

First News

Requiem



This Sunday, November 3 at 4 PM, the FBC Sanctuary Choir will host several peninsula churches in the performance of Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem in D minor*. At its core, a requiem is a prayer for rest for the deceased. Unusually gentle for a requiem mass, *Requiem in D minor* embodies Fauré's view that death is an aspiration to happiness above. This performance, under the direction of Dr. John Irving, brings together area musicians in a multi-denominational choir to perform for the glory of God. It will be a community choral performance you won't want to miss!



Embracing God, Embracing One Another, Embracing our Neighbors Through *Dawnings*

October has yielded a wonderful beginning to Embracing God, Embracing One Another, and Embracing Our Neighbors emphasis. Of course, we are constantly growing in how we embrace. Embracing God, one another, and our neighbors requires perseverance and practice. It also requires prayer and reflection as we discern how God calls us to embrace in each season of life.

On November 8 – 9, our church will begin a *Dawnings* journey. A *Dawnings* journey is a season of discernment where we listen for God's guidance in how we are called to Embrace God, Embrace One Another, and Embrace Our Neighbors over the next 12 – 18 months. *Dawnings* is a journey of prayer, conversation, and listening as we look toward the new dawn of what God is doing in our church, community, and world. This journey is led by certified facilitators who help guide the prayer and conversation. Pastor Juan Garcia is a certified *Dawnings* facilitator and he will be joined by Pastor Brian Harfst, an Associate Pastor at Centerville Baptist

Hurricanes Helene and Milton Disaster Response – How You Can Help

Pray: Please continue praying for all who have been affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Give: The most important tangible gift we can send to support areas devastated by Hurricanes Helene and Milton is money. You can give donations 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 \$4,565!

Go: Volunteers are needed for feeding, assessment, chainsaw, clean up, and crisis care teams. Training will be provided. We 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) if you are interested in going.

Flood Buckets: The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is collecting flood buckets containing cleaning supplies and distributing them to areas affected by Hurricane Helene and 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

Church in Chesapeake to shepherd us through this reflective journey.

Dawnings will begin with a leadership retreat on November 8 – 9. During this retreat, approximately 16 people from our staff, English speaking congregation, and Spanish speaking congregation will come together to pray, share, listen, and embrace. This group will listen for God on behalf of our congregation and community. What we hear, we will share at congregational gatherings in the first quarter of 2025. In these gatherings, you will also have the opportunity to listen for God's voice and add your thoughts to the *Dawnings* experience. Our goal? To see how God is calling us to Embrace God, Embrace One Another, and Embrace Our Neighbors through the whole of 2025 and beyond.

What can you do? Pray for our *Dawnings* leadership retreat. Pray for our church family to hear clearly how God is calling us to Embrace God, Embrace One Another, and Embrace Our Neighbors. Pray diligently and daily for God's new dawn to break forth in our midst. Finally, be ready to participate in the congregational gatherings in 2025. A new Dawn is at hand: a Dawn of Embracing God, Embracing One Another, and Embracing Our Neighbors.

First Baptist Preschool Wheel-A-Thon



On Thursday, October 17, First Baptist Preschool held their 4th annual Wheel-A-Thon. It was a tremendous success,

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

raising an impressive \$8,379 for the school! A big thank you to all the donors who supported the event. Another big thank you to those who were able to come cheer on the students the day of the event. Many thanks to Lindsay Rew, Preschool Director, who did an excellent job organizing it.

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

November 3 - All Saints Day recognition during 8:30 and 11 worship services

November 3 - Requiem Concert at 4pm (see article above for more information)

November 8-9 - Dawnings Conference (see article above for more information)

Deacon Nomination Forms

It is not too late to turn in a Deacon Nomination Form! Please prayerfully consider someone to nominate for deacon. Full details, instructions, and form can be [downloaded here](#).

Yates Elementary School Action Team Thanksgiving Bags

It's that time of year when we have an opportunity to share God's love through the gift of food. We will be distributing bags with a list of groceries to provide

November Staff Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

11/1 - Wendy Buck

11/3 - Lesley Spitzer

Anniversaries:

11/1 - John Irving

11/30 - Monica Garcia

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

All Saints Day Recognition

On Sunday, November 3 at the 8:30am and 11:00am services, we will be remembering all members and active congregants who have passed away since October 1, 2022.

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.

Thanksgiving dinner to those less fortunate.
Special bags along with a list of needed items for a complete dinner will be available Sunday morning. Your donations are due by November 22 and can be placed on the carts located in the sanctuary foyer and children's foyer. If you have any questions, please call Karon Garcia at 757-593-1904. Thank you for your generosity and love. God Bless!

Please email Sharon Hertzler at shertzler@fbcnn.org. Come be a blessing to these precious children and you will be blessed as well!

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, November 3 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

- 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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