

# First News

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## Wednesday Nights Start September 3

The new school year has begun, and 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!

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## Special Worship Celebration October 5 at 10:30am

We joyfully invite you to a special worship service on Sunday, October 5 at 10:30am as we celebrate a milestone in our church's journey - the full repayment of the loan for our education wing!

This is a day to rejoice in God's faithfulness and the generosity of our community. We'll gather to praise God through worship and music, share in Holy Communion, and mark the



## Yates Action Team Helping at Open House Night

On Thursday, August 21st, our Yates Action Team had the pleasure of serving popcorn to families attending Yates Elementary's Open House Night. It was a fantastic evening with a great turnout - we served 400 bags of popcorn! Our popcorn table also featured brochures about First Baptist Church of Newport News and flyers for First Baptist Preschool, giving us a wonderful opportunity to connect with families in the community. Many attendees stopped by to ask questions and learn more about our church and preschool programs, which was such great exposure. A big thank you goes to Karon Garcia and Sharon Hertzler, who popped and served all that popcorn!

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occasion with a symbolic burning of the bank note - a powerful act of gratitude and release.

Following the service, we'll continue the celebration with a catered lunch. All are welcome to the table as we give thanks for the past and look forward to the future of ministry and learning in this sacred space.

Come ready to sing, pray, eat, and celebrate what God has done!

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## **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. The 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.



## **Welcome Back, First Baptist Preschool Teachers!**

On Tuesday, August 26th, the First Baptist Preschool Board welcomed our dedicated Preschool teachers with a delicious breakfast to kick off the new school year. We're excited to share that all of our amazing teachers are returning for the 2025-2026 school year! It was a wonderful morning filled with fun, food, and fellowship as we celebrated the beginning of another year. Please keep our Preschool, teachers, and precious children in your prayers as we begin this new year of learning and growth.

## **Additional News from FBCNN**

### **Upcoming Events**

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

September 1 - Church office will be closed for Labor Day

### **Ways to Give Throughout the Summer**

- Online Giving
- Mail
- Automated Through Your Bank

Consider these options too:

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

October 5 - Combined Service of Celebration and Recommitment (see article above for more information)

- 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](mailto:monica@fbcnn.org). Thank you in advance for your partnership.

### Calling All Senior Adults!

You are invited to join the Swingin' Singers senior choir!

When: Thursday, September 4th at 10am

Where: Choir Room (Music entrance facing Warwick Boulevard)

Join this fun group to sing, fellowship, and enjoy refreshments!

Ministering joyfully through music...no experience necessary!

### 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.

### Final Total From VBS

During True North VBS, a total of \$879.68 was collected and sent to Thrive. What a blessing it is to be able to support a wonderful organization!

**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, August 31 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 24](#)

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