

# First News

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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## Thank You for Your Help With the Back to School Community Bash!

I want you to know how much I love and appreciate you!! As I write this thank you, my heart swells and my eyes tear for all your love and support!! The Back to School Bash was a success!! It was a church wide supported event by all three congregations and all generations! Praise God for this church and its love for Christ and our community!

Thank you!! *Rhonda*





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## **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.

# PERFORMING ARTS STUDIO

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

LESSONS AVAILABLE IN:

- BRASS
- VOCAL
- PIANO
- WOODWINDS



## 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, [here](#).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lesley Spitzer ([lsplitzer@fbcnn.org](mailto:lsplitzer@fbcnn.org)) or John Irving ([jjirving@fbcnn.org](mailto:jjirving@fbcnn.org)).



## Guest Preacher Chuck Harrison Sunday, September 3 & 10

Chuck Harrison, Director of Missions for the Peninsula Baptist Association, will be preaching at the 8:30 and 11am services Sunday, September 3rd and September 10th.

Chuck was born and raised in Norfolk where he attended Norview High School and Old Dominion University graduating with a bachelor's degree in Philosophy. He then attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary where he received a Master of Divinity degree.

Chuck became a Christian at the age of 17. Early in his career he served churches in Virginia Beach, Wake County, N.C. and Richmond in the areas of youth and education ministry. He then served six years as pastor of First Colonial Baptist Church in Virginia Beach.

His next place of service was as Congregational Missionary with the Norfolk Baptist Association where he worked for six years in consulting, coaching and training church planters and pastors of turnaround churches. He also served as a part-time Regional Church Planting Strategist for the Baptist General Association of Virginia for two years.

Following that ministry he served at Crossroads Community Church in York County as Associate Pastor and later as Lead Pastor. In December of 2010 he became Director for the Peninsula Baptist Association.

Chuck is married to Peggy and they have six grown children. Chuck and Peggy love time spent with grandkids, day trips around Virginia, vacations in the Outer Banks and trips to big cities. He also loves photography, and saltwater fishing.

## Upcoming Events

**September 4** - Labor Day, Church office closed

**September 6** - Children and Youth Wednesday night activities return!

**September 10** - Reception for Randy's return (see article for more information)

## Calling All Senior Adults!

Swingin' Singers musical group starts rehearsals next Thursday, September 7th at 10am in the Choir Room.

All senior adults welcome...no experience necessary. Join a group of many who like "to make a joyful noise"!! Bring a friend...open to all...no requirement that group members be FBC members!

We fellowship after rehearsal with refreshments too!

Questions? Contact John Irving at [jirving@fbcnn.org](mailto:jirving@fbcnn.org).

## Updates from Stewardship

Dear FBCNN Family:

We are moving forward and Stewardship Team wants to keep you up to date on our capital projects:

1. Fire System Upgrade - \$23,971 – Project Partially Completed
2. Steeple Window Tinting - \$5,000 (Estimated cost)
3. 2/3rds Parking Lot Repair - \$42,000 (Project Completed)



## First Baptist Preschool Breakfast

Our First Baptist Preschool Board hosted a Back to School Breakfast on Tuesday, August 29th for our Preschool's teachers and staff. It was great to see the returning staff and to welcome many new staff members as the Preschool is continuing to grow. They have opened up two new classrooms with the potential of teaching 81 children. There are still spaces if you would like to register a child age 2-4 years old. Please pray for our precious Preschool, staff, and children for their new school year which starts September 6th.



## Digital Ministry Team Needs You!

A large portion of our digital ministry team has headed 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, [lsplitzer@fbcnn.org](mailto:lsplitzer@fbcnn.org).

## 4. 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](mailto:lordcove@gmail.com)

## Praying for Ukraine

Our faith is strong in God!!! Let us persist in our prayers for Ukraine. After our last contribution to BGAV - Project Ruth and to CBF - Gennady and Mina Podgaisky's ministry, we have continued to receive donations to *Ukraine Relief*. [Click here to read an article by Gennady Podgaisky about a visit to Ukraine in April of this year.](#)

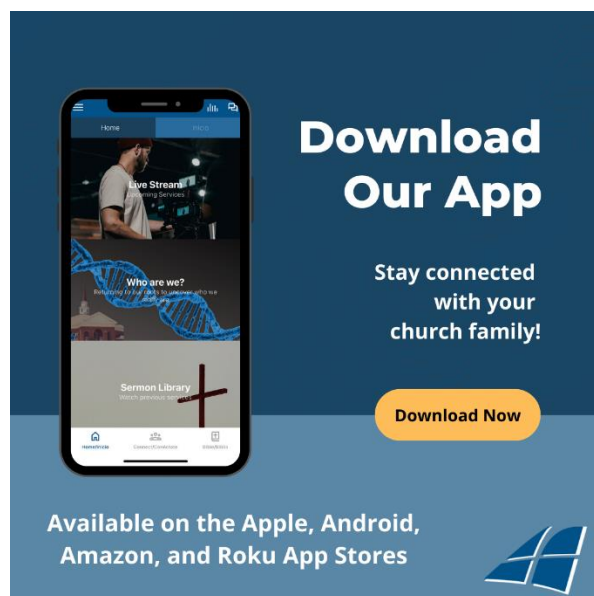
"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Matthew 25:35-36

## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, September 3 at 8:30am & 11am! Chuck Harrison 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 streamed directly to



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.

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 later in September.

Thanks to our 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 and 11 this past Sunday. (Services are listed in chronological order with the most recent at the top.)

[August 27](#)

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

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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*

## WAYS TO GIVE FINANCIALLY



IN PERSON



MOBILE APP



ONLINE



MAIL OR AUTOMATED  
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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](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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