

# **First News**



# We have exciting news to share! FBCNN is Debt Free!!

A few weeks ago, First Baptist Church Newport News received a generous IRA contribution from the estate of Mrs. Eula Davis, a faithful member of FBCNN for 23 years. Thanks to this wonderful gift—and to each of you who have continued to give through the years toward the Debt or Income Hope 127— the Stewardship Team, after consultation with our investment advisors made the decision to pay-off the loan. FBCNN, we paid off our loan of \$250,252.23 on May 30, 2025!

We are deeply thankful to God for the opportunity to retire this debt. This loan originally helped us complete the construction of the Children's Wing and Youth area. Now, as we celebrate this milestone, we also want to listen for God's guidance as He leads us into our next chapter together.

Although Mrs. Davis's generous donation did not cover the entire remaining balance, the Stewardship Team approved borrowing \$12,000 from our savings to pay off the loan in







### **Great Turnout for End of the School Year Cookout!**

What a great turnout we had last Wednesday at our End of the School Year Cookout! People came from all our different groups within the church-all three services, the Preschool, Girl full by May 30. We will repay this money back using the funds from Income Hope 127.

We invite you to join us in celebrating this exciting achievement and to look ahead with us toward where God is leading FBCNN next. Please mark your calendars for a special joint service celebration on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11am.



## Passport Kids Camp Starts Today!

A little before 9am this morning, a group of twelve children and three adult chaperones left for Passport Kids Camp at Eagle Eyrie. The kids have just finished third grade through sixth grade and were excited about spending the next three and a half days at camp.

Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels, having fun together, and growing in their faith in Christ.

### Passport Youth Parent Meeting

Do you have a youth going to Passport Youth Camp this year? There will be a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, July 2 at 8:30pm. This meeting will be full of information that youth and their parents need to know before going to camp.

Scouts, children, youth, adults, and more! People laughed with, engaged with, and got to know people from the other groups. After eating yummy hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream sandwiches, some people headed out to the field where there were bounce houses, bubbles, hula hoops, a parachute, soccer balls, beach balls, frisbees, ring toss, and corn hole. At the playground shelter, the children really enjoyed making rubber band bracelets until it was time to go home. Board games and indoor corn hole were available inside for those who wanted to stay cool. Fortunately, the weather was perfect, and everyone has a wonderful time!



#### **VBS Leader/Interest Meeting**

We need you at Vacation Bible School! Get ready to hit the trails for the ultimate Alaskan adventure! As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Join us in Payne Fellowship Hall Monday, June 23rd at 6pm for our VBS Leaders meeting where we will talk about how VBS works, the schedule, decorations, enjoy a VBS themed dinner, and more. Youth who will be volunteering for VBS are welcome to attend as well.

### **Additional News from FBCNN**

### **Upcoming Events**

<u>June 11-14</u> - Passport Kids Camp, keep our children, chaperones, and camp personnel in your prayers as they participate!

<u>June 12</u> - Peninsula Mobile Food Bank will be distributing food to those in need of food assistance in our parking lot.

<u>June 23</u> - VBS Leaders/Interest Meeting at 6pm (Save the date, more details coming soon!)

### Ways to Give Throughout the Summer

- Online Giving
- Mail
- Automated Through Your Bank

Consider these options too:

- Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) Contributions
- Stocks and Real Estate
- Legacy Giving

If you need more information, please contact Monica, 757-930-0911 or <a href="mailto:monica@fbcnn.org">monica@fbcnn.org</a>. Thank you in advance for your partnership.

### Support the Mission Through Your RMD Contributions

As you plan your financial giving this year, we invite you to consider directing your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your retirement account to support the ministries of First Baptist Church.

# June Staff Birthday and Work Anniversary

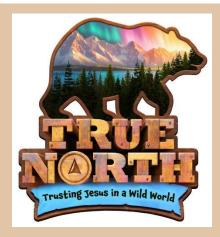
Birthday:

6/6 - Juan Garcia

Anniversary:

6/27 - Sharon Hertzler

Take a moment to let them know you are thinking about them!



# 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 are invited. This will be a time full of fun, Bible stories, games, music, and more!

If you are age 73 or older and have a traditional IRA, you are required to withdraw a minimum amount each year from your RMD. By making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly to the church, you can fulfill your RMD requirement while reducing your taxable income. It is a meaningful and taxefficient way to support the church's mission.

#### **Library News**

The following books are new in our library and ready to be checked out:

Jerusalem by Sekulow Must Love Flowers by Macomber The Burning of Rosemont Abbey by Stephens

There are also a number of Bible Study kits available for use by Sunday Bible Study or other small groups. The studies are by various authors such as Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, Philip Yancey, and more. Please contact Betty Elofson or Donna Pultz if your group might be interested in using one.

Sign up by clicking on the registration button below.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Hertzler at <a href="mailto:shertzler@fbcnn.org">shertzler@fbcnn.org</a>. Thank you so much for your support!

**VBS Amazon Wishlist** 

**VBS Concordia Wishlist** 

Register for VBS!

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, June 15 at 8:30am and 11am! Rev. Becky Glass, Executive Director, Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center, will be leading us in worship.

The Sunday worship services are streamed directly to our <u>website</u> 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 (rehearsals will resume September 4)

Click on the button below to watch the worship service from 8:30am or 11am this past Sunday.

June 8

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