

### **First News**



## 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.



## 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 payoff 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.



## A Fun Time at Passport Kids Camp

Last Saturday, twelve children and three chaperones returned from Eagle Eyrie after having a great time at Passport Kids Camp. This year they learned about Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel in Japan, as well as learning about Japanese food and culture. The last night was a lot of fun as all of the campers attended a Cosmic Cow Neon Variety Show (see picture above)!

In addition to having fun, there was an impromptu lesson in first aid at camp this year. Please continue to pray for our children to grow in their faith and learning about the love of God, and for a rapid recovery of Sharon Hertzler who fell while at camp.

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 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 5th at 11am.

## 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.

#### **Additional News from FBCNN**

#### **Upcoming Events**

<u>June 23</u> - VBS Leaders/Interest Meeting at 6pm (See article for more information)

<u>July 2</u> - Passport Youth Camp Parent and Participant Meeting at 8:30pm (See article for more information)

July 3 - Church Office closed





#### Peninsula Rescue Mission Women's Ministry Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

For almost 60 years, Peninsula Rescue Mission (PRM) has helped men during difficult times by providing temporary shelter, food assistance, clothing, and more. PRM is expanding their ministry of helping others and at 10am on Thursday, June 26, 2025, will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new Women's Ministry. The ceremony will be held at 9308 Warwick Boulevard. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to tiffany@prm.info by June 20th.

## 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.

## 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! 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!

#### **New in the Library**

The library has some new additions to the nonfiction section. These books include handbooks, studies, dictionary, and commentary based on the Bible. Come and check them out!

#### **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.

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 tax-efficient way to support the church's mission.

# 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 22 at 8:30am and 11am! Randy Shepley 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 15** 

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