



Letter from Rebecca Hinson

Hello Church Family,

In the Summer of 2018 God guided me back here to First Baptist Church Newport News. I grew up here and was nervous I wouldn't feel at home having been gone so long due to college. But Susie Webb offered me a foot in the door. She gave me a job in the children's ministry, working in childcare. This opportunity opened hundreds of doors for me. I was able to use my experience here to secure a full-time job in childcare. Eventually after two years of working childcare outside of the church, God led me back here again. An assistant teaching position opened up in our preschool. Sharon Hertzler immediately put my name forward, and soon I was signing my contract for the preschool. It was such an inspiring experience that I felt the tug to finish my degree in education and signed up for classes part-time at Old Dominion University. I also felt a call to the children's ministry, where Sharon needed some extra help. Pastor Randy brought me on that summer as a ministry intern. I spent that summer gaining a lot of insight from my colleagues and peers about how church life operates. I saw the amazing work that goes on behind the scenes to make sure that we can meet the needs of our church and our community. After the summer was over, Randy brought me on staff as a Ministry Assistant. I helped both Sharon and Nikki Reid with their heavy workloads. I got involved in our young adult ministry and got to meet so many amazing people who have strengthened my love for this church and most importantly our God.

While this time has been helpful, this last year has been incredibly challenging for me. I have been working two jobs and going to school part time. I am forever grateful for the love and support this church has shown me over my life, but this season has come to an end for me. It is time for me to take a step back from my constant need to help others and work on myself. I have decided to go to school full time so that I can finish my education degree. I will no longer be on staff here at FBCNN. I will however still be around on the outside of things. I will still be teaching at the preschool, able to apply what I'm learning from my classes in real life situations. My nieces are heavily involved in our Youth group, so I will be able to be an active participant in their Christ journeys.

My last day will be Sunday, August 25th. I will be around the Children's wing, as I always am. All I ask is that you pray for me as I start this next season of my journey.

Thank You, Rebecca Hinson!

As you ponder the words Rebecca Hinson penned in her article above, let me assure you: She was being modest regarding her contributions to our staff. Rebecca mentions how she supported Sharon Hertzler and Nikki Reid in their ministry tasks. Truthfully, Rebecca helped all of us. She answered phones, responded to the door, handled communications, and embraced

whatever opportunity came her way. She designed flyers and social media posts for every ministry area in our church. She took pictures. She even drove the bus. Rebecca has served our church family well and I am so grateful.

Rebecca, however, belongs in a classroom. Rebecca is called to teach children, and frankly, she is really gifted at teaching. This change will enable her to focus her energy and priorities on finishing her undergraduate degree so she can teach full time. I am so glad she will still be teaching in our preschool carrying on the mission of FBCNN with three year olds and her colleagues. Her work, like the work of our entire preschool, is one of the most significant ways we embrace our neighbors at FBCNN. We are so blessed to have her in this role.

Join me in celebrating Rebecca and in praying for her as she moves forward into all the places God has called her. She is making the right decision, even though we will really miss her in our church office. Blessings, Rebecca, as you follow the path of your calling. We are always behind you!

Pastor Randy



An Afternoon of Learning and Fun for KMotion Kids at Thrive

The KMotion Kids had a great time touring Thrive on Monday, August 19th! They visited Thrive's Market, the Peninsula's first free-food grocery store, explored the garden where fresh vegetables are grown, saw the area where donated food is processed, and checked out Thrive's free bookstore. The children also learned about the hydroponic garden towers that grow lettuce and herbs at Thrive. We wrapped up the day with ice cream at Aux Delices in Port Warwick! Thrive is always in need of food donations and plastic grocery bags. You can help by bringing plastic grocery bags from home and placing them in the blue hamper bins around the church. The children will double-bag and roll them for Thrive as part of their mission project.



Back to School Breakfast for Teachers at Yates

Our Yates Action Team hosted a Back to School Breakfast for the teachers and staff at Yates Elementary on Thursday, August 15, which was the teachers' first day back. Many thanks to Karon Garcia who headed up the team. Thank you so much to Sharon Hertzler, Janice Reaves, Ron Perry, Susan Ji, Dave Patton, Randy Shepley, and Georgia Mann who helped serve. Also thank you to those who brought food items for the breakfast and who help support this ministry. The teachers and staff were very appreciative with one teacher letting us know by saying we were a blessing to her!



August Church Mission Opportunity

The Compassionate Mission Partnership Team has selected Yates Elementary School. Please support by providing school supplies from the list below. You may drop these items off on Sunday morning in the main church foyer or children ministry foyer. During the week drop off at the church office between 8:30am-4:30pm. Should you have questions contact Rhonda Wiatt via email: Rhonda.Wiatt@aol.com. The final day for collection is Sunday, August 25. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

August Staff Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversary:

8/7 - Juan Garcia

Birthday:

8/26 - John Irving

Take a moment to let them know you are thinking about them!

Upcoming Events

Save the Date: September 17 - FBCNN will be hosting the CBFVA General Assembly. [Click](#)

Compassionate Mission Partnership (CMP)
Team Rhonda Wiatt, Karon Garcia, Grete Johnson

- 2 packs of crayons, color pencils, or markers
- 3 packs of pencils
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- 4 large glue sticks
- 4 two-prong folders
- 3 composition notebooks or spiral notebooks
- 2 packs of wide-ruled paper
- 1 personal set of earbuds/headphones
- change of clothes (kindergarten only)



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 (jiirving@fbcnn.org).



[here to see a schedule of events, register, and more.](#)

All regular Wednesday night activities will be returning on September 4!

An advertisement for a mobile app. On the left is a smartphone displaying the app's interface with sections for 'Live Stream', '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' with the respective logos.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, August 25 at 8:30am & 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

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.

Former Member and Missionary Passed Away

Linda Ann Rierson Barron, who was part of FBCNN while growing up and then became a foreign missionary, passed away in Texas earlier this month. [Click here to view her obituary online and post your condolences to her family.](#)

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

6:30 p.m. Hispanic Prayer and Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

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

[August 18](#)

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