



Deacon Nominations for 2023

We have an exciting announcement! It is time to nominate a new slate of active deacons for January 2023. Church By-Laws state that deacons are elected for a 3-year term. COVID restrictions since March 2020 limited in-person attendance in church, at quarterly church conferences, and opportunities for deacon visitation in hospitals and retirement communities. So, no deacon nominations were held in 2020 or 2021. Therefore, our active deacons elected in late 2019 will expire December of this year. As we emerged from COVID this year, many ordained deacons began or resumed serving on many of the six initiative Lead and Action Teams throughout the church. For example, the Compassion Ministry Team prepared and delivered hundreds of meals, our Compassionate Mission Partnerships Team led several efforts supporting Yates Elementary School and efforts in Ukraine, and we held children and youth Passport trips and Vacation Bible School. But we will now nominate 7-9 active deacons to support the Pastor and Staff in the mission of the church, ensure peace and harmony in the church and work for cooperation in all efforts beginning January 2023.

On Sunday, October 23, deacon nomination forms will be available to the congregation. These forms explain deacon qualifications as they appear in our by-laws and the Bible. Please review the form's instructions, prayerfully consider nominating members to be reviewed by staff, interviewed by a deacon nominating team, and elected by the church. Please be sure to sign your form so your nominee(s) will be included. The deadline for turning in deacon nomination forms will be Sunday, November 13. God is so good as He guides us forward.



Let's have a fun, family day together at Darden's Country Store and Pumpkin Patch! Bring a picnic lunch or grab a to go lunch from the fundraiser mentioned in the article above, 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!



Hurricane Ian Relief and Recovery

We are collecting donations to distribute with
CBF and BGAV Disaster Response

To give, put Hurricane Relief in your memo line



Hurricane Relief Support & Fundraiser Luncheon This Sunday, October 23

As you all know Florida, Puerto Rico, Cuba, and Dominican Republic were all hit by either Hurricanes Ian or Fiona. The devastation and needs are great, and we want to help. For that reason, the Hispanic Congregation is sponsoring a luncheon on Sunday, October 23 to raise funds to help with the ongoing hurricane disaster relief efforts through CBF, BGAV, and local churches. The luncheon will be for donations only. We will be offering three times where you can come to have your lunch or take it to go: 11:00am, 12:00pm, and 1:45pm. The menu will be baked chicken with rice, and salad. Please come and support this effort. Your participation and generosity will go a long way.

If you are unable to make it to the luncheon, you can still make a donation through the church. Write "Hurricane Relief" in the memo section of your donation and we will send the funds to CBF and BGAV Disaster Relief Funds. Thank you for your support of those who are in need because of the devastation caused by these storms.

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. Click on the button below or call the church office to RSVP by November 1st.

RSVP

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](#).

Upcoming Events

October 19 - No Sermon Conversation tonight due to Pastor Randy being out of town

October 20 - Swingin' Singers and XYZ (eXtra Years of Zest) will be meeting for lunch at Anna's Pizza in Hilton at 11:30am

October 23 - Hurricane Relief Luncheon (see article above for more information)

October 23 - Family Pumpkin Patch Trip (see article above for more information)

October 30 - All Saint's Day recognition at 8:30am service, we will remember our members who have passed away over the past year

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

Yates Clothing Drive

Yates Elementary School is in need of certain items to be kept at the Nurse's Office. These items include:

- Shirts
- Pants
- Socks
- Underwear.

Item sizes may vary for boy and girl students, grades K-5. Donations can be turned in at the Welcome Center on Sundays and the Church Office during the week.

If you have any questions, please contact Karon Garcia (757)593-1904. Thank you for your generosity and support of this ministry.

FBP Amazon Wish List

If you would like to help First Baptist Preschool enhance their classrooms for this school year, a wish list of items has been created on Amazon. You can view and purchase items from the [First Baptist Preschool Amazon Wish List](#), and items will be shipped directly to the preschool. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to FBCNN with "First Baptist Preschool" in the memo. The teachers and students thank you for helping to make this school year great!



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

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, October 23 at 8:30 or 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



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.

page. Learn more about children's events on Facebook and youth events on their Instagram page-@fbcnnnyouth.

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 (no rehearsal October 20)

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 16](#)

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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- **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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