

# **First News**

# A Huge Thank You for Making PORT Another Success!

Our week of PORT, a homeless shelter hosted by churches in Newport News, ended this morning. This year we had more volunteers sign up and participate than the past several years! Saying thank you is not enough to fully show my appreciation to everyone who donated food and clothing, volunteered their time, adjusted their schedules so that PORT could use Payne Fellowship Hall and surrounding areas, and prayed for everyone involved from the guests to the many workers and volunteers. Your kindness, generosity, and capability of embracing those in need from our community is always amazing! Remember to keep the guests, LINK personnel, Sheriff and security personnel, and other churches that will be hosting PORT between now and March in your prayers.

## **New Faces Breakfast**

We have been seeing a lot of new faces recently! If you joined in 2024, are thinking of joining, or recently began attending, we would like to get to know you better. Please come to a New Faces Breakfast on Sunday, February 9 at 9:45am. Let Nikki know you are coming by sending an email to <a href="mailto:nikki@fbcnn.org">nikki@fbcnn.org</a> or calling the church office.

### **Inclement Weather Updates**

In the case of inclement weather, we will notify everyone about office and church closings through email and Facebook. First Baptist Preschool follows the same closing schedule as Newport News Public Schools, and will also not have preschool if there is a two-hour delay. Stay warm!

## **Additional News from FBCNN**

### **Upcoming Events**

<u>January 15</u> - Wednesday night activities for Youth and Kmotion Kids resume

<u>January 20</u> - Church office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### **Staff Anniversaries for January**

January 1 - Lesley Spitzer
January 31 - Wendy Buck

<u>February 2</u> - Quarterly Church Conference (more information coming soon)

<u>February 9</u> - New Faces Breakfast (see article above for more information)

March 21-23 - Youth and their parents save the date for Mission Madness at Eagle Eyrie! (more details coming soon)

## **Lights on for Safety**

Our A-Team has installed lights illuminating the side steps in the front of the sanctuary. Please make sure you leave them on before you exit the sanctuary to make it easier for someone to navigate the steps in a dimly lit space.

Also, if you see a lamp plugged in to a timer, please use the timer to turn it on and off. These lamps are set to come on overnight to ensure a safer space inside our building. Thanks for your help!

#### **Need Church Envelopes?**

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

Take a moment to let them know how much their time and talents are appreciated.

# Help for California Wildfire Victims

If you are interested in giving funds to help those impacted by the wildfires in California, you can send your donation either by mail, in person, or online through our giving portal. These donations will be collected and sent to the BGAV Disaster Response fund set up to help California wildfire victims. Please be sure to label your donation "California".

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 19 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 worship service from 8:30 or 11am this past Sunday.

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