

First News

Yates Elementary School Action Team Thanksgiving Bags

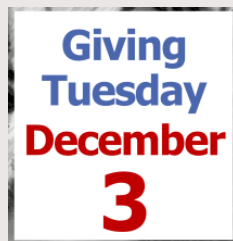
It's that time of year when we have an opportunity to share God's love through the gift of food. We will be distributing bags with a list of groceries to provide Thanksgiving dinner to those less fortunate.

Special bags along with a list of needed items for a complete dinner will be available Sunday morning. Your donations are due tomorrow 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!



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

Bring a Friend to Bethlehem Family Breakfast

December 8th
9:45am



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Payne Fellowship Hall

Join us for our annual family Christmas breakfast! There will be pancakes, a craft, a photo booth station, Advent sticker books, and more. The children will help tell the wonderful story of the birth of Jesus through an interactive alphabet poem.

Please RSVP to Mrs. Sharon at shertzler@fbcnn.org. We hope to see you there and remember to Bring a Friend to Bethlehem!



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
- 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.

Thanksgiving Churchwide Dinner

What a wonderful turnout we had for our Thanksgiving Churchwide Dinner. Everyone had a great time eating smoked turkey, side dishes, and desserts! There was a lot of fellowship and laughter as well. Thank you to everyone who made this event a success: the carving crew, the ones who brought side dishes and desserts, those who set up, and those who cleaned up afterward. A special thank you to Chris Johnson, who arranged for the smoker and handled the prep and cooking of the turkeys!

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

November 21 - Thanksgiving Bags for Yates are due

November 25 - Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6pm in Payne Fellowship Hall, to schedule a donation please click on the [link](#)

December 1 - Beginning of Advent; be on the lookout for all of the special activities and events happening at FBCNN

December 8 - Bring a Friend to Bethlehem Family Breakfast (see article above for more information)

Ways of Giving Thanks (cont'd.)

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



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

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. (continued on next column)

Need Church Envelopes?

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

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.

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

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Donate

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 24 at 8:30 and 11am! Pastor 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 worship service from 8:30 or 11am
this past Sunday.

November 17

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