

# First News

September 20, 2023



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
NEWPORT NEWS

## Sabbatical Snapshots



### October 1 @ 5:00 pm in Payne Fellowship Hall

I am still getting my feet back under me after my season of sabbatical. It has been so good reconnecting with our church family. I have spent time engaging with our staff members and church lay leaders, sharing phone calls, conversations, and visits with some of our sick and hurting members, and getting my bearings again with ministry teams. I am also rediscovering my rhythm of sermon preparation and worship planning. I really enjoyed being back in the pulpit this past Sunday and I look forward to continuing our Sermon series ***Embracing Love*** on Sunday.

One of the important pieces of returning from sabbatical is sharing with you how I rested and what I learned while I was away. God renewed me at such a deep level, and I want to share the story of this renewal with you. So, I want to invite you to a time of sabbatical sharing that I am calling ***Sabbatical Snapshots*** on Sunday, October 1 at 5:00 pm in Payne Hall. This program will last for 45 – 60 minutes. While I cannot share everything that happened on my sabbatical during this time frame, I can attest to God's faithfulness across our 14 weeks of sabbatical. There will be pictures, conversation, time for questions, and plenty of learning.

I hope our teenagers and children will join us as well. We will have childcare for children ages 5 and under, but you will need to sign up with Sharon Hertzler ([shertzler@fbcnn.org](mailto:shertzler@fbcnn.org)) to guarantee your spot. Please join me for these ***Sabbatical Snapshots*** as we celebrate God's goodness to us.

Grace and Peace,

Randy

---

# Ceiling Tile Fundraiser

**Postponed until  
Friday, November  
17th at 6:00 pm in the  
Youth Room!**

Everyone is welcome to bring out their creative side and help the youth at the same time! All supplies will be provided. The tiles will then go in the youth room ceiling once they have dried. If you have any questions, contact Kolby at [kkeller@fbcnn.org](mailto:kkeller@fbcnn.org).



## PERFORMING ARTS STUDIO

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
NEWPORT NEWS

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 ([lspitzer@fbcnn.org](mailto:lspitzer@fbcnn.org)) or John Irving ([jirving@fbcnn.org](mailto:jirving@fbcnn.org)).

## Upcoming Events

**September 21** - Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6pm in Payne Fellowship Hall [Sign up here to donate.](#)

**September 22** - Ceiling Tile Fundraiser 6:30pm (see article above)

**October 1** - Sabbatical Snapshots 5pm (see article above)



## 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, [lspitzer@fbcnn.org](mailto:lspitzer@fbcnn.org).

## Praying for Ukraine

Our faith is strong in God!!! Let us persist in our prayers for Ukraine. After

## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, September 24 at 8:30am & 11am! 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-@fbcnn youth. 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



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

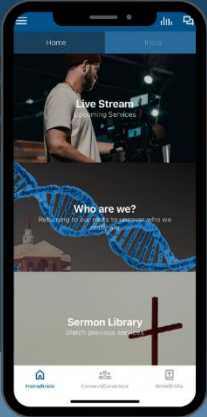
6:30 p.m. Adult Spiritual Formation Group  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering and Worship  
6:30 p.m. Children's Kmotion (Music, Missions, and Fun!)  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursdays

10:00 a.m. Swingin' Singers

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

**DONATE**




**Download Our App**

Stay connected with your church family!

[Download Now](#)

Available on the Apple, Android, Amazon, and Roku App Stores



Thanks to our FBCNN app, we are able to stream our services directly to our website, as well as Facebook and our app! 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.)

[September 17](#)



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  
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*

## Staff Contact Info

Randy Shepley, Senior Pastor, [rshepley@fbcnn.org](mailto:rshepley@fbcnn.org)

Juan Garcia, Associate Pastor Hispanics, [jgarcia@fbcnn.org](mailto:jgarcia@fbcnn.org)

Walter Satchell, Associate Pastor Pastoral Care, [wsatchell@fbcnn.org](mailto:wsatchell@fbcnn.org)

Lesley Spitzer, Associate Pastor Worship and Creative Arts, [lspitzer@fbcnn.org](mailto:lspitzer@fbcnn.org)

Monica Garcia, Financial Coordinator, [monica@fbcnn.org](mailto:monica@fbcnn.org)

Sharon Hertzler, Director of Children and Preschool Ministry, [shertzler@fbcnn.org](mailto:shertzler@fbcnn.org)

Rebecca Hinson, Ministry Assistant, [rhinson@fbcnn.org](mailto:rhinson@fbcnn.org)

John Irving, Director of Choral Ministry, [jirving@fbcnn.org](mailto:jirving@fbcnn.org)

Kolby Keller, Director of Youth Ministry, [kkeller@fbcnn.org](mailto:kkeller@fbcnn.org)

Nikki Reid, Executive Assistant, [nikki@fbcnn.org](mailto:nikki@fbcnn.org)

Lindsay Rew, Preschool Director, [preschool@fbcnn.org](mailto:preschool@fbcnn.org)

**Church Office: 757-930-0911**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWPORT NEWS | [fbcnn.org](http://fbcnn.org)

