

# First News

October 18, 2023



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
NEWPORT NEWS



## Requiem for the Living Concert Sunday, October 29 at 4pm

On Sunday, October 29 at 4 PM, the FBC Sanctuary Choir will host several other peninsula churches in the performance of Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living. A Requiem, at its core, is a prayer for rest - traditionally, for the deceased. The five movements of Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living, however, form a narrative just as much for the living, and their own struggle with pain and sorrow, as for the dead. This performance, under the direction of Dr. John Irving, brings together area musicians in a multi-denominational choir and a small chamber ensemble to perform for the glory of God. It will be a community choral performance you won't want to miss!



FBCNN YOUTH

CEILING TILE PAINTING  
AND CHILI COOK-OFF

CHILI BY DONATION  
\$10 PER TILE



27 OCT

PAYNE HALL  
6:00PM TO 8:00PM

[Click here to sign up to bring chili and/or paint a tile.](#) Cost for painting a tile is \$10 and all supplies are included. Tiles will be placed in the Youth Assembly Room ceiling for display. Donations for chili and funds raised from painting will be split between the cost for youth to go to camp and helping a family in need with Thanksgiving dinner.



## Combined Service & Luncheon Recap

What a wonderful time we had worshipping Christ with participants from all of our services! The luncheon after the service was well attended and the food was delicious. Thank you to everyone who had a part in making this special time an event to remember!



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## Upcoming Events

**October 27** - Chili Cook-Off and Ceiling Tile Painting (see article above for more information)

**October 29** - Requiem for the Living Concert (see article above for more information)

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## Free Magazines

Free magazines are available on the rack outside the library.

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## Thanksgiving Donations for Yates Elementary

Thank you seems inadequate to show appreciation for your love and generosity you've shown Yates Elementary School through the year. The staff and teachers are overwhelmed by all we do and recognize the love of God through this mission.

It's that time of year when we donate food to the families of Yates Elementary School that are less fortunate. We are going to provide Thanksgiving meals for 10 families this year. Bags with grocery lists will be available Sunday. If God leads you to donate a bag of groceries, please take a bag and return it no later than November 12th. Bags can be placed on carts near the main entrances on Sunday mornings or Monday through Thursday at the church office. If you have any questions, please call Karon Garcia at 757-593-1904.

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## Rev. Laura Ayala Preaching This Sunday, October 22

Rev. Laura Ayala is the Coordinator of Global Missions for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship since February 2023. Rev. Ayala oversees CBF Global Mission, Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling Ministries, and Disaster Response. For nine years, she served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Rio Piedras in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Rev. Ayala is a graduate of Drew University (Master's degree in Religion) and the Universidad del Turabo in Gurabo, Puerto Rico. She is currently a candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Theology from the Interamerican University in San Juan. Rev. Ayala is passionate to see God's transformational power in the lives of many in the United States and around the world through the ministries of CBF field personnel. She serves churches by providing needed information to enhance local and missional work, and encourages missions committees and church members to be directly involved in missions praying, going and giving. Rev. Ayala enjoys spending time in nature and is a baseball fan, rooting on her favorite team, the Boston Red Sox.

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## Building Project Updates

Dear FBCNN Family:

Fall is here and as we move forward with the maintenance of our church building, we want to keep you up to date on the projects happening here:

1. Fire System Upgrade - \$23,971 - New fire panels completed.



## 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).

2. 2/3rds Parking Lot Repair - \$42,000 - Sealcoat and striping completed.
3. Concrete Repair - \$28,327 - completed
4. Steeple Window Tinting - \$5,000 (Estimated cost)
5. Building Security (Phase 3) - \$15,000 (Estimated cost)
6. Sanctuary Lights - \$48,564 (Estimated cost)
7. 1/3rd Parking Lot Upgrade - Pending.

We have been able to complete these projects with the designated monies received from you, the VDOT settlement, and savings from previous years. 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).

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

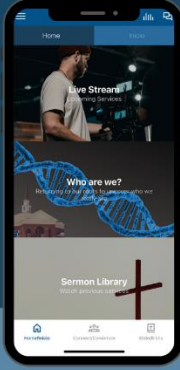
## Praying for Ukraine and Israel

Let us continue to pray for those affected by the wars in Ukraine and Israel. Pray for the children and civilians impacted, and the tense situations these wars have created throughout the world.

Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, October 22 at 8:30am and 11am! Rev. Laura Ayala, CBF Coordinator of Global Missions, will be our guest preacher.




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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.)

[October 15](#)

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

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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



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*

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