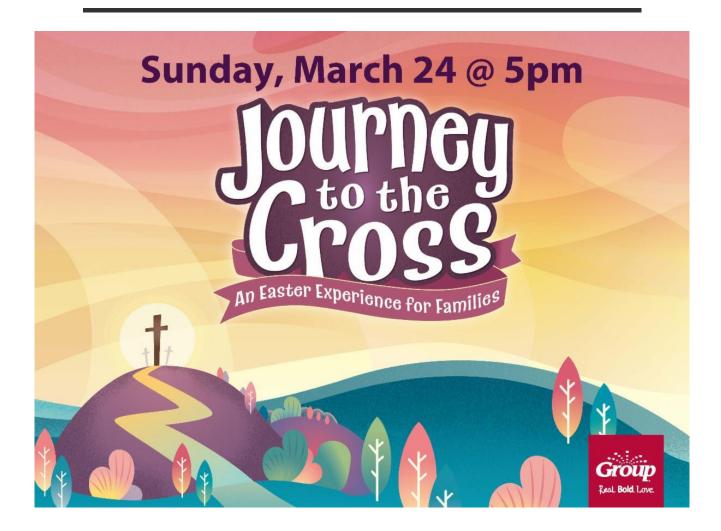
# **First News**



March 20, 2024



# **Easter Family Gathering**

Come join us on a journey to Jerusalem this Easter! You and your family will discover more about Jesus' incredible life and sacrifice as you journey through this multi-sensory, hands-on experience. This is an unforgettable, interactive event that will deepen and enrich your family's Easter experience. Pizza dinner will be provided.



# FBCNN is Getting Ready for Holy Week

Mark your calendars for the events leading up to Easter. On Palm Sunday, the Children's Ministry will be having an Easter Family Gathering at 5pm. On Good Friday, there will be an English service in the Sanctuary and Hispanic service in the Youth Room. On Easter Sunday, there will be a continental breakfast in the Sanctuary Foyer in between the 8:30am worship service and Sunday Bible Study. On Easter Monday, April 1, the church office will be closed.

# Thank You from Stewardship

Stewardship Team would like to **thank the church family** for their continuous contributions throughout the years. We have been through challenging years but FBCNN has continued to be the light and the salt in this area of Newport News.

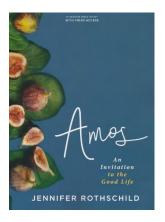
- Our total donations exceeded our expenses in 2023 by \$18,158, praise God!
- We were able to cover different building projects such as the items below:
- o Sanctuary Roofing \$83,680
- o Complete Sealcoat Striping in the Parking Lot \$41,840
- o Replace a Fire Panel \$23,480
- In addition to many other Property Maintenance expenses that totaled \$137,082 for 2023.
- Our church building is a house to different organizations and groups, such as:
- o American Red Cross (Blood Drive Donations)
- o Virginia Peninsula Mobile Food Bank (Distribution of Food)
- o Newport News Police Department (Graduation Events)
- o Riverside School of Health Careers (Graduation Events)
- o First Baptist Preschool, LLC. (Monday thru Thursday)
- o Peninsula Concert Band (Meets on Tuesdays)
- o Virginia Symphony Orchestra (Once a year)
- o Girls Scout Troop #1040 (Once a month) and others
- In addition to our regular activities that happen every week.

Life is happening here at FBCNN and we want to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to you, who **support** this Kingdom calling to reach others to Christ.

### **Compassion Ministry**

Every Tuesday, our Compassion Ministry Team prepares and delivers three meals ready to be heated and served to members of our congregation. These members include those who have physical limitations and live alone, couples who face an ongoing need, and those who need temporary assistance due to illness. The team is able to provide this ministry as a result of the designated donations it has received throughout the years.

Compassion Ministry is in hopes that it can help out other members as well. If you know of someone who can benefit from this opportunity please give their name and contact information to June Simpkins 757-877-8363(h), 757-814-4457(c), or Mary Merritt 757-596-6189(h), 757-846-7425(c).



# **Ladies Spring Bible Study**

The next Ladies Bible Study will be an 8-week study on Amos by Jennifer Rothschild.

Dates: Wednesdays, April 10-May 29 Time: 9:30-11:30am Location: Room 144

Please let Georgia Mann, 757-595-3990 or <a href="mann.georgia@aol.com">mann.georgia@aol.com</a>, know no later than March 27 if you would like to sign up.



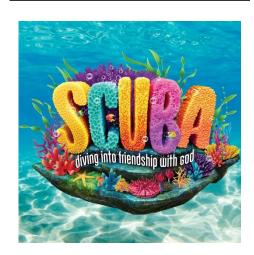
We need your help! FBCNN Children's Ministry is starting to collect items for Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is Scuba: Dive into friendship with God! We are currently looking for plastic caps of all sizes. Please also save any BIG cardboard boxes you may have. (i.e. appliance, TV, etc.)

You can drop them off at the Children's ministry desk with Sharon or Rebecca. Thank you for your continued support!

# **Upcoming Events**

<u>March 24</u> - Easter Family Gathering (see article above for more details)

See article above for information about events during Holy Week.





# **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 and adults. 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 (Ispitzer@fbcnn.org) or John Irving (jirving@fbcnn.org).



### **Digital Ministry Team Needs You!**

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, Ispitzer@fbcnn.org.

#### Mark Your Calendars! **Vacation Bible School** July 29-August 2

We are beginning to prep for our VBS program this summer! In doing so we would love if you could help us alleviate the cost by purchasing something off of our Amazon Wishlist here. We plan to update it periodically as necessary. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Sharon Hertzler (shertzler@fbcnn.org) or Rebecca Hinson (rhinson@fbcnn.org)

#### **Weekly Worship Opportunities**

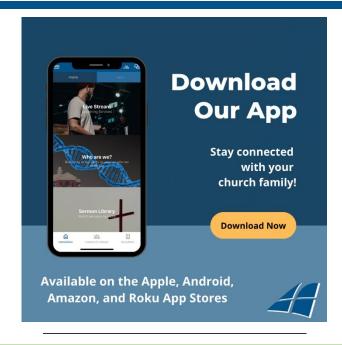
Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, March 24 at 8:30 and 11am! Randy Shepley will be leading us in worship.

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 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-@fbcnnyouth.

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**



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

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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

Worship

6:30 p.m. Hispanic Prayer and Bible

Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering and

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 11am this past Sunday.

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