



Looking for a good old-fashion Christmas carol sing? Join us tonight at 6:30pm in Payne Fellowship Hall for *Cookies and Carols*. Bring your Christmas spirit, wear your favorite Christmas attire, and be ready to spread Christmas cheer through song.

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## **Drop In Gathering for Kolby Keller December 17 at 9:30am**

Drop by the youth area upstairs on your way to Sunday Bible Study to let Kolby know how much we appreciate everything she has done for our youth. Light snacks and a basket for cards/gifts will be available. Kolby has tirelessly devoted the last two and a half years to providing a loving, caring, fun, and safe environment for our youth to grow in Christ. As she mentioned in her letter in First News last week, after listening to God and others concerned about her health, she will be taking a season to rest. Continue to keep Kolby, our youth, and our youth leaders in your prayers.

## 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](#).



Join us on Sunday, December 17 at 5pm in the sanctuary as we ring in the Christmas season with *Sing We Noel: The Music of Christmas*. This Christmas concert will include various music groups from our church family presenting the music of Christmas. You will hear selections performed by First Baptist Preschoolers, K-Motion Kids, Impact: Youth Praise Team, Joan Monroe Handbell Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Swingin' Singers, Wendy Buck, Beth Tomassetti, Hispanic Praise Team, and Transformed: Sanctuary Praise Team. It will be an evening of holiday music that will surely get you in the spirit of Christmas!



Everyone had a great time at the Bring a Friend to Bethlehem children's breakfast on Sunday, December 10 during Sunday School. [Joyanne Manning](#) cooked the fluffiest pancakes which the Youth were so helpful to serve, we made a cute nativity craft, played a game to win the pretty poinsettia centerpieces that Karon Garcia provided, and everyone went home with Snowman Soup ingredients (cocoa, marshmallows, peppermint stirring stick, and kisses).



Children and their families are invited to join us for a family friendly Christmas Eve service. There will not be a service at 8:30am and individual Sunday Bible Study classes will decide if they will meet at 9:45am.



A banner for a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. It features a background of blurred lights and snowflakes. In the foreground, there are several lit red candles with snowflake patterns on them. The text "Candlelight Christmas Eve Service" is written in white on a dark blue rectangular background.

## Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

DECEMBER 24 @ 7PM

## It's Time to Sign Up for PORT!

First Baptist will be hosting PORT (People Organizing Resources Together) Homeless Shelter January 3-10, 2024. We have partnered with other churches and organizations to provide dinner and breakfast in a bag each day but we still need your help!

Here are some ways you can help:

1. Sign up to volunteer one evening from 6pm-9pm. The evening volunteers will help check in PORT guests and their bags.
2. Sign up to volunteer for a morning shift from 4:30am-6:30am. The morning volunteers will hand the breakfast in a bag to bus drivers and support staff as guests leave the building.
3. Pray for the guests, volunteers, and support staff each night.

PORT organizers are providing overnight support staff. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to know more about PORT please contact Nikki, [nikki@fbcnn.org](mailto:nikki@fbcnn.org) or 757.930.0911. You can sign up online by clicking [here](#).

Thank you for your help!

## December Staff Birthday

December 7 - Randy Shepley

Take a few moments to wish Randy Happy Birthday!

## Upcoming Events

**December 13** - Cookies and Carols Sing Along 6:30pm in Payne Fellowship Hall (see article above)

**December 14** - Virginia Peninsula Mobile Foodbank will be in our parking lot. If you know of anyone in need of food



## Yates Elementary School Christmas Gifts

This year we received seven families to adopt for Christmas. I am happy to announce that all the families have been assigned. Thank you to all who volunteered to help these families at Christmas this year.

The recommendation for giving is three categories; book, toy, and clothes. Once you have finished your shopping, please wrap the gift and label it. An example would be, "TO: 8 y/o Girl", and leave the "FROM" line blank. Please place all the gifts in a large plastic bag with the family's name.

All gifts are due in church by December 14. The final day of school is December 15. Gifts can be brought to the sanctuary foyer on Sunday or to the church office Monday through Thursday.

As, this is always a busy time of year, thank you so much for your time and generosity. God Bless You!



assistance please tell them about this opportunity.

**December 15** - Handel's Messiah performed by the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, tickets are required (see article above)

**December 17** - Reception for Kolby (see article above)

**December 17** - Sing We Noel at 5pm in the sanctuary (see article above)



## 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, [lsplitzer@fbcnn.org](mailto:lsplitzer@fbcnn.org).

## Weekly Worship Opportunities

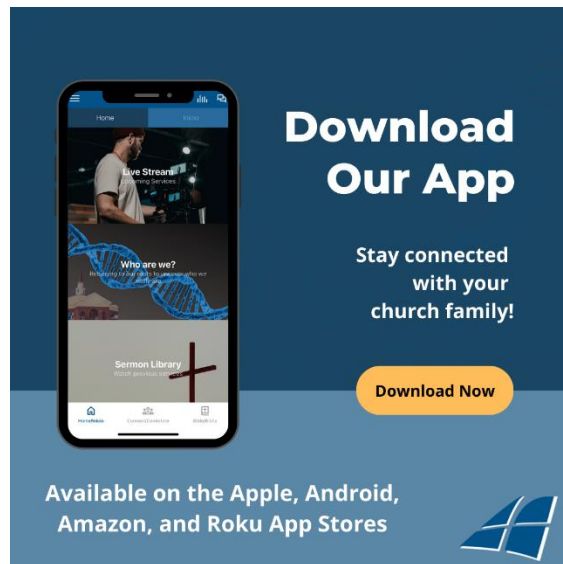
Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, December 17 at 8:30am and 11am! Randy Shepley will be leading us in worship.

The 8:30 and 11 Sunday worship services are streamed directly to our [website](#) and can be accessed by clicking

## Performing Arts Studio

Registration has begun for the Spring 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 ([jirving@fbcnn.org](mailto:jirving@fbcnn.org)).



### Haven't Downloaded Our App Yet?

Now is the perfect time to download our app. On the app, you can see what events are happening at FBCNN and watch the livestream of each service on Sunday mornings. If you miss a service, you can also go to the sermon library and watch the one you missed. The app is available to download in the app store on iPhones, Androids, as well as on Roku. If you need help accessing the app, let someone on staff know and we will be glad to help!

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on **Upcoming Live Stream** tab located on the home page. If you miss a service, you can click on **Sermon Library** in the **Resources** tab to select the service you missed. (Services are listed in chronological order with the most recent on top.)

The following is a list of weekly events. Learn more about children's events on Facebook and youth events on their Instagram page-@fbcnn youth.

#### 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  
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

Click on the link below to watch the service from 8:30 and 11 this past Sunday.

[December 10](#)

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