

First News

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
NEWPORT NEWS



Casual Lunch This Sunday, April 21 at 12:15pm

Everyone is invited to a casual lunch and time of fellowship together after the 11am service on April 21! Come out, eat, talk with old friends and make some new ones. Sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be provided.

A Rare Opportunity... by Randy Shepley

On Sunday, April 28, our church family will experience a unique gift. Paul Baxley, the Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) will preach in our 8:30, 11:00, and 12:30 worship services. This is a wonderful opportunity for our church to get to know him, and to understand more about our connection and partnership with CBF.



Our church partners with three global Baptist groups that do ministry throughout the United States and around the world. These groups are the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV), and the Baptist World Alliance (BWA). The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship defines itself as "a Christian network comprised of individuals and churches

that work together to spread the hope of Christ.” The core values of CBF are the historic four Baptist freedoms, defined by Walter B. Shurden in his essential work: *The Baptist Identity: Four Fragile Freedoms*. They are written on the CBF website as follows:

Soul Freedom — We believe in the priesthood of all believers and affirm the freedom and responsibility of every person to relate directly to God without the imposition of creed or the control of clergy or government.

Bible Freedom — We believe in the authority of Scripture. We believe the Bible, under the Lordship of Christ, is central to the life of the individual and the church. We affirm the freedom and right of every Christian to interpret and apply scripture under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Church Freedom — We believe in the autonomy of every local church. We believe Baptist churches are free, under the Lordship of Christ, to determine their membership and leadership, to order their worship and work, to ordain whomever they perceive as gifted for ministry, and to participate as they deem appropriate in the larger body of Christ.

Religious Freedom — We believe in the freedom of religion, freedom for religion, and freedom from religion. We support the separation of church and state.

Furthermore, since its beginning, CBF has championed women in pastoral leadership. The reason for this is the belief that God calls whoever God wants to call, regardless of gender, and the whole arc of scripture confirms God’s willingness to call men and women to preach and lead God’s people.

I have known Paul Baxley for over 15 years. We served on the CBF of Georgia Coordinating Council together, I served as the Mission Council Chair for CBF under his leadership in 2020, and I even got to reconnect with him at the BWA meeting in Norway while I was on sabbatical. In addition, Pastor Juan Garcia from our church served on the search committee that called Paul Baxley to the role of CBF Executive Coordinator and will serve under Paul’s leadership when he starts serving his one-year term as CBF Moderator in June. Paul is a powerful preacher, respected leader, committed evangelist, and deep lover of the mission of God. He is also a strong supporter of our congregation and it is our profound privilege to host him on Sunday, April 28. I hope you will join us for this special day of worship.

Mark Your Calendars!

Here are a couple of special upcoming events at FBCNN:

May 19 - One Combined Worship Service at 11am

All three services will be worshipping one God together in this special service that combines aspects of each service. After the service, join us for a fundraiser lunch to help support our youth going to Passport Youth Camp.

June 2 - Graduate Recognition at 11am

Join us as we recognize our high school and college graduates during this service. If you know of someone who will be graduating this year please let Nikki, nikki@fbcnn.org, know.

Upcoming Events

April 21 - Casual Lunch after 11am
Worship (see article above for more information)

April 25 - Swingin' Singers eating at Old Chickahominy House 11:30am

Items Needed for Thrive Peninsula

Thrive Peninsula is in need of the following items to help keep their food pantry stocked:

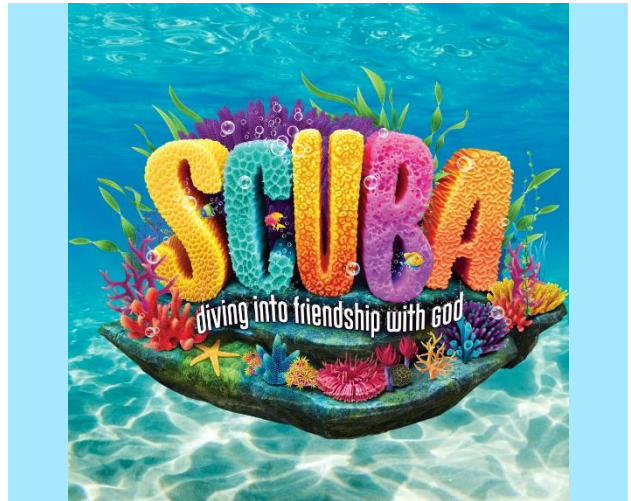
1. Peanut Butter
2. Baked Beans
3. Pancake Mix/Syrup
4. Canned Vegetables (no green beans)
5. Macaroni and Cheese

You can drop off these items at the church office or take them directly to Thrive (12749 Nettles Drive). Thank you for your continuous support for this wonderful ministry!



Offering Envelopes

Do you need offering envelopes?
Please contact or send an email to Monica at monica@fbcnn.org.



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

Thanks to everyone who donated caps and now we are "capped out"! We still have other items needed to make our VBS program a success this summer! 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. In addition, we need plastic bowls between 8 and 10 inches in diameter. 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)

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 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 (lspitzer@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 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.

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Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, April 21 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

- 7:00 p.m. Young Single Adults

Wednesdays

- (Activities will resume April 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

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Thursdays
10:00 a.m. Swingin' Singers

Click on the link below to watch the service
from 11am this past Sunday.

[April 21](#)

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