

# First News

## Family Pumpkin Patch Trip



**Saturday, October 19**  
**Meet at FBCNN @ 9:30am or**  
**Holly Fork Farm @ 10:30am**  
(4901 Holly Fork Road  
Barhamsville, VA)

Let's have a fun, family day together at Holly Fork Farm! There are lots of fun things to see and do—farm animals, play areas, corn bins to play in, tire fun zone, hayrides, and pumpkins to pick. The cost is \$5 per person plus any individual purchases. We can eat lunch while we are there; they have hot dogs, stew, BBQ sandwiches, and ice cream available for purchase. Invite your friends and family!

## Deacon Nominations for 2025

We have an exciting announcement! It is time to nominate a new slate of active deacons for January 2025. We are looking to nominate 3-5 additional active deacons to join our current active deacons. The deacons help to support the pastor and staff in the mission of the church, ensure peace and harmony in the church, and work for cooperation in all efforts beginning January 2025.

## Hurricane Helene Disaster Response – How You Can Help

**Pray:** Please continue praying for all who have been affected by Hurricane Helene. Pray for persons who have lost family members and friends. Pray for persons who have lost their homes and businesses. Pray for the first responders, FEMA workers, and National Guard troops who are continuing to move through the initial phases of search and rescue and clean up. Pray for the power workers who continue working to restore power. Pray for healing.

**Give:** The most important tangible gift we can send to support areas devastated by Hurricane Helene is money. Especially in the hardest hit areas, it is very difficult to get needed items into communities by truck. Therefore, giving money to organizations that can purchase water, baby formula, food, etc. and airlift it to where it is needed most is our most helpful response. You can certainly give to well-known disaster response groups like the Red Cross or World Central Kitchen who are already on the ground and feeding people across Helene's Impact area. You can also give to our church through the mail, in person, or online and all of your contribution will go to Helene disaster recovery through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Baptist General Association of Virginia. Please memo your contribution for Helene Disaster Response. So far, we have collected \$2,205!

Should an opportunity arise where we can give items to the communities in need, we will let you know.

**Go:** The Baptist General Association of Virginia has issued a call for Disaster Response volunteers to go to Southwest Virginia during the month of October. Volunteers are needed for feeding, assessment, chainsaw, clean up, and crisis care teams. Training will be provided. We

Deacon nomination forms are available to the congregation in the church office during the week, at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, or by clicking the link below. These forms explain deacon qualifications as they appear in our by-laws and the Bible. Please review the form's instructions, prayerfully consider nominating members to be reviewed by staff, interviewed by a deacon nominating team, and elected by the church. Please be sure to sign your form so your nominee(s) will be included. The deadline for turning in deacon nomination forms will be **this Sunday, October 20**. Thank you participating in this process!

### [Nomination Form](#)

## All Saints Day Recognition

On Sunday, November 3 at the 8:30am service, we will be remembering all members and active congregants who have passed away since October 1, 2022. If you have a photo for the remembrance slideshow, please send it to Nikki at [nikki@fbcnn.org](mailto:nikki@fbcnn.org) by no later than Wednesday, October 30.

are interested in taking a team later on this year when volunteers will be in greater need according to reports from BGAV. Men and women are both welcome to go and you do not need to be a church member to participate. The work will be hard and it is likely we will have limited creature comforts. However, we will have the privilege of embracing our neighbors with the arms of Jesus. Please email Nikki Reid ([nikki@fbcnn.org](mailto:nikki@fbcnn.org)) if you are interested in going.

**Flood Buckets:** Several of you have asked about flood buckets. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is collecting flood buckets containing cleaning supplies and distributing them to areas affected by Hurricane Helene (and potentially Hurricane Milton). You can help by filling up a bucket. Simply click the button below to find instructions and a list of items needed for the buckets. (Printed copies will be available at the Welcome Center or in the church office.) Buckets can be dropped off at church and we will make sure they are delivered to CBF. Thank you for your willingness to help and embrace our neighbors as they begin the cleanup following the hurricanes.

### [Flood Bucket Instructions](#)

## Additional News from FBCNN

## Help Wanted

The Children's Ministry needs your help! We need volunteers (18 years and over) in the nursery to watch children ages 4 and under during both the 8:30am and 11am services. It will be a once a month commitment for either service. All volunteers will be background checked. Please email Sharon Hertzler at [shertzler@fbcnn.org](mailto:shertzler@fbcnn.org). Come be a blessing to these precious children and you will be blessed as well!

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## Swingin' Singers Lunch

## Upcoming Events

**October 20** - College/Young Adult Lunch immediately following the 11am service, all young adults and college students are invited to join Randy Shepley for lunch.

**November 3** - All Saints Day recognition during 8:30 worship service (see article above for more information)

**November 3** - Requiem Concert at 4pm, members and active participants who have passed away during the past year will be remembered as well.

## Thursday, October 17

Swingin' Singers will have lunch together at 11:30am on Thursday at Surf's Up Restaurant (100 Cary's Chapel Road, Poquoson)

The bus will leave FBCNN at 10:50am for those who want to ride. There will not be rehearsal that day.

**Make a financial contribution to FBCNN today by clicking on the [Donate link.](#)**

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## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, October 20 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-@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

### Mondays

- 7:00 p.m. Young Single Adults

### Wednesdays

- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. K-Motion & Youth
- 6:30 p.m. Hispanic Prayer and Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Thursdays

- 10:00 a.m. Swingin' Singers

Click on the button below to watch the combined worship service from 8:30 or 11am this past Sunday.

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