

First News



Needs for PORT & Volunteer Sign Ups

Our week of PORT, a homeless shelter hosted by churches in Newport News, is coming quickly! We will make sure January 8-15, every guest is provided dinner, a safe place to sleep, and breakfast to go. There are several ways you can help with this way to

Important New Year Dates & Church Office Hours

December 31-January 1 - Happy New Year! Church office closed; no Wednesday night Youth or Kmotion activities

January 5 - Rev. Becky Glass, Executive Director, Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center, will

embrace those in our community in need of shelter.

1. Donate new socks and underwear (still in packages)
2. Donate new or gently used large or extra-large coats
3. Donate Un crustables, granola bars, juice boxes or bottles (6.75-10 oz.), or small bags of chips (1 oz.) for breakfast to go
4. Volunteer for a 6-9pm or 4:30-6:30am shift by clicking the link below
5. Pray for all of the guests in need of shelter, the workers, and volunteers

Thank you as always for your kindness and generosity. And thank you to those who have already donated and signed up. There are still spots available! If you have any questions about PORT, please contact Nikki Reid at nikki@fbcnn.org.

Thanks for Volunteering!

be preaching at 8:30am and 11am services

January 8 - No Wednesday night activities for Youth and Kmotion due to PORT

January 15 - Wednesday night activities for Youth and Kmotion Kids resumes

Ways to Watch Special Christmas Services and Other Services

There have been many services and concerts recently at FBCNN. If you missed out on coming to Sing We Noel, Christmas Eve Services, or any of our other recent services, it is not too late! All of these are available on our [website](#), app (available in the app store on your cellphone), and Facebook page.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you so much for your contributions and continuous support to FBCNN and God's mission!

The end of the year is upon us, and we hope to finish this year strong and begin the new one strong as well. Donors must deliver checks to the church by Monday, December 30th (*church office is closed on Tuesday, December 31st*) in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2024. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2025 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2024, even if the check is predated to 2024 or was actually written in 2024. However, checks that are **written, mailed, and postmarked in 2024 will** be deductible in 2024, though these may not be received by a church until 2025.

You can also go online to www.fbcnn.org or use [Bill Pay](#) through your own bank's website.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! May God bless you abundantly this coming 2025!

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

January 8-15 - PORT (see article above for more information)



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

Ways of Giving Thanks (cont'd.)

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

Gifted 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

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
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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.

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

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, January 5 at 8:30 and 11am! Reverend Becky Glass 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.

December 29

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