## First News



November 15, 2023



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.



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

### Click here to register now!

If there are any questions, feel free to contact Sharon Hertzler at <a href="mailto:sherruler@fbcnn.org">shertzler@fbcnn.org</a>. 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.

## **Bountiful Blessings**

Thanks to your loving generosity we provided Thanksgiving Dinner to eight families at Yates Elementary School and eight Dinners to other families in need. God is so good.





Your Yates Elementary School Action Team delivered the meals on Monday and the Yates Staff were overwhelmed by your love.

We will begin our Christmas giving drive on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Several families have already been adopted. If you feel led to adopt a family, please contact Karon Garcia at (757) 593-1904.

Again, thank you for your generosity and support for this mission.

## **Embracing an Offering of Thanks**

Throughout the month of November, a special offering called the "Thank Offering" will be collected. This offering is a gift 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.

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 participating 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.



# 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, <a href="mailto:lspitzer@fbcnn.org">lspitzer@fbcnn.org</a>.

### **Upcoming Events**

November 18 - Paint-In Fundraiser for Children's Summer Camp 2pm (see article above)

**November 19** - Thanksgiving Dinner Church 5pm (see article above)

<u>November 22-24</u> - Church Office closed for Thanksgiving

November 23 - Happy Thanksgiving!!!

## Swingin' Singers Christmas Luncheon

The Swingin' Singers will have lunch at The Nest Kitchen at Kiln Creek on Thursday, November 16 at 11:30am. There will be no rehearsal this day.



## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, November 19 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

# 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, <a href="here.">here.</a>

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lesley Spitzer (<a href="mailto:lspitzer@fbcnn.org">lspitzer@fbcnn.org</a>) or John Irving (jirving@fbcnn.org).



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.)

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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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