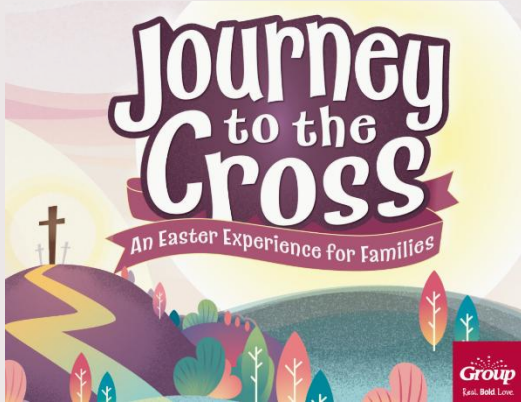


First News



Journey to the Cross Family Easter Event

This 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.



Children are invited to wave palm branches during the first songs of the 11AM service. Please meet Mrs. Sharon in the sanctuary foyer at 10:50AM to participate.

Note From Stewardship

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



Thank You For 10 Amazing Years!

It is hard to believe that my family and I have been part of the First Baptist Church of Newport News for 10 years. It has been an incredible journey alongside all of you. I want to thank our Personnel Committee, staff, and church as a whole for the kind words and gifts shared with us in worship on Sunday, March 30. The flowers for Alice, the tie, the quarter zip jacket, the framed picture with the powerful quote from Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the generous financial gift were all deeply appreciated. I have already enjoyed wearing my tie and quarter zip, and the picture is already hanging up in my office. I hope you will stop by and see it!

Most of all, thank you for your encouragement, cards, and prayers. We have faced significant challenges as a congregation over these ten years. Through all of them, God has been faithful and you have been resilient. Though we have seen hard seasons, God is continuing to grow and shape us. Since the beginning of 2021, our total average worship attendance has grown 49.7%. May we continue the good work of faithful worship attendance, inviting our

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 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

friends, and welcoming new faces. God is at work in us.

Furthermore, we have amazing opportunities ahead. Our prayer walk on March 29 has opened our eyes to new possibilities for loving and serving our community. Our First Wednesday meals modelled for us by the Agape I Sunday morning Bible study class are opening new doors for fellowship and connection. Our youth and children's ministry Wednesday night gatherings continue to grow. Our youth ministry has even started its own mission team as our youth look for ways to do God's mission in our community. God continues to do new things among us!

As I close this article of thanks, I want to invite you to join me in accepting the Easter challenge put forward from our Stewardship Team (see Note from Stewardship article). Our Stewardship Team is asking us to consider giving a special gift to reduce our debt this Easter season. You have been so generous in paying down our debt. Over the last ten years, we have paid \$1,627,698 on our debt. This debt built the building housing our preschool, children's ministry, youth ministry, and largest adult Sunday morning Bible study class. This building also hosts rehearsals, special meetings, and gatherings. It is a magnet for ministry. The sooner we pay off our debt, the sooner we can redeploy these resources to serve others. If you are able, I hope you will join me in making an offering above your regular giving to reduce our debt this Easter.

Thank you again, friends, for everything. You are a remarkable people and it is a privilege to be your pastor.

Pastor Randy

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



Holy Week Events at FBCNN

4/13 - Palm Sunday

Children waving palms @ 11am

Journey to the Cross @ 5pm

4/18 - Good Friday Services @

7pm

4/20 - Easter Sunday Services @

8:30am, 11am, and 12:30pm

PAA Active Aging Pop-Up Center

Starting Monday, April 28, 9am-1pm, the Peninsula Agency on Aging will be holding an Active Aging Pop-Up Center in Payne Fellowship Hall. This group will meet every Monday, and it is open to individuals ages 60 and older. There will be activities, social connections, access to valuable resources, and lunch. Participation is free but you **must register** by calling 757-933-2611.

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

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

April 10 - Peninsula Mobile Food Bank will be in our parking lot helping those in need of food assistance. If you know of anyone that is in need, please let them know about this opportunity.

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

April 18 - Good Friday service at 7pm

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

April 21 - Easter Monday, (Church office closed)

Staff Birthdays and Work Anniversaries for April

Birthday:

April 21 - Monica Garcia

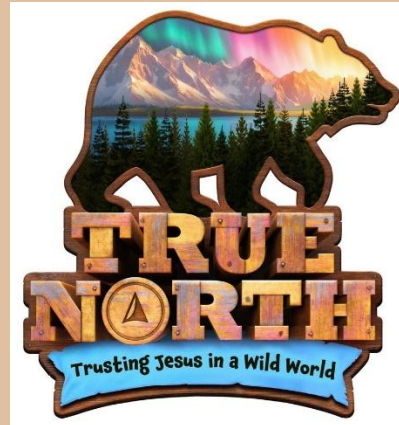
Anniversary:

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.



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. 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

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

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

Donate

- 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 13 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-@fbcnn youth.

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.

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