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## It's Not Over Yet!

By now, most of us have taken down our Christmas decorations, packed away our Christmas sweaters, and finished up most of our Christmas delicacies. We are on to 2024 and the possibilities and concerns it brings.

Christmas, however, is not over. You may remember the carol the 12 Days of Christmas. This song actually refers to the season of Christmas that begins on Christmas Day and ends on January 5. January 6, then, becomes the first day after Christmas and is known as the day of Epiphany. An epiphany refers to an illuminating discovery. The Day of Epiphany celebrates the Light of God illuminating creation through the birth of God's son Jesus. On Epiphany, we celebrate that the God of the cosmos has manifested himself in human history in Jesus.

On Epiphany, the church has historically done two things. First, it is the day we celebrate the coming of the Magi (wise men) to see Jesus. These men came from the priestly upper class of Persia (modern day Iran) and they sought the one who was born the King of the Jews. Their journey of discovery finally took them to Bethlehem where they discovered the Christ child many months after the shepherds met Jesus at the manger. The wise men are connected with Epiphany because they saw Jesus' kingship over all manifested in the heavens, and their discovery of the wondrous star led them on an all-out search for Jesus, the king not just of the Jews, but of all people and creation itself.

Second, followers of Jesus have feasted on Epiphany in their homes with family and friends. It is a day of celebration to remember the God of eternity stepped into finitude for the sake of creation.

I invite you this Sunday to come and celebrate the wonders of Epiphany as we worship and share communion on January 14th. Furthermore, gather with friends on Epiphany weekend for lunch, dinner, or even breakfast and make the gathering an Epiphany celebration. We have much to celebrate in 2024: God has come into our world. May we see and admire the wonder of God's Epiphany in Jesus as we move into our new year.

Living with you in wonder at all God has done,  
Pastor Randy

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## Inquirers Gathering

If you are new to FBCNN, have questions about becoming a member of FBCNN, or are in a searching phase of your spiritual journey, you are invited to join Pastor Randy for coffee and conversation on Sunday, January 21 at 10:00 am in Randy's office. We will have casual time for getting to know one another, and a brief presentation about next steps in FBCNN church life from Pastor Randy. We will finish by 10:45. Please sign up by contacting Nikki Reid at [nikki@fbcnn.org](mailto:nikki@fbcnn.org) or Pastor Randy at [rshepley@fbcnn.org](mailto:rshepley@fbcnn.org).

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## PORT Starts Tonight and Volunteers are Still Needed!

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.
4. Donate new socks and underwear in original packaging to be distributed to PORT guests.

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!

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### 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](mailto:monica@fbcnn.org). Thank you! & Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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## Upcoming Events

**January 3-10** - FBCNN will be hosting PORT Homeless Shelter

**January 11** - Peninsula Mobile Food Bank will be in our parking lot. If you or someone you know needs food assistance please tell them about this opportunity.

## New Books in the Library

Biography:

**Prince Philip Revealed**

Ingrid Seward

Fiction:

**A Dance in Donegal** Jennifer Deibel

**An Island Summer** Jenny Hale

**The Beach House** Jenny Hale

**The Magic of Sea Glass** Jenny Hale

**A Distant Shore** Karen Kingsbury

**The Tapestry of Grace**

Kim Vogel Kingsbury

**A Wish for Winter** Viola Shipman



## 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

## January Staff Anniversaries

**January 1** - Lesley Spitzer

**January 31** - Wendy Buck

Take a moment to thank both of them for all they do for FBCNN!



## 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).

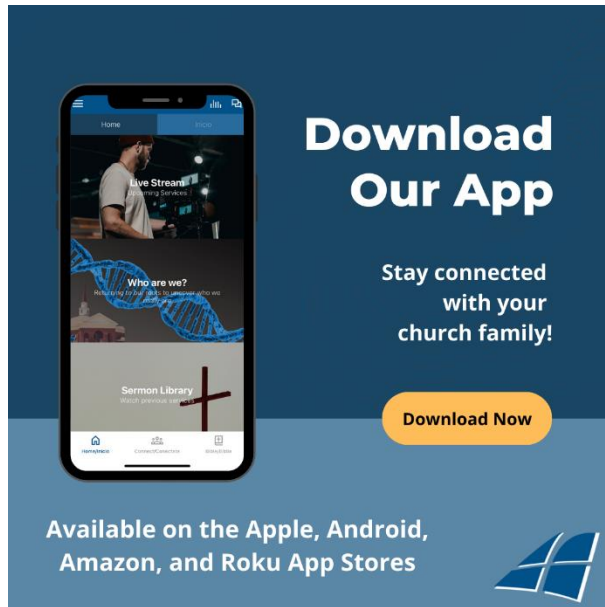
## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, January 7 at 8:30am or 11am! Randy Shepley will be leading us in worship.

The 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

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)).

A graphic for downloading the church app. It features a smartphone displaying the app's interface with sections for 'Live Streams', 'Who are we?', and 'Sermon Library'. To the right of the phone, the text reads 'Download Our App' in large white letters, followed by 'Stay connected with your church family!' and a yellow 'Download Now' button. At the bottom, it says 'Available on the Apple, Android, Amazon, and Roku App Stores' next to a blue cross logo.

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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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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

### Monday

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 10 this past Sunday.

[December 31](#)

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