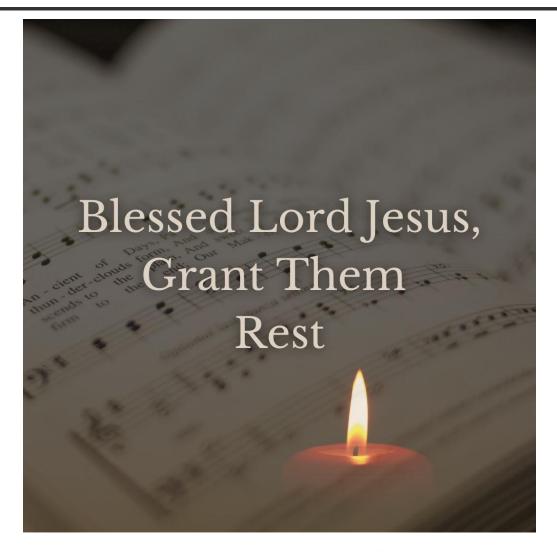
First News

October 26, 2022





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.



First Baptist Preschool Annual Wheel A Thon

Preschoolers, parents, and grandparents alike had a wonderful time during this annual fundraising event. The weather was beautiful and over \$4,800 was raised!



COTA Fundraiser Dinner for Campbell - Update

Family and friends, as many of you know Campbell's leukemia has returned, and she will now be receiving hospice care at home. As a result, we will be cancelling the scheduled lasagna dinner for November 5th. However, those still interested in donating to COTA in Campbell's honor are welcome to do so at COTA for Campbell by clicking the button below. Please continue to lift up this precious family in your prayers as they navigate the days ahead.

COTA for Campbell

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 <u>link</u>.

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 <u>link</u>.

All Saints Day Recognition Sunday, October 30 @ 8:30am

At the 8:30 service Sunday, October 30, we will have the privilege of listening to our senior adult choir, the Swingin' Singers. In addition, the Joan Monroe Handbell Choir will play during a memorial video slideshow of all of our members who have passed away in the past year.

Note from Pastor Juan:

On behalf of the Hispanic Congregation, I want to thank all of you who participated in the Hurricane Relief Luncheon last Sunday. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to collect a gross amount of \$1,883. We are glad that our efforts help raising of those much-needed funds to provide some assistance to people devastated by the pass of Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Once again, thank you!

Upcoming Events

<u>October 26</u> - No Sermon Conversation tonight

<u>October 30</u> - All Saint's Day recognition at 8:30am service (see article above for more information)

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

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.

Deacon nomination forms are available by clicking the link below or hard copies are available at the Welcome Center in the Sanctuary Foyer. 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.

Deacon Nomination Form

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!

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.



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



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.



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

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, October 30 at 8:30 or 11:00 am! Ethan Brown 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.)

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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.





- 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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