

First News



Prayer and Care Walk

On Saturday, May 31st at 8:30am, we will meet in Payne Fellowship Hall for a continental breakfast. Afterwards, we will go out into "our mile" to pray over and clean up each area. For those who would like to participate but are unable to walk a mile, there will be a gathering for prayer in the sanctuary. You can sign up for this event by scanning the QR code in the graphic above, clicking on the button below, or using the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

[Prayer & Care Walk](#)



Thank You to Our Youth!

The worship service this past Sunday morning led by our youth ministry was one of the highlights of the last decade in our congregational life. Over 30 youth participated either on the stage or behind the scenes in making our worship service and luncheon happen. It was a beautiful day. Thank you to our teens, their families, and to our youth leaders for their incredible efforts.



Thank You for Helping to Send Our Youth to Passport!

Thank you to everyone who planned and participated in the service and those who prepared and served a delicious taco lunch last Sunday. A net total of \$2,736.85 was collected to go towards helping to offset some the costs in sending them to Passport Youth Camp in Spartanburg, South Carolina July 6-11. Thank you again for always being such a generous church that is willing to invest in growing the love of Jesus in our youth!



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. Our current balance is \$247,294 and we are a little closer to turning the third coin gold! Donations can be made via check (designate "Debt Free" in the memo), online giving, bill pay, and others. No donation is too small.

I want to reiterate two truths about our youth ministry I shared on Sunday. First, our teenagers are the church of today. We often say the youth are the church of the future. This is an incomplete understanding of youth ministry. Our youth are not waiting for the future. They serve the church now. Our youth praise team leads our youth Wednesday night gatherings weekly. Youth serve in the praise teams in our 11:00, 12:30, and Tuesday night Williamsburg Hispanic mission worship services weekly. Our youth serve as group, Bible study, and specialty areas leaders in Vacation Bible School. Our youth serve as camera operators for our online worship production team each Sunday. Our youth lead collection efforts for THRIVE and look for opportunities to serve in our community. Our youth serve. Our youth lead. They are not waiting.

Second, our youth ministry represents the welcoming call of Jesus to all people. Our youth ministry has made tremendous progress in looking like the Newport News community. We are a multicultural group. We are a tapestry of God's embrace. In our youth ministry, everyone is welcome. Every teen can experience God's embrace.

One final thought: You will not see all of our youth at every worship service. Some attend at 8:30, others attend at 11:00, and some attend at 12:30. Others are present nearly every Wednesday but for a number of reasons do not attend on Sunday. Teens are embraced at FBCNN through a variety of entry points, and we rarely see them all in one place. In fact, as amazing as Sunday was, we still did not see all of our teens. Youth ministry at FBCNN happens nearly every day, and lots of it does not

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!

happen on church grounds. It is how youth ministry works in 2025.

Thank you, church, for praying for and loving our youth. Thank you for your contributions to the luncheon fundraiser. Thank you for being a church that embraces youth serving and leading now.

Pastor Randy

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

May 23 - Youth BARF (Bring A Real Friend) at 6:30pm in the Youth area. This will be a time of food, friends, and fun!

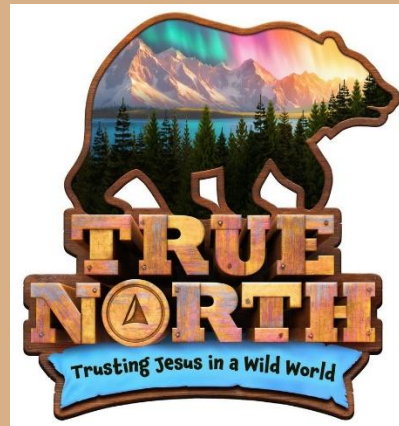
May 26 - Memorial Day (The church office will be closed)

May 28 - Red Cross Blood Drive in Payne Fellowship Hall, [click here to sign up for a time to donate](#)

May 31 - Mark your calendars for our next Prayer and Care Walk! (see article for more information)

Congratulations Class of 2025!

We would like to recognize all of our graduates in an upcoming worship service. If you know of someone who is graduating from high school or college this year, please let Nikki know by sending an email to nikki@fbcnn.org, or by phone, 757.930.0911.



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 or Concordia Supply Wishlist by clicking on the corresponding button below. We plan to update them periodically as necessary.

Registration for VBS participants and volunteers is open! Children from 4 years old through completed 5th grade

Swingin' Singers Lunch

Swingin' Singers will be going to lunch at Anderson's Sage Cafe at 11am on Thursday, May 22nd. If you would like to ride over on the church bus, please arrive at the church no later than 10:30.

There will not be rehearsal this day.

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are invited. This will be a time full of fun, Bible stories, games, music, and more! Sign up by clicking on the registration button below.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Hertzler at shertzler@fbcnn.org. Thank you so much for your support!

VBS Amazon Wishlist

VBS Concordia Wishlist

Register for VBS!

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, May 25 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 11am this past Sunday.

May 18

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