

First News



Holy Week Events at FBCNN

4/18 - Good Friday Services @ 7pm (Nursery will be available)

<u>4/20</u> - Easter Sunday Services @ 8:30am, 11am, and 12:30pm



Journey to the Cross - A Wonderful Easter Celebration!

The family Easter event, Journey to the Cross, was a great success! On Sunday, April 13th, over 70 attendees and 20 dedicated volunteers participated in this meaningful and multisensory experience. Families were guided through immersive rooms

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 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 that brought to life the story of Jesus' life and sacrifice.

Children enjoyed making beautiful tissue paper cross crafts, and everyone shared a delicious meal of pizza, fresh veggies, and "empty tomb" donut desserts. Each family went home with an Easter family devotion, and the children received goodie bags.

A huge thank you goes out to Karon Garcia and Tracy Houston for their incredible work preparing for the event. All the volunteers' efforts made this event both fun and spiritually enriching for all!

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.

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 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

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

<u>April 18</u> - Good Friday service at 7pm, join us as we remember the sacrifice Jesus made to save all who believe

<u>April 20</u> - Happy Easter! Join us as we celebrate Resurrection Sunday at each service

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





Enjoyable Time at the Swingin' Singers Luncheon

The Swingin' Singers had a lovely luncheon at the Poquoson Diner on Thursday, April 10th. Many thanks to Judy Means for arranging it and to Sherry Alexander for her beautiful and adorable Easter table decorations. It was a wonderful time of great food and fun fellowship together.

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.

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

Donate

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
- 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 20 at 8:30am and 11am! Randy Shepley will be leading us in worship as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

April 13

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