

# First News

## Laura P. Davis, CBFVA Coordinator, Preaching Sunday, July 6

Laura Davis, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia Co-Coordinator, will be preaching this Sunday while Randy will be taking a group of youth to Passport Youth Camp. Laura is a native of Sperryville, Virginia and has spent most of her adult life between North Carolina and Virginia. She completed her Master of Divinity Degree at Campbell University Divinity School and is currently working towards her Doctor of Ministry degree there as well. Laura's primary role with CBFVA focuses on the three pillars of advocacy, education, and partnership through CBFVA events. She loves spending time with CBFVA congregations and supporting laity and clergy in living out God's kingdom work. Laura and her husband, Kenny, have three young adult children and two grandchildren.

Please make sure you give Laura Davis a warm FBCNN welcome on Sunday!



## Polar Petals: Help Us Craft Cool Blooms in Alaska Style

Join us July 8th at 10am and/or July 10th at 3pm, as we create flowers for True North VBS! We need lots of flowers for the main stage, hallways, and classrooms. Come inside at the Preschool entrance then head to Room 149. Mrs. Sharon has all the supplies and the flowers are easy to make. In addition to flower making, we need help ironing the backdrops for the sanctuary, so feel free to bring your iron. There will be additional decorating dates coming soon. Thank you for your help!

The logo for Passport Youth Camp, featuring the word "PASSPORT" in white capital letters on a blue background, with a globe icon integrated into the letter "O".

## Soccer Training and Formation Camp

July 21-25, 6-8PM  
For Children Ages 6 to 14

The Soccer Training and Formation Camp will be held on the ballfield and is free. You can register your child by using the QR code above or [by clicking this link](#).

We also need donations of Gatorade, bottled water, and snacks. You can drop these off in the church office during the week or in the sanctuary foyer on Sundays. Thank you for your generosity!

## Passport Youth Parent Meeting Tonight!

Our youth are heading to Passport Youth Camp at Converse College in Spartanburg, SC this Sunday! Do you have a youth going to this year? There will be a mandatory meeting tonight at 8:00pm. A notary public will also be present to notarize medical release forms. This meeting will be full of information that youth and their parents need to know before going to camp.

## Additional News from FBCNN

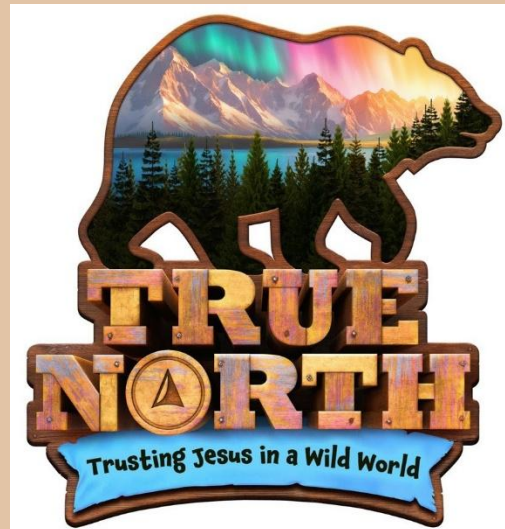
### Upcoming Events

July 2 - Passport Youth Camp Parent and Participant Meeting at 8:00pm (See article for more information)

July 3 - Church Office closed

July 6-12 - Passport Youth Camp at Converse College in Spartanburg, SC

July 21-25 - Soccer Training Camp 6-8pm on our ballfield. (See article above for more information.)



## 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



## **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.

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.

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## **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

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

**VBS Amazon Wishlist**

**VBS Concordia Wishlist**

**Register for VBS!**

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## **New in the Library**

Heaven Rules

Surprised by Joy, C. S. Lewis

Wedding Treasury, Grace Livingston Hill

These were donated by June Simpkins in memory of her sister, Kay Jones.

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## **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

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.

- Legacy Giving

If you need more information, please contact Monica, 757-930-0911 or [monica@fbcnn.org](mailto:monica@fbcnn.org). Thank you in advance for your partnership.

**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, July 6 at 8:30am and 11am! Laura P. Davis, Co-Coordinator of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia, 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-@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 29**

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