



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](#).



Thanksgiving Dinner November 16 at 5:30pm Payne Fellowship Hall

Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and thankfulness on Wednesday, November 16th at 5:30pm! There will not be any preschool, children, or youth events so we can eat together as one big church family.

Peninsula Baptist Association News

At the PBA Annual Meeting on October 24th, officers were voted on and approved. Two members of FBCNN are now officers, Rhonda Wiatt is Moderator and Dave Patton is Vice Moderator! Congratulations to both of you!

If you would like to learn about the PBA and what their mission is, [click here to go to their website](#).

Funeral Arrangements for Shirley Gratto

Shirley Gratto passed away on Monday, November 7. Her funeral will be at 2pm on Friday, November 11 in the sanctuary. There will not be a visitation.

Staff Birthdays & Work Anniversaries for November

Birthdays:

11/1 Wendy Buck
11/3 Lesley Spitzer

Work Anniversaries:

11/1 John Irving
11/30 Monica Garcia

Take a moment to let them know you are thinking about them!



Ukraine Updates

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the lives impacted by the war in

Congratulations Myles Shipp!

Many of you learned about Myles through the articles he wrote for First News and Facebook during his internship here at FBCNN. He is now continuing his residency as a Chaplain at the VA Hospital in Hampton. A requirement of his residency is he must obtain an endorsement. Recently, Myles applied for and received an endorsement by Cooperative Baptist Fellowship! Take a moment to congratulate Myles on this wonderful accomplishment!

Upcoming Events

November 13 - Deacon Nomination Forms are due! Don't forget to turn in your forms to nominate new and active deacons for 2023.

November 14 - Retirement Celebration for John Upton (see article above for more information)

November 16 - Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:30pm in Payne Hall (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,

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.

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.

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](#)

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, November 13 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 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



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

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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.

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.)

[November 6](#)

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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