

First News



Yates Teacher Back to School Breakfast!

On Thursday, August 14th, our Yates Action Team welcomed teachers back with a special breakfast. A big thank you to Karon Garcia for organizing the event and to Tracy Houston for her help with the preparations.



Wednesday Nights Start September 3

As the new school year is quickly approaching, the start of Wednesday night activities is just around the corner! On September 3, we will have a barbecue dinner from 5-6:30pm provided by a Men's Bible Study group. After dinner, there will be time for fun and games for children, youth, and adults. Come out for a great time of food, fun, and fellowship!

Shared Gratitude

I am sure that at one time or another, every one of us wonder if something we do makes an impact on others. Yesterday morning a gentleman stopped by the church office saying that he wanted to make a donation. Upon talking with him, it came to my attention that he was one of the NNPS bus drivers who received a gift card from us a few years ago at Christmas. He let me know that that simple act of kindness came at a time when he really needed it, and now he was in a better place and wanted to return the favor.

Additional thanks go to Steve Jones, Rhonda Wiatt, Gail Robinson, and Sharon Hertzler for their support in serving breakfast that morning.

The teachers and Principal Ramirez were very appreciative. The Yates staff added a fun touch to the event with construction-themed decorations, a nod to the major renovation currently underway at the school. We are all looking forward to seeing the finished project this December!

Now I know we do things not expecting anything in return, but it is a blessing to find out our efforts are beneficial to the well-being of others.

Juan Garcia Featured in Fellowship Magazine

Juan Garcia, our Associate Pastor of Hispanics and outgoing Moderator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), is featured on the front cover of Fellowship magazine. He delivered his final address as Moderator in June at the 2025 CBF General Assembly in St. Louis, and there is a follow up article on his speech inside. Be sure to pick up a copy at the Welcome Center!



Youth Pool Party on Friday!

All youth, rising 6th graders, and parents are invited to join us at Wendwood Pool on Friday, August 22 from 7 to 10pm. This is guaranteed to be a time of food and fun!

Yates Elementary School Supply Drive is a Success

Did you know FBCNN is a compassionate mission partner with Yates Elementary School? Did you know that prior to FBCNN church facility completion that FBCNN met at Yates to hold worship services and Bible study?

Thank you, church, for your generous donations of school supplies. Thank you, youth, for your assistance in putting kits together. The following items will be delivered to Yates: 27 complete kits, 32 glue sticks, 40 #2 pencils, 80 pencil eraser tops, 280 crayons, 1 paper folder, 19 college rule items. Thank you again. Your blessings are being passed along.

Compassionate Mission Partnerships Team

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

August 22 - Back to School Youth Pool Party (see article above for details)

August 31 - Promotion Sunday, rising first graders will join the children upstairs and rising sixth graders will join the youth

September 3 - Wednesday night activities begin (see article above for details)

October 5 - Mark your calendars! This will be a day of celebration as we gather together to worship and give praise to God for the ability to pay off the debt on the Education wing of our building. This will also be a time of recommitment and renewal as we look forward to the plans God has laid out for FBCNN! More details will be coming soon in future editions of First News.

Breast Cancer Rally September 13 at 10am Payne Fellowship Hall

FBCNN will be hosting a "4-Pronged Approach" Breast Cancer Rally on Saturday, September 13. These 4 prongs are: eat plants, exercise regularly, limit alcohol, and maintain a healthy weight. Join local experts, community advocates, and breast cancer survivors for a special gathering in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It will feature a unique blend of percussionists from local bands to "Beat the Drum" for breast cancer prevention. Everyone is invited to enjoy the music and raise your voice to support this lifesaving message.

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 monica@fbcnn.org. 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.

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.

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Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, August 24 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-@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.

[August 17](#)

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