

# First News



## VBS is Next Week & Volunteers are Still Needed!

Vacation Bible School is next week and we can use your help! 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 by clicking on the corresponding button below.

We still need volunteers! We need crew leaders, preschool station leaders for Sticky Scriptures, and more! Crew leaders take groups of children to each of the stations. The Sticky Scripture preschool station leader uses the True North curriculum to teach little ones about Jesus. Sign up to volunteer by clicking on the registration button below.

Children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited. Invite your children,



## VBS Decorating Days

Come help turn the adult Sunday Bible Study hallway and the Preschool hallway into an Alaskan mountain scene complete with Northern Lights tomorrow, July 24, all day starting at 10am. Come whenever you can! We also need help decorating the VBS Station rooms turning the rooms into Bible stories, campsites, and glaciers! Station Leaders, this would be a good time for

grandchildren, friends, and neighbors! This will be a time full of fun, Bible stories, games, science experiments, music, and more! Register to attend by clicking on the 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**

**Register for VBS!**

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## Visitation and Memorial Service for Rick Elofson

Many of you have heard that member for 37 years, Sunday Bible Study teacher, and Treasurer of FBCNN, Rick Elofson, passed away Friday, July 11. Below are the details for the visitation and memorial service.

Visitation: August 7, 5-7pm in the Parlor and Payne Fellowship Hall

Memorial Service: August 8, 2pm in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in Payne Fellowship Hall

Please continue to keep Betty, Amanda, Matt, family and friends in your prayers.

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## Mission Opportunities for July and August

July: We are collecting food items in low supply at Thrive Peninsula. Donations are typically lower throughout the summer months so there is a definite need for these items. The food may be dropped off in the

you to gather all the supplies you will need to run your stations. Thank you!!

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## VBS Leaders Meeting and Lunch

All VBS volunteers, please attend a final meeting on Sunday, July 27th at 12:15pm in Payne Fellowship Hall. We will go over VBS plans, answer questions, you will get your True North t-shirt, etc. We will have Wawa sandwiches, chips, fruit, lemonade, and cookies for lunch. **Please plan on staying after lunch** to help finish all decorating, set up tables for registration, get stations prepped for Monday, and any other final details.



church office throughout the week during office hours, or on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or preschool foyer. Below is a list of what is needed.

- Cereal
- Pasta
- Rice/Rice Sides
- Cans of Collards or Peas
- Baking Items/Mix

August: We will be collecting school supplies for Yates Elementary. Below is a list of items needed for the start of a successful school year.

- Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers
- Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers
- Large Glue Sticks
- Two-Prong Folders
- Composition or Spiral Notebooks
- Pencil Pouch, Box, or Holder
- Wide-Ruled Filler Paper
- USB-C Headphones with Cord



## Soccer Training and Formation Camp

The Soccer Training and Formation Camp is being held on the ballfield this week. This camp is teaching approximately 30 children and teens the necessary skills and techniques for playing soccer. As part of the camp, there is a time for devotions as well led by a couple of our youth.

Thank you to everyone who donated Gatorade, bottles of water, and snacks!

## Additional News from FBCNN

### Upcoming Events

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

July 27 - VBS Leaders Lunch and Meeting 12:15pm (See article above for more information)

July 28-August 1 - True North VBS 9am-12:15pm (See article for more information and ways to help.)

### Attention All Youth!

After VBS on Tuesday, July 29, youth are invited to lunch at Chick Fil A

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



followed by a trip to Fort Monroe Beach!  
(Rain date: July 30)



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

We are excited and invite you to join us in celebrating this wonderful 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. More details about this special service will be coming in future editions of First News

## 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, July 27 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.

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