**First News** 



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# Back to School Community Bash is This Sunday! August 27 3-6pm

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors! All activities are free, and food can be purchased from a variety of food trucks. Volunteers are needed! Please click on the link to see where you can help and <a href="sign">sign</a> or stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday morning.



#### **Digital Ministry Team Needs You!**

A large portion of our digital ministry team has headed or is about to head off to college. Our tech team provides outreach to our community and to our homebound members through broadcasting each service. This team

also enhances our in-person worship by running our sound and projection systems. For this worthy ministry to continue, we need your help. We will train you, no experience required! For more information, contact Lesley Spitzer, <a href="mailto:lspitzer@fbcnn.org">lspitzer@fbcnn.org</a>.

## PERFOMING ARTS STUDIO

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#### **Performing Arts Studio**

Registration has begun for the Fall Term of our Performing Arts Studio. We are excited to accept students in Middle through High School. For more information and to sign up please follow the link to the form, <a href="here.">here.</a>

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lesley Spitzer (<a href="mailto:lspitzer@fbcnn.org">lspitzer@fbcnn.org</a>) or John Irving (<a href="mailto:jirving@fbcnn.org">jirving@fbcnn.org</a>).



#### **School Supplies needed for Yates Elementary:**

- · 2 packs of crayons or color pencils, or markers
- 3 packs of pencils
- · 1 pack of dry erase markers
- · 4 large glue sticks
- · 4 two-prong folders (4 different colors)
- 3 composition notebooks or spiral notebooks
- 2 packs of wide-ruled filler paper (grades 3-5)
- · 1 personal set of earbuds/headphones
- · Change of clothes (kindergarten only)

Clear backpacks and pencil holders will be provided by the Newport News School System



## Yates Elementary School Supplies Drive Is Happening Now!

All donations can be delivered Sunday mornings at the Welcome Center or to the main office.

Our team would welcome new members. If you are interested, please contact Karon Garcia, (757) 593-1904.

Thank you for all your prayers and support!



#### **Breakfast for Teachers at Yates**

Our Yates Action Team hosted a Back to School Breakfast for the teachers and staff at Yates Elementary on Thursday, August 17, which was the teachers' first day back. Many thanks to Karon Garcia who headed up the team. Thank you so much to Gail Robinson, Melita Breeden, Kris and Susan Keyes, Diana Buckingham, Sharon Hertzler, and Janice Reaves who helped serve. Also thank you to those who brought food items for the breakfast and who help to support this ministry. The teachers and staff were very appreciative!



#### **Summer Evening Fun at Port Warwick Concert**

FBC families had a fun evening at the Port Warwick concert on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Children danced and blew bubbles while the adults tapped their toes to the lively big band and swing music of Good Shot Judy. We enjoyed eating together either from our packed picnic dinners or from the various food trucks. It was a great night of fellowshipping together. And the weather was just perfect!

#### **Upcoming Events**

<u>August 27</u> - Back to School Community Bash (see article above for more information)

<u>September 10</u> - Reception for Randy's return (see article for more information)

### **Teacher Panel Discussion This Sunday**

Lesley Spitzer will be leading a conversation with a panel of teachers at the 8:30 and 11am services. This will be an opportunity for us to hear from our teachers and pray for them as they begin a new school year.

#### Reception for Randy Sunday, September 10 at 9:30am Payne Fellowship Hall

Join us in welcoming Randy back from sabbatical on September 10! He will worship with us at 8:30 and 11. The reception will be immediately following the 8:30 service. Sunday Bible Study classes for adults will meet starting at 10:15.

### Speakers During Randy's Sabbatical

<u>August 27</u>: Lesley Spitzer, Associate Pastor Worship and Creative Arts, will lead a panel conversation

<u>September 3, 10</u>: Chuck Harrison, Director, Peninsula Baptist Association

Continue to keep Randy in your prayers as he rests, ceases, heals, grows, and renews.

## Note from Stewardship

Dear FBCNN Family:

This summer is quickly moving forward and Stewardship Team wants to keep you up to date on our capital projects:

- 1. Sanctuary Roof Replacement \$83,000
- Project Completed
- 2. Fire System Upgrade \$23,971 Project Partially Completed
- 3. Steeple Illumination \$7,765 Project Completed
- 4. Steeple Window Tinting \$5,000 (Estimated cost)
- 5. 2/3rds Parking Lot Repair \$42,000 (Estimated cost)
- 6. Building Security (Phase 3) \$15,000 (Estimated cost)

We **thank you** for your contributions toward these Special Projects. If you have any questions about these projects, you can contact our Stewardship Team Chairman, Chris Johnson at lordcove@gmail.com



#### **Ukraine Donations**

Thank you so much for your donations for Ukraine Relief. This past month we have sent \$4,710 to the BGAV - Project Ruth and \$4,710 to CBF - Gennady and Mina Podgaisky's ministry. Unfortunately, the war is still going on but we are not silent. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:35-36

Let us continue to pray and support Ukraine!



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 a member of our Tech Team for help.

#### Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, August 27 at 8:30am & 11am! Lesley Spitzer 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\*

6:30 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 (will resume September 7)

\*These Wednesday night activities will resume in September.

Thanks to our FBCNN app, we are able to stream our services directly to our website!

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

**DONATE** 

Click on the link below to watch the service from 8:30 and 11 this past Sunday. (Services are listed in chronological order with the most recent at the top.)

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We are thankful to God for this year's blessings, and we THANK YOU for your continuous support to FBCNN. Please consider taking time to pray as our stewardship team and our church enter in this budget season.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21



- 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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