

First News

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
NEWPORT NEWS



Combined Service and Luncheon

What a wonderful time we had worshipping, having communion, and eating together. Thanks to Juan Garcia for preaching, Sanctuary Choir, Transformed and Hispanic Praise Teams for leading us in music, the deacons who prepared and served communion, those who decorated Payne Fellowship Hall, those who cooked the wonderful food, and everyone else who had a part in making this service and luncheon a success!

"Go and Do Likewise"

Over the past two months, we have been on a transformational journey of the heart. The disciplines that have been taught are tools that we can use to grow deep spiritual roots and a mindful awareness of the Spirit, as we seek to walk into the good works that God has prepared beforehand for us (Eph. 2:10).

As we cultivate the Spirit-filled life our perspective will shift. We will begin to be mindful of God working in us, through us, and all around us. This reminds me of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Both the priest and the Levite saw the victim of robbery but decided to pass by him for various reasons. The Samaritan, on the other hand, “felt compassion for him” (Luke 10:33, NLT). The Samaritan is a powerful illustration for us as we work to foster the Spirit in ourselves and encourage our sisters and brothers to do the same. Walking in the Spirit radically shifts our perspective; it enables us to recognize the opportunities that God has prepared for us as we go about our lives, while also nurturing the desire within us to walk into those opportunities with the heart of Christ.

Brother Lawrence, in his book "The Practice of the Presence of God" explained, “Our sanctification does not depend as much on changing our activities as it does on doing them for God rather than for ourselves.” Maintaining a mindful awareness of the Spirit of God in our lives is not complicated. It does not mean that we must throw away the desires of our heart, nor rewire our day to day lives, but rather it only requires that we be preoccupied with Christ in all that we do. This is only possible by intentional engagement and cultivation of the Holy Spirit living within. I encourage each one of us to continue to be motivated toward loving ourselves, loving one another, and loving the world with the love of Christ, our greatest illustration of love.

As my internship comes to a close this week, I want to encourage all of us to continue to walk together toward holiness, building one another up as we press on to be a strong and resilient body of Christ that stands ready, willing, and able to care for those around us with the same love that we have received, all by the power of the Holy Spirit!

In This Together; Through Christ Alone,

Myles Shipp



Let's have a fun, family day together at Darden's Country Store and Pumpkin Patch! Bring a picnic lunch, and we will eat together when you arrive. There are lots of fun things to see and do—farm animals, play area, corn bins to play in, decorated hay bales, corn maze, and pumpkins to pick. Each family will take care of their pumpkin costs (pay at the Country Store).

Invite your friends and family!

Rutter's Requiem

October 30 at 4pm

FBC has a wonderful opportunity to open our doors to the community with a choral performance. On Sunday, October 30 at 4 PM, the FBC Sanctuary Choir will host several other peninsula churches in the performance of John Rutter's Requiem. This All Saints' Day performance, under the direction of Dr. John Irving, brings together area musicians in a multi-denominational choir and a small chamber ensemble. We realized that we are fortunate that our sanctuary choir not only survived during our break due to COVID but has thrived since coming back together. Few area churches can say the same. This performance provides an opportunity for choral warriors throughout the peninsula to come together and sing for the glory of God. We hope that it will become an annual event.

COTA Fundraiser Dinner for Campbell

November 5 at 5pm

Payne Fellowship Hall

FBC Family, please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 5th. We are hosting a lasagna dinner as a fundraiser for COTA (Children's Organ Transplant Association) in honor of Campbell Webb. All contributions towards dinner will go directly to COTA on Campbell's behalf.

(More details coming soon.)

BGAV (Baptist General Association of Virginia)

Annual Meeting

November 14-16

Hampton Roads Convention Center
1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA

The BGAV Annual Meeting will be in person and virtual this year. The theme is "Do It Again, God" based on Psalm 126:4-6. Special guests include Carey Nieuwhof, Freddy Villarreal, and Kate Campbell. **Registration is required**. For more information and to register, click on this [link](#).

Retirement Celebration of John Upton, BGAV Executive Director

November 14 @ FBCNN

Service: 7pm Reception: 8pm

As part of the Annual Meeting, there will be a service of celebration and a reception held at FBCNN in honor of the retirement of John Upton. A **separate registration is required** to attend this event. For more information and to register for the retirement celebration, click on this [link](#).

October Staff Birthdays

10/7 - Nikki Reid

10/9 - Sharon Hertzler

Take a moment to wish them a happy birthday!

Upcoming Events

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

October 30 - Rutter's *Requiem* at 4pm (see article above for more information)

Hurricane Relief and Recovery

Many of us have seen on the news the devastation brought about from the recent hurricanes. To help those areas that were affected, we are collecting donations and will distribute them to CBF Disaster Response and BGAV Disaster Response. Please indicate Hurricane Relief in the memo section of your donation.



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

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.

Swingin' Singers

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

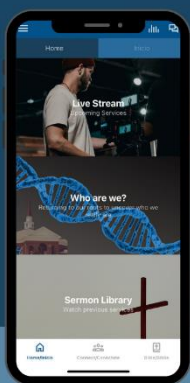
Back to school means back to singing. All senior adults (55 and up) are welcome to join the Swingin' Singers to make a joyful noise on **Thursdays** from **10-11 am**. The Swingin' Singers connect every Thursday through song, fellowship, and prayer. Want to hear more? Ask Swingin' Singers Co-Directors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



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

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-@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

- 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.)

[October 2](#)

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.

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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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