



Join us around the table on Sunday, November 19th at 5pm. We will sit down to enjoy a meal, have a conversation together, and be thankful that we are all part of God's family. We will share laughter and stories as well as nourish both old and new relationships. Our children's ministry (K-5th grade) will eat with Miss Sharon and Miss Lesley and our youth (6th-12th grade) will eat with Kolby and Johnny. Children under the age of five will eat with their parents. Dinner and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share.



Painting for Passport

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023
2:00-5:00P.M.

Come be part of 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 shertzler@fbcnn.org. 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.

Embracing an Offering of Thanks

This past Sunday, we began a special offering for November. This offering is called the “Thank Offering.” Now, we are called to make every tithe, offering, or gift we give to God a gift of thanks and gratitude. However, the Old Testament mentions specific Thank Offerings that were given to the house of God during special times of Thanksgiving. If we look in Jeremiah 33, we discover a passage where God promises to restore the people of Judah after their defeat and expulsion by the Babylonian Empire. Jeremiah 33:10-11 tells us:



“This is what the Lord says: ‘You say about this place, “It is a desolate waste, without people or animals.” Yet in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are deserted, inhabited by neither people nor animals, there will be heard once more the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, and **the voices of those who bring thank offerings to the house of the Lord**, saying,

“Give thanks to the Lord Almighty, for the Lord is good; his love endures forever.”

For I will restore the fortunes of the land as they were before,’ says the Lord.

The thank offering is a gift we give to the house of the Lord that is beyond our regular tithes and offerings. It is a gift we give to God in gratitude for our church family, for God’s provision, and for God’s presence and love. A thank offering is an act of worship, offered in response to God’s lavish goodness and grace.

We are in the season of the church year where we start catching up financially. Like so many churches and non-profit organizations, we run behind in our giving during the first three quarters of the year, and then push to make it up in our final quarter. Participating in our thank offering will add extra momentum to your usual generous year-end giving in support of our church budget.

You can give your Thank Offering through all of our usual giving channels:

- [Give online here](#)
- [Give through our app here](#)
- Give by mail
- Place your Thank Offering in one of our offerings boxes in the sanctuary

However you choose to give, please note on your check or in the online/app note section that your gift is for the Thank Offering. If you are not able to give an extra financial offering during this Thanksgiving season, please give an extra offering of Thanksgiving prayer: thank God for our church family, thank God for God’s unfailing love, thank God for God’s power and greatness, thank God for the cross and Jesus’ sacrifice of love, and thank God for provision and presence. “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.”

Thank you for joining me in this significant act of worship during the month of November. Thank you for your sacrificial gifts and faithful prayers. They are essential to our community of faith.

Gratefully,
Pastor Randy

Upcoming Events

November 9 - Mobile Food Bank will be in our parking lot at 1pm. If you or someone you know needs food assistance, please tell them about this opportunity.

November 10-12 - Youth Trip to Eagle Eyrie

November 13 - Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6pm in Payne Hall, [click here to schedule an appointment](#).

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



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.

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

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.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, November 12 at 8:30am and 11am! Randy Shepley will be leading us in worship.

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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).

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The graphic features a smartphone displaying the church's app interface with sections for 'Live Stream', 'Who are we?', and 'Sermon Library'. A blue and white logo is in the bottom right corner.

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.)

[November 8](#)

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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