**First News** 

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# Quarterly Church Conference Sunday, November 5 at 5pm in Payne Fellowship Hall

Join us to hear all of the wonderful things that God has been doing in our church family. There will be one action item from Stewardship. The Church Conference Report was sent out yesterday via email and printed copies will be available at the conference.

# DON'T FORGET To Fall Back!

Daylight Saving Time ends soon.

Set your clocks back an hour Saturday night, November 4th, 2023.



# **Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living**

On Sunday, October 29, the First Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir hosted six additional choirs from the peninsula in a community performance of Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living. This performance, under the direction of Dr. John Irving, brought together 60+ area musicians in a multi-denominational choir and a small chamber ensemble to perform for the glory of God. Churches joining us for this performance included Grace Episcopal Church – Yorktown, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Hidenwood Presbyterian Church, Yorkminster Presbyterian Church, and Menchville Baptist Church. Thank you sanctuary choir and musicians for your dedication to music ministry, John for your leadership and direction, Authentic Community for your warm welcome and the reception, security team for greeting and guiding our guest, sanctuary sound team for balancing beautifully the vocals and instruments, and the church staff and family for your support of this community outreach!



Join us for a fun afternoon of painting on November 18th 2:00-5:00pm in Room 144. This will be a fundraiser for PassportKids Camp to help provide scholarships. Adults and children ages 10 and up (with an adult) are invited to participate. Spots are limited, but we invite you to bring a friend! Light refreshments will be served at the event. Pre-registration is required with a recommended donation of: \$35 for adults \$20 for children ages 10+

Click here to register now!

If there are any questions, feel free to contact Sharon Hertzler at <u>shertzler@fbcnn.org</u>. Here is a sample of what we'll be painting:



Don't want to paint? You can still make a donation! Please put "PassportKids Camp" in the memo.

# **Other Ways of Giving to FBCNN**

Here at FBCNN, we are very grateful for your continuous support. We are doing ministry and we are reaching out to those in need through you and your funding and collaboration. While we are eternally grateful for every cash contribution, we would like to remind you of several other ways of giving, which may align more favorably with your financial goals and tax planning. We hope that you keep this as a guide for your future contributions.



**Gifts of Stock or Appreciated Assets:** If you own stocks, bonds or mutual funds that have appreciated in value, you can donate them to FBCNN. This method of giving allows you to avoid capital gains taxes that would be due if you sold the assets, and you may also be eligible for a tax deduction based on the full fair market value of the assets at the time of the gift.

**Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs):** If you must take required minimum distributions (RMD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you can donate up to \$100,000 of your RMD directly to FBCNN without it being counted as taxable income. This can lower your income and taxes, while fulfilling your RMD.

**Grants from Donor Advised Funds:** If you have a donor-advised fund (DAF), you can recommend a grant to FBCNN. DAFs offer flexibility in terms of when you receive your tax benefit, enabling you to donate cash, stocks or non-publicly traded assets like real estate, and receive an immediate tax deduction. You can then recommend grants over time to FBCNN or other charities of your choice.

Each of these methods can offer significant tax benefits over cash donations, depending on your individual circumstances. We recommend that you consult with your financial advisor or tax professional to determine the best way for you to give.

Your contribution, regardless of the form it takes, will continue to make a profound impact on FBCNN's mission. To facilitate any of these forms of giving, or to discuss other options, please contact Monica Garcia at monica@fbcnn.org or (757) 930-0911.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. As you contemplate your future contributions, we pray that your life will be filled with the abundant blessings of God!

## Staff Birthdays and Work Anniversaries for November

#### Birthdays:

November 1 - Wendy Buck November 3 - Lesley Spitzer

#### Anniversaries:

November 1 - John Irving November 30 - Monica Garcia

## **Upcoming Events**

<u>November 5</u> - Quarterly Church Conference 5pm in Payne Fellowship Hall

**November 10-12** - Youth Trip to Eagle Eyrie

**November 13** - Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6pm in Payne Hall, <u>click here to schedule</u> <u>an appointment</u>.

**November 18** - Paint-In Fundraiser for Children's Summer Camp 2pm in Rm 144

## **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.
- 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 <u>lordcove@gmail.com</u>.



#### **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, <u>lspitzer@fbcnn.org</u>.

# New Nonfiction Books in the Church Library

- •(Un)qualified Life; How God Uses Broke People to Do Big Things, by Steven Furtick
- Parables; the Mysteries of God's Kingdom Revealed through the Stories of Jesus, by John Macarthur
- •Rewire Your Heart, by David Bowden
- •Love First; Ending Hate Before It's too Late, by Don McLaughlin
- •The Power of Purpose, by Michael Catt
- •The Women of Christmas, by Liz Curtis Higgs
- •A House Built by Slaves, by Jonathan W. White

Come check out these books and more from 9-9:30am on Sundays!

## 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.



## **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, <u>here.</u>

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lesley Spitzer (<u>lspitzer@fbcnn.org</u>) or John Irving (jirving@fbcnn.org).



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

## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, November 5 at 8:30am and 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-@fbcnnyouth. The 8:30 and 11 Sunday worship services are streamed directly to our <u>website</u>, 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

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 29

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

**DONATE** 

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