

First News

December 20, 2023



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
NEWPORT NEWS



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.



Invite your friends and family to our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service this Sunday at 7pm as we celebrate together the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

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 or 757.930.0911. You can sign up online by clicking [here](#).

Thank you for your help!

Charitable Contributions

Thank you for your contributions and continuous support to FBCNN!

The end of the year is upon us and we are hoping to end this year and begin a new one strong. Donors must deliver checks to the church by Sunday, December 31st in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2023. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2024 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2023, even if the check is predated to 2023 or was actually written in 2023. However, checks that are **written, mailed, and postmarked in 2023 will** be deductible in 2023, though these may not be received by a church until 2024. You can also go online to www.fbcnn.org or use **Bill Pay** through your own bank's website.

Happy New Year! May God bless you abundantly this coming 2024!

2023 Church Offering Envelopes

If you need church offering envelopes for 2024 please contact Monica in the main office at 757-930-0911 or monica@fbcnn.org. Thank you! & Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events

December 24 - Family Christmas Eve Service at 11am

December 24 - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7pm

December 25 - Merry Christmas!!!

December 26 - Church Office closed

December 31 - One English Service at 10am and no Sunday Bible Study



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.

December Staff Birthday

December 7 - Randy Shepley

Take a few moments to wish Randy Happy Birthday!

PERFORMING ARTS STUDIO

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

LESSONS AVAILABLE IN:

- BRASS
- VOCAL
- PIANO
- WOODWINDS



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](#).

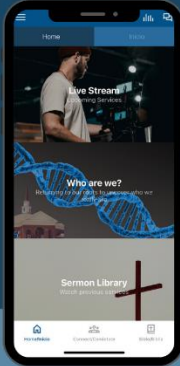
If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lesley Spitzer (lspitzer@fbcnn.org) or John Irving (jjirving@fbcnn.org).

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, December 24 at 11am and 7:30pm! 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 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




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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!

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

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Facebook and youth events on their Instagram page-@fbcnnyouth.

Sundays

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (no 8:30 service December 24 or December 31)
 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study (no Adult, Children's, Infant-Preschool, or Youth Bible Study December 31)
 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

Wednesday night activities will resume January 10
 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 17](#)

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