see the Day approaching” (Heb. 10:24-25).

The writer of Hebrews emboldens his audience to continue to meet for the purpose of encouraging each other in the faith, even though others around them were neglecting to do so. I recall the last few years as we have been restricted in meeting with one another. As we prayerfully and cautiously begin to come out of the pandemic and begin to incorporate ourselves back into physical community with one another, let us pursue what the biblical writers referred to as *koinonia*, the Spirit-filled fellowship of believers.

I encourage you to continue to practice the disciplines we’ve discussed, but in a posture of expectancy toward meeting together. When the opportunities for fellowship come, whether that be on Sunday morning, Wednesday night, during a meal, or a zoom meeting, practice encouraging one another by sharing what God is doing within you. The testimony of the heart is powerful and encouraging. The Apostle Paul sums this up perfectly: “Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind” (Phil. 2:1-2). May we continue to walk with our God into deeper and richer community together!

In This Together; Through Christ Alone,

Myles Shipp

Sermon Conversations Cancelled Tonight

Due to pastor illness, the sermon conversation tonight, September 28, has been cancelled.

Wednesday Night Mom's Group Starts Tonight

A new Wednesday night group is starting tonight, 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.

Upcoming Events

October 2 - Combined Worship Service at 11am (See article above for more information)

October 16 - First Grade Bible Presentation at 11am (Contact Sharon Hertzler for more information)

Mentorship Program at Yates

We have been asked 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.



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 Rippey.



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.

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, October 2 at 11:00 am! 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.

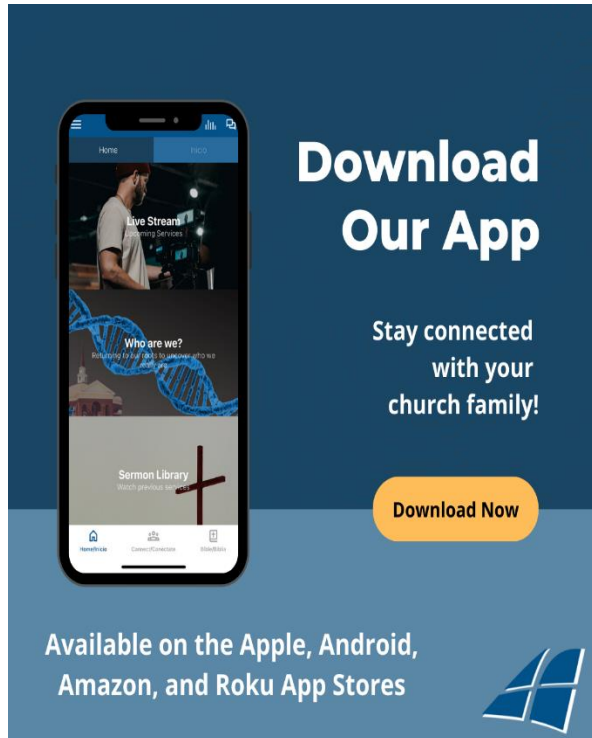
The following is a list of weekly events that can be accessed on the First Baptist Church of Newport News Facebook page.

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 10/2)

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.

A graphic for downloading the church's app. It features a smartphone displaying the app's interface with sections for 'Live Stream', 'Who are we?', and 'Sermon Library'. To the right of the phone, the text reads 'Download Our App' in large white letters, followed by 'Stay connected with your church family!' and a yellow 'Download Now' button. Below the phone, it says 'Available on the Apple, Android, Amazon, and Roku App Stores' and includes a small blue cross logo.

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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.

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 (no 12:30 service on 10/2)

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 25](#)

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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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