

First News



Free Meal & Fellowship with "First" Friends

Join us for another time of food and fellowship on Wednesday, April 2 from 5-6:30pm.

Menu
Chicken Nuggets
Ham Biscuits
Macaroni & Cheese
Applesauce
Broccoli Salad
Strawberry Pretzel Salad
Fruit Bowl
Various Desserts: Cakes,
Cookies, Brownie Bites

Sponsored by Agape I Sunday Bible Study Class

Beverages

At 6:30 in Payne Fellowship Hall, there will be a prayer and devotion time led by John Hertzler for anyone not involved in other Wednesday night activities.



Journey to the Cross Family Easter Event

Sunday, April 13 @ 5pm Payne Fellowship Hall

Come join us on a journey to Jerusalem this Easter! You and your family will discover more about Jesus' incredible life and sacrifice as you journey through this multisensory, hands-on experience. This is an unforgettable, interactive event that will deepen and enrich your family's Easter experience. We will also enjoy a pizza dinner together and make a cross craft.





Prayer & Care Walk Recap

What a beautiful day God blessed us with this past Saturday! We had 7 teams of people praying over and cleaning up litter on both sides of Warwick Boulevard, City Center Boulevard, and Maxwell Lane. There was also a group praying in our sanctuary. Thank you to everyone who participated in embracing our community with hearts full of prayer and service. Thank you also to those who prepared a delicious lunch for us to enjoy afterwards.



VBS Will Be Here Before You Know It!

We are already getting ready for this summer's Vacation Bible School! The theme is True North and it will be July 28-August 1, 2025, 9am-12:15pm. Even the members of our A-Team have been hard at work creating the phenomenal set and decorations that will be used this year.



We would love if you could help us alleviate the cost by purchasing something off of our Amazon Wishlist by clicking on the button below. We plan to update it periodically as necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Hertzler at shertzler@fbcnn.org. Thank you so much for your support!

VBS Wishlist

Additional News from FBCNN

Note From Stewardship

April 2, 2025

FBC Family,

We hope this message finds you well and filled with the joy of the season. As we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, a time of renewal and hope, we are reaching out with a heart full of faith and gratitude for all the blessings in our lives.

As we reflect on Christ's love and the mission He has entrusted to us, we want to share an exciting opportunity with you. Over the past 10 years, since Dr. Shepley became our Senior Pastor, we have made tremendous progress on paying off our building loan through your generous giving of \$1,627,698. In March 2015 we owed \$1,899,925 and our loan amount as of February 2025 is now \$272,227. However, we find our opportunities limited by this financial obligation as we consider pursuing new dreams and visions for our church. By paying off this debt, we are investing in our future — both for the next generation and in fulfilling our current goals. Being debt-free will free up resources, allowing us to focus on expanding our mission, both within and outside our church. We are eager to see this loan fully paid off, and we believe that this Easter is the perfect time to take significant steps toward that goal. In order to accomplish this goal, we are seeking your financial support. Your contribution, no matter the size, would make an incredible difference in reaching our goal. We believe that through generous hearts and hands, we can pay this loan off.

As Easter reminds us, love is the greatest gift we can offer. If you are able and moved to support this endeavor, we invite you to prayerfully consider a donation to help us reach our goals. Donations can be made via checks (memo note: Debt Free), online giving, bill pay and others. Just

Upcoming Events

<u>April 2</u> - Wednesday Night Dinner 5-6:30pm in Payne Fellowship Hall

April 9 - No Wednesday Night activities for children and youth due to NNPS Spring Break

April 13 - Journey to the Cross at 5pm (see article above for more information)

April 18 - Good Friday service at 7pm

<u>April 20</u> - Happy Easter! Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ

<u>April 21</u> - Easter Monday, (Church office closed)

Staff Birthdays and Work Anniversaries for April

Birthday:

April 21 - Monica Garcia

Anniversary:

April 19 - Lindsay Rew

Please take a moment this month to let these two know you are thinking about them.

Interested in Baptism?

Have you been thinking about being baptized or want to learn more about baptism? Please contact the church office at 757.930.0911 to set up a time to talk with a member of our ministerial staff. Our next baptism during worship will be on Sunday, April 27.

contact our Financial Services Coordinator, Monica Garcia at monica@fbcnn.org or at

757-930-0911 for any specific questions. Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and love. We are incredibly grateful for your presence in this journey, and we pray that you have a blessed and joyful Easter season.

With gratitude and warm Easter blessings,

Stewardship Team

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

Donate

Thank You for Your Generosity

Because of your financial support this month we are sending donations to the following organizations:

- Lackey Free Clinic \$170
- Thrive Peninsula \$1,100
- Peninsula Pastoral Counseling \$200
- International Cooperating Ministries -\$4.000
- Disaster Relief Ukraine \$1,628
- BGAV Disaster Relief California Wildfires \$1,530
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF)
 Global Missions \$1,750
- PBA Quarterly Donation \$2,175
- BGAV Quarterly Donation \$3,500

FBC is a generous church, a product of God's love. We are embracing our community and our world! **Thank you** for your support!!!!

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, April 6 at 8:30am 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 8:30am and 11am this past Sunday.

March 30

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