## **First News**

November 16, 2022





# **Thanksgiving Dinner**

Tonight at 5:30pm, Payne Fellowship Hall

Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and thankfulness tonight, 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.

## **Guest Preacher This Sunday**

Dr. Ken Pruitt will be preaching Sunday, November 20 at 8:30 and 11. Dr. Pruitt serves as President of The John Leland Center for Theological Studies. Prior to Leland, he served in full time pastoral ministry for over 30 years. He has experienced fruitful pastoral ministries in South Carolina, North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia.

Dr. Pruitt earned his Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) at Baylor University's Truett Seminary in Waco, Texas, specializing in Preaching and Theology. His M. Div. with Biblical Languages was earned at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He also studied for one year in the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary with a concentration in Marriage and Family Counseling.

Dr. Pruitt has also ministered extensively in India, where he regularly serves as a keynote speaker in conferences and graduations of the Nagpur Theological Seminary.

Dr. Pruitt is married to his high school sweetheart Terry, and they have three beautiful daughters, Nichole (24), Bethany (21), and Sarah Joy (9). Each daughter is adopted, and each adoption expresses a unique story of God's grace and love for a broken and hurting world.

## Catch Up Sunday is November 27!

We have set aside Sunday, November 27 as a day to catch up on our giving. Due to the increase in cost of living, the downturn of the stock market, and other financial factors, FBCNN is about \$69,000 behind in donations. Please consider prayerfully what you can give to help us catch up. You can make a donation anytime using our app or online bill pay through your bank, or sending a check in the mail. You can also drop off a donation when you are here for worship on Sunday morning. If you are unable to give, pray for our church and each other during these times of financial struggle. Thank you for helping us to catch up!





# Ray Duke Recognized at BGAV Annual Meeting

On Tuesday, during the Business Meeting portion of the BGAV Annual Meeting, Ray Duke was recognized by the Executive Board of the BGAV for his many years of serving as a Parliamentarian. A plaque was presented to Barbara Duke and her daughter, Rhonda, by Becky McKinney, BGAV Executive Board Chair.

## **Upcoming Events**

November 16 - Thanksgiving
Dinner at 5:30pm in Payne Hall (see article above for more information)

November 21 - Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6pm in Payne Hall, sign up to donate <u>here</u>.

November 23 - No Wednesday Night Activities!

November 24 - Church Office closed Happy Thanksgiving!

<u>December 4</u> - Bring a Friend to Bethlehem Breakfast for children and their families (More information coming soon)

# Yates Elementary School Update

Our clothing drive was a big success and appreciated. Thank you all for your donations and giving spirit.

The holidays are upon us. We have 13 families this year that need assistance with Thanksgiving and Christmas meals as well as help with gifts for their young family members. A big thank you to Peggy White's class for providing Thanksgiving turkeys for each family. We will deliver the turkeys to Yates on November 17th. Yates PTA is having a Food Drive in order to complete their meals. The deadline for the drive will be November 18th. Volunteers will be needed to help sort the food for delivery. If you can volunteer, please contact Karon Garcia (757)593-1904 or keckwerth@cox.net.



## **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.

## First Baptist Preschool 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!

The same 13 families will need our help to make their Christmas a merry one. If you would like to help with this mission of love as an individual, a family, Sunday Bible Study Class, or other church group, please contact Diana Buckingham (912)704-3837

or dsbuckingham@comcast.net.
Contributions for their meals will begin
December 1st. A list of what will be
needed will appear in the next newsletter
and will also be available in the church
office. For questions about the food

At a time when everyone is finding life challenging, your loving generosity is appreciated. Thank you for all you do for the Yates ministry.

collection please contact Karon Garcia.

# Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, November 20 at 8:30 or 11:00 am! Dr. Ken Pruitt will be our guest preacher.

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



## 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



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. 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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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 70\(^1\)2 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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