

First News

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 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 21 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!

Parents Morning Out

There are still a few spots available for Parents Morning Out hosted by the FBCNN Girl Scout Troop. This event will take place on Saturday, November 16 9am-noon and is for children ages 3 to 10. Click on the button below for more information and to reserve a spot.

[Registration Link](#)



Thanksgiving Churchwide Dinner Sunday, November 17 @ 5:30 Payne Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal at FBCNN! The church is providing the meat, dressing, and drinks, and we are asking that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please bring the side dish or dessert by 5pm to allow us to have time to set up all of the food. This will be a great time of food, fun, and fellowship!



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

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 will make sure they are delivered to CBF. Thank you for your willingness to



Last weekend, our church began a *Dawnings* journey 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. The leadership retreat was led by certified facilitators Pastor Juan Garcia and Pastor Brian Harfst from Centerville Baptist Church in Chesapeake. Participants attending the retreat included: Randy Shepley, Walter Satchell, Juan Garcia, Monica Garcia, Lesley Spitzer, Nikki Reid, Gloria Keene, Danny Adkins, Kolby Keller, Lisa Mason, Grete Johnson, Reyna Hoell, Leonardo Sarmiento, Alejandra Martillo, Daniel Garcia Hernandez, Luis Daniel Lebron, Nikki Funez, and Gabriela Gonzalez. We are looking forward to sharing the takeaways we gleaned from this time together.

help and embrace our neighbors as they begin the cleanup following the hurricanes.

[Flood Bucket Instructions](#)

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. A new Dawn is at hand: a Dawn of Embracing God, Embracing One Another, and Embracing Our Neighbors.

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

November 14 - Peninsula Mobile Food Bank will be in our parking lot. If you know of someone who is in need of food assistance, please let them know about this opportunity.

November 17 - Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner (see article above for more information)

Pray for Randy and Juan

Please keep Pastor Randy Shepley and Pastor Juan Garcia in your prayers as they travel with other pastors from around the state who were invited by CBFVA (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Virginia) to go to Puerto Rico from November 13-16. They will be visiting 11 churches during their stay and brainstorming ideas to develop mission partnerships.

We will have a guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Ken Pruitt, President of Leland Theological Seminary, on Sunday, November 17, at the 8:30am and 11am services.

New in the Library

Come and "check out" what is new in the Church Library:
Counting Miracles by Nicholas Sparks



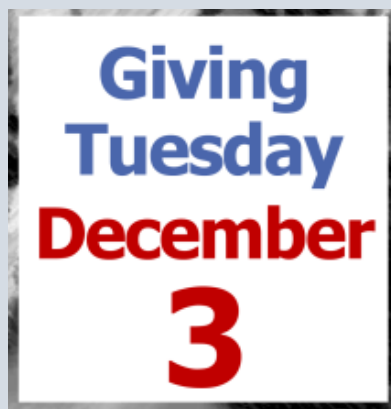
Ways of Giving Thanks

As we approach the conclusion of 2024, we would like to thank you for the generous giving you contribute to our church budget. Without your generosity, we cannot Embrace God, Embrace One Another, and Embrace Our Neighbors. Your generosity honors God and serves people. Thank You!

As you are aware, the end of the calendar year is the most important time for church giving. During November and December, we historically give 22% of our general fund offerings. Last year, for example, we gave \$270,000 in November and December to our general fund in order to close the gap in our budget giving. This year, in order to meet our budget for 2024, we will need to give \$305,840 in November and December. Yes, this is a little more, but it is certainly possible. Even more important, we know all things are possible

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. Come be a blessing to these precious children and you will be blessed as well!



Join us this December 3rd for Giving Tuesday!

Each year God blesses us in different ways. This year, we want to open up another opportunity to give financially to FBCNN thru "Giving Tuesday". FBCNN has been a blessing to many people in this community and in our world. Through your monetary donations, FBCNN annually collaborates and supports different organizations in our area. This year we want to take the opportunity of "Giving Tuesday" to collect \$47,000. Some will be to cover the rest of this year's contributions and then seed money for next year, 2025. Through your contributions, FBCNN supports:

- Thrive Peninsula

for the God who "owns the cattle on a thousand hills." We believe God will provide and empower us to reach our November and December needs this year, just as God did last year and in previous years.

We are thankful God is growing our church family. We do not have our statistics compiled for 2024, but we know that from 2021 – 2023, our English-speaking worship service attendance grew 27%. Our Hispanic service grew at a similar percentage during this time frame. We have continued to see worship growth during 2024 as well. In addition, our Vacation Bible School attendance grew 61% from 2023. Our adult choir, Ladies Bible Study, K-motion Children's Group (Wednesday Nights), Wednesday night mom's group, Wednesday night Hispanic Bible Study, and Wednesday night youth ministry are all seeing steady growth, our Preschool continues to thrive, and our influence in the community, state and world for the Kingdom of God continues to grow. Our impact on Yates Elementary School, support for the local classical music scene, and partnership with the NNPD for the sake of our whole community continues to gain notice and affirmation. These are only a few of the ways God is at work in us.

We need your financial help to continue and expand this good work. Please consider giving generously to our General Fund before the end of 2024. Every dollar you give goes to expand the kingdom work of our congregation. Please be as generous as you can so we can grow the generosity of our EMBRACE. THANK YOU!

Other ways to give:

IRA contributions

Generally, distributions from a traditional IRA are taxable when received.

- Lackey Free Clinic
- Baptist General Assembly
- Peninsula Baptist Association
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship VA
- Peninsula Pastoral Counseling

Together we can do more. Consider giving generously this Tuesday to the General Fund. Every dollar you give goes to expand the kingdom work of FBCNN.

Need Church Envelopes?

If you need offering envelopes for 2025, please let Monica know, monica@fbcnn.org or (757)930-0911.

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

[**Donate**](#)

However; you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA of up to \$100,000 to a charity, such as First Baptist Church. The donation will count toward your IRA required minimum distribution and it is not recognized as income on your tax return. As such, you do not take a donation deduction either.

The distribution must come directly from the IRA account to the Church not through you the owner of the account.

Donating stocks

Gifting stock avoids federal capital gains tax and most donors can also claim an income tax deduction for the stock's full market value (state income tax deductions may also be available in some areas).

When a donor gives appreciated securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.) to FBCNN, FBCNN can sell the securities and pay no taxes, leaving 100% of the donation for ministry (rather than the donor selling the securities, paying up to 29.8% in Federal and Virginia income tax, and giving only the after-tax amount for FBCNN's ministry).

Contact your broker and let our Financial Services Coordinator, Monica Garcia know how you want the contribution designated, such as the General Fund.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, November 17 at 8:30 and 11am! Rev. Dr. Ken Pruitt 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.

[**November 10**](#)

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