

First News



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
NEWPORT NEWS

December 21, 2022





**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from the Staff of FBCNN to Your Family!**

**Thank you for being a part of the FBCNN
family! We wish every one of you a Merry
Christmas and may God bless you
throughout the upcoming year!**

Please note, there will be one English service at 10am on Christmas Day and New Year's Day and we will not have Sunday Bible Study for children, youth, or adults. Midweek Cafe, Wednesday Night Bible Study, Moms Group, KMotion, and Youth will not be held on December 21 or 28. Kmotion and Youth will resume January 4, but Midweek Cafe and Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume January 11 due to PORT using Payne Fellowship Hall.

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 or 757.930.0911. You can sign up online by clicking [here](#). Thank you for your help!

Upcoming Events

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.

January 1 - Happy New Year!
There will be one English service at 10am and no Sunday Bible Study.

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. There will be someone in the office December 28 and 29 from 8:30 to 4:30.

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.

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



Ukraine Updates

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the lives impacted by the war in Ukraine. Since February 28, 2022, we have received contributions for Ukraine Relief and below is a summary of donations received and sent:

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship-Ukraine Relief: \$12,708.18

Baptist General Association-Project Ruth: \$11,443.91

Romania Camp Harghita-\$11,443.91

Total money sent as of December 1: **\$35,596.00.**

Note from Zoltan and Erika Joo, Directors of Camp Harghita

Below is an excerpt from an email sent to Monica:

"We thank you very-very much for this huge financial help you have sent us. We haven't expected it and it is like a miracle, it's an enormous help now as we are facing electricity and gas bills that we cannot simply afford...So please thank everyone who has contributed, thank you for having a heart for the camp, thank you for your generosity and care. May God bless all those open hearts and hands. Thank you very much!!

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas and a blessed new year!

With sincere thanks and appreciation,
Zoltan and Erika Joo

spread God's word and ministering to the world outside of our building.



Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 am! Randy Shepley will be leading us in worship.

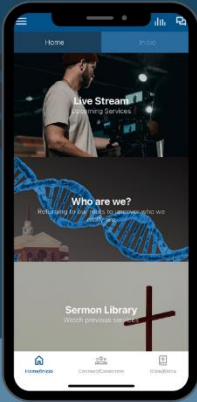
If you have any technical difficulties watching the service on Facebook Live, please send us a direct message on Facebook so we can help troubleshoot the issue.

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.

Sundays

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!




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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

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

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 18](#)

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 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.

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](#).

[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 29th 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 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 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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