



December 14, 2022



## Cookies and Carols, Tonight at 6:30 PM

Looking for a good old-fashioned Christmas carol sing? Join us tonight at 6:30 in Payne Hall for *Cookies and Carols*. Bring your Christmas spirit, wear your favorite Christmas attire, and be ready to spread Christmas cheer through song. Adults, children, and youth will be participating in this event together.

## Sing We Noel: The Music of Christmas

What a great time we had getting into the spirit of Christmas as we enjoyed the talents of the various musical groups at FBCNN! Thank you to Lesley Spitzer for coordinating this event, to all of our wonderful musicians for sharing their talent, and to all of the support team providing the work behind the scenes. Did you miss out on seeing Sing We Noel? You can still watch it on our Facebook page or on our app.



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— 5 PM —

FAMILY SERVICE



Candle Light  
Service



CHRISTMAS EVE - 7PM



# PORT (People Organizing Resources Together) Homeless Shelter Coming in January!

First Baptist will be hosting PORT January 4-11, 2023. We have partnered with other churches and organizations to provide dinner and breakfast in a bag each day but we still need your help! Here are some ways you can help:

1. Sign up to volunteer one evening from 6pm-9pm. The evening volunteers will help check in PORT guests and their bags.
2. Sign up to volunteer for a morning shift from 4:30am-6:30am. The morning volunteers will hand out the breakfast in a bag to each guest as they are leaving.
3. Pray for the guests, volunteers, and support staff each night.

PORT organizers are providing overnight support staff. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to know more about PORT please contact Nikki, [nikki@fbcnn.org](mailto:nikki@fbcnn.org) or 757.930.0911. You can sign up online by clicking [here](#). Thank you for your help!

## Deacon Nomination Update

Thank you to everyone who submitted names for active deacon nominations in 2023. Please keep our Deacon Nominating Committee: Anthony Wardensky, Chair, Tracy Houston, Jim Lystlund, Rob Spitzer, Kris Keyes, Gloria Keene, Walter Satchell, and Randy Shepley, in your prayers as they begin the interview and selection process in January. Feel free to reach out to the Deacon Nominating Committee if you have any questions.

## Church Office Closures for the Holidays

The church office will be closed December 26, 27, 30, and January 2 for Christmas and New Year's. Have a Merry Christmas and may God bless you throughout the New Year!

## Upcoming Events

**December 14** - Cookies and Carols at 6:30pm (See article above)

**December 15** - Swingin' Singers & XYZ Christmas luncheon at Dino's 11:30am

**December 24** - Christmas Eve Services

**5pm** Family Christmas Eve Service

**7pm** Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

**December 25** - Merry Christmas!  
There will be one English service at 10am and no Sunday Bible Study.

## Catch Up Sunday Update

Thank you for donating on Catch Up Sunday! We received \$9,161.29 in donations. If you would still like to make a contribution above your usual offering, please designate "Catch Up" in the memo section of your check or online donation. Together we are helping spread God's word and ministering to the world outside of our building.



## 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.

## Weekly Worship Opportunities

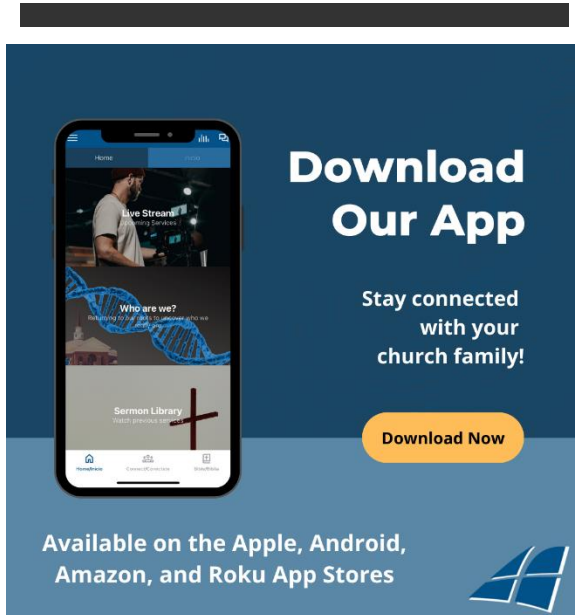
Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, December 18 at 8:30 or 11:00 am! Randy Shepley will be leading us in worship.

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-@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.

## 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!



The banner features a smartphone displaying the app interface with sections for 'Live Stream', 'Who are we?', and 'Sermon Library'. To the right of the phone, the text reads 'Download Our App' and 'Stay connected with your church family!' with a 'Download Now' button. At the bottom, it says 'Available on the Apple, Android, Amazon, and Roku App Stores' and includes a logo for the church.

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.

## 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
- 6:30 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 December 15)

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.)

[December 11](#)

## Need Offering Envelopes for 2023?

It is hard to believe that 2023 will be here soon! If you need offering envelopes for next year contact Monica, [monica@fbcnn.org](mailto:monica@fbcnn.org) or 757-930-0911. Thank you for your generosity in the past and we look forward to seeing what God has planned for the future.

Make a financial contribution to FBCNN today by clicking on the Donate link.

[DONATE](#)

### Charitable Contributions

Thank you for your contributions and continuous support to FBCNN!

The end of the year is upon us and we are hoping to end this year and begin a new one strong. Donors must deliver checks to the church by Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2022. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2023 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2022, even if the check is predated to 2022 or was actually written in 2022. However, checks that are *written, mailed, and postmarked in 2022 will* be deductible in 2022, though these may not be received by a church until 2023. You can also go online to [www.fbcnn.org](http://www.fbcnn.org) or use Bill Pay through your own bank's website. **Happy New Year! May God bless you greatly this coming 2023!**

## WAYS TO GIVE FINANCIALLY



IN PERSON



MOBILE APP



ONLINE



MAIL OR AUTOMATED  
BANK DRAFT

- **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](mailto: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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