

First News

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Sabbatical Snapshots



This Sunday, October 1 @ 5:00 pm 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) to guarantee your spot. Please join me for these ***Sabbatical Snapshots*** as we celebrate God's goodness to us.

Grace and Peace,
Randy

A large field of pumpkins in shades of orange and yellow, filling the background of the text.

Family Pumpkin Patch Trip Saturday, October 7 Holly Fork Farm

4901 Holly Fork Rd, Barhamsville, VA

**Meet at FBCNN @ 9:30am or meet at the
farm around 10:30am.**

Let's have a fun, family day together at Holly Fork Farm! There are lots of fun things to see and do—farm animals, play areas, corn bins to play in, tire fun zone, trolley rides, hay rides, and pumpkins to pick. The cost is \$5 per person plus any individual purchases. We can eat lunch while we are there; they have hot dogs, stew, BBQ sandwiches, and ice cream available for purchase. Invite your friends and family!

One Combined Service Sunday, October 15 at 11am Luncheon Following in Payne Fellowship Hall

We will all join together for worship during one service on Sunday, October 15th. Sunday Bible Study will meet at 9:45am. The combined service will be followed by a luncheon prepared by members of our Hispanic congregation in Payne Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Events

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

October 7 - Pumpkin Patch Trip

Meet here at 9:30am (see article above)

October 8 - Vision and Lead Teams Meeting 5pm

October 15 - One Combined Service at 11am (see article above for more information)

Swingin' Singers Lunch Thursday, September 28

Swingin' Singers will gather for lunch on Thursday, September 28 at 10:45am at the Chick-Fil-A in Hidenwood Shopping Center (12423 Warwick Blvd.).

There will not be rehearsal this Thursday.



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.

New in the Library

Kelly Irvin:

- Beneath the Summer Sun
- Through the Autumn Air
- With Winter's First Frost

Julie Klassen:

- A Castaway in Cornwall

Karen Witemeyer:

- More than Words Can Say

Beth Wiseman:

- Return of the Monarchs: An Amish Romance

PERFORMING ARTS STUDIO

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LESSONS AVAILABLE IN:

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- VOCAL
- PIANO
- WOODWINDS



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) or John Irving
(jirving@fbcnn.org).

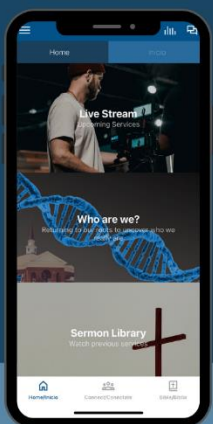
Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online
Sunday, October 1 at 8:30am & 11am!
Randy Shepley will be leading us in
worship.

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




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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 24](#)

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

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

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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 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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