

# First News



## Free Meal & Fellowship with "First" Friends

Join us for food and fellowship on Wednesday, May 7 from 5-6:30pm!

### Menu

Lasagna  
Tossed Salad  
Chicken Nuggets  
Berry Medley  
Garlic Bread  
Cake and Assorted Desserts  
Coffee, Lemonade, Water

\*Sponsored by: Spirit Seekers Class, Faith Class, and Sunday School Officers\*

Please RSVP with the number in your party to the church office, 757.930.0911 or [nikki@fbcnn.org](mailto:nikki@fbcnn.org).

Church Library will be open during this time.



## Youth Sunday & Fundraiser Lunch on May 18

Sunday, May 18 at 11am will be a special time for celebrating the wonderful gifts God has given to our youth! This will be a combined service to give everyone the opportunity to worship together, so there will not be service at 8:30 or 12:30.

After worship, we will have a delicious fundraiser lunch served by our youth in Payne Fellowship Hall. All money donated in excess of the cost of the food will go towards helping to offset some the costs in sending them to Passport Youth Camp in Spartanburg, South Carolina July 6-11.

Thank you for always being such a kind and generous congregation that is willing to invest in the current and future leaders of our church!

## Exciting Announcement!

Literacy for Life ("L4L") has approached FBCNN about renting space in our building's "Leland Hallway", (hallway between Choir Room and Library but not including Choir Room or Library), beginning on or around June 1, 2025. FBCNN leaders have been working with L4L to finalize the details of the proposal, which we are now ready to share with the congregation. Please join us for an information session on Sunday, May 4, at 5:00 PM in Payne Hall, during which we will outline the material elements of the proposal and answer any questions you may have. L4L is currently reviewing our draft lease agreement and, if they request (and FBCNN accepts) substantive changes to the proposal after May 4, we will have an additional information session on Sunday, May 11, at 9:45 AM in Payne Hall to discuss and answer questions about those changes. Lastly, a called church conference will take place on Wednesday, May 14, for the sole purpose of voting on the final proposal (*i.e.*, there will not be discussion or Q&A at that time).

If you'd like to learn more about Literacy for Life, please check out their website: <https://www.literacyforlife.org/>

We would like to extend thanks to our staff, Stewardship Team, Stewardship Chair Danny Adkins, Chris Johnson, Rob Brown, and other church leaders in their discernment and preparation in this process.



In the graphic above, there are 27 gray coins. As of March 2025, we owed \$270,000 on our building loan, which is substantially less than the amount of \$1,899,925 that we owed in March 2015. For every \$10,000 we collect, a coin in the graphic will turn gold. In April, we have received \$17,435 towards retiring this debt and turned one of the coins to gold! Donations can be made via check (designate "Debt Free" in the memo), online giving, bill pay, and others. No donation is too small.

Paying off this debt will free up resources to expand our mission both inside and outside of our church. In addition, it is an investment in our future, helping us to fulfill our current goals and prepare for those the next generation will have.

Contact our Financial Services Coordinator, Monica Garcia at **monica@fbcnn.org** or at 757-930-0911 with any specific questions.

A big Thank You to all of the contributors who have stepped up to contribute toward our debt retirement!

## Additional News from FBCNN

### Upcoming Events

**May 3** - Virginia Choral Society Concert (tickets required, see article below)

**May 7** - Wednesday Night Dinner & Fellowship (see article above for more information)

**May 12** - Peninsula Mobile Food Bank will be in our parking lot distributing food to those in need. If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please tell them about this opportunity. Please note it will be held on the second Monday instead of the second Thursday for May only.

**May 14** - Called Church Conference to vote on Literacy for Life final proposal (see article above for more information)

**May 18** - Youth Sunday with one combined service at 11 and lunch afterwards (see article above for more information)



### Pastries with Parents

On Thursday, April 24th First Baptist Preschool children and their families were treated to "Pastries with Parents" before the school day began. Our church's Yates Action Team provided the yummy pastries, milk, and coffee. Thank you to Karon Garcia who headed up this annual event. Also, many thanks go to Tracy Houston, Kris and Susan Keyes, Ruth Sabo, Sharon Hertzler, and Randy Shepley, who helped create a welcoming and joyful start to the day for the Preschool families. The Preschool appreciates our church's continued support!

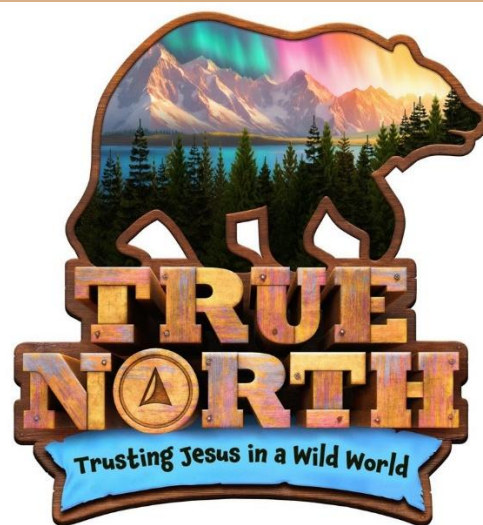
### Virginia Choral Society Concert

On Saturday, May 3 at 4pm, FBCNN will be hosting the Virginia Choral Society in their performance of Jubilate Deo. Tickets are required and can be purchased by clicking on the button below.

[VCS Tickets](#)

### PAA Active Aging Pop-Up Center

There was a great turnout on Monday, April 28 for the first meeting of the Peninsula Agency on Aging 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.



Every week you and your child can expect fun songs, playful movement activities, colorful toys, exciting board books and creative art projects. Caregivers must stay with their child. Drop off is not an option.

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**FIRST FRIENDS PLAYGROUP**

Why play with us?  
We aim to help your child prepare for preschool, while providing learning tips for parents to encourage child development.

**FREE!  
OPEN TO EVERYONE!**

10:00 - 11:30  
THURSDAYS  
APRIL 24  
MAY 1  
MAY 8  
MAY 15

Playgroup meets at First Baptist Preschool  
12716 Warwick Blvd. Newport News, VA 23606  
Questions? Email us! [preschool@fbcnn.org](mailto:preschool@fbcnn.org)  
[www.fbcnnpreschool.org](http://www.fbcnnpreschool.org)

## 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](mailto:shertzler@fbcnn.org). Thank you so much for your support!

**VBS Wishlist**

**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, May 4 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.

**April 27**

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