### **First News**

November 21, 2023



### Happy Thanksgiving from the staff of



### FBCNN to you and your family!





### **Thanksgiving Dinner Church**

We had a wonderful time gathering around the table on Sunday, November 19th and having conversation with old and new friends! Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve the food, those who decorated, those who planned, those who brought dessert to share, and everyone who participated!

# 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:

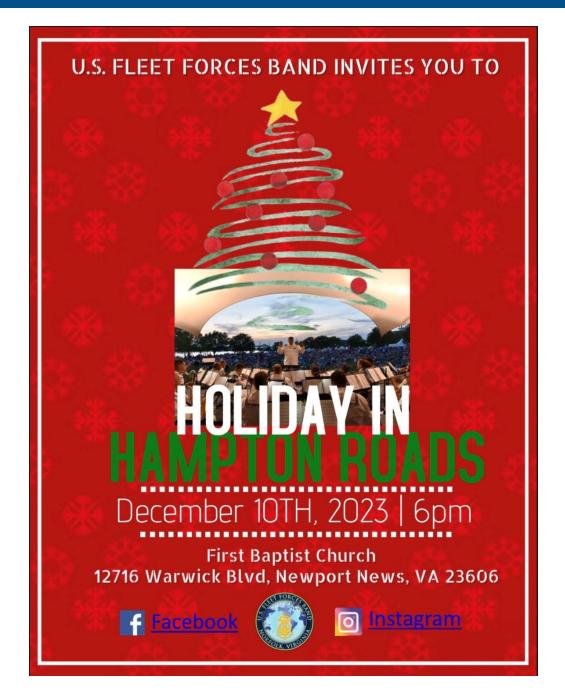
- · Give online here
- Give through our app here
- Give by mail
- Place your Thank Offering in one of our offerings boxes in the sanctuary

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.

# Bring a Friend to Bethlehem Family Christmas Breakfast December 10 at 9:45am

Children and their families are invited to come have a pancake breakfast, do crafts, and listen to the Christmas story!



The US Fleet Forces Band will be performing a free Christmas concert here on December 10th. Be sure to invite your family and friends to this special event.

## Virginia Symphony Orchestra Performs Handel's Messiah December 15 at 7:30pm

FBCNN will be hosting the Virginia Symphony Orchestra for a performance of Handel's Messiah again this year. Due to a change in lease agreement, we will not be receiving any free tickets. If you would like to purchase tickets please visit their website by clicking here.



### Take the 12 Days of Christmas Challenge!

THRIVE continues to see a high demand in food assistance requests. So they created a fun way to collect items that their food pantry needs with two shopping price points to fit any budget. Red option, follow top line, is approximately \$80. Green option, follow bottom line, is less than \$30.

Please consider this worthy mission opportunity with the purchase of either the Red Option, the Green Option or whatever you are able to provide.

We will collect at entry doors on Sunday mornings through December 12th. During the week items can be dropped by the FBCNN church office.

Thank you in advance. Call Rhonda Wiatt with any questions 757-595-6784.



### **Painting for Passport**

We had a very successful Paint-In Saturday, November 18th! A huge thank you to Donna Pultz who donated her time and skills for this event. Also a big thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Passport Kids Camp Fund. We had a great time of fellowship, and went home with lovely paintings! If you would like to make a donation to help send a child to Passport Kids Camp, please contact Sharon Hertzler, shertzler@fbcnn.org.



### **Upcoming Events**

**November 22** - No Wednesday activities

**November 22-24** - Church Office closed for Thanksgiving

November 23 - Happy Thanksgiving!!!



# Swingin' Singers "Christmas" Luncheon Thursday, November 16th Nest Kitchen & Taproom, Kiln Creek

Join this "fun" group Thursdays at 10 am in the FBC choir room. No rehearsal Thanksgiving Day. Next rehearsal November 30th.



### **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 (<a href="mailto:jirving@fbcnn.org">jirving@fbcnn.org</a>).



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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## 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 inperson 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>.

### Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, November 26 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 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

11:00 a.m. Hispanic Bible Study

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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. Hispanic Prayer and Bible Study

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

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