

# First News



## 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 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

Click on the button below for a downloadable copy of the list of school supplies.

**Yates School Supplies**



## VBS is Here and Children are Learning About Christ!

Vacation Bible School is this week! We have had 145 children actively learning about Jesus being the "True North" through games, Bible stories, songs, and even snacks. Thank you to everyone who has put in volunteer time by helping with decorations, leading groups and activities, working behind the scenes, and those who have been praying for everyone involved this week! Come to worship this Sunday at 11 to see and hear what the children have been learning throughout this week.

## 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.

## Additional News from FBCNN

### Upcoming Events

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

**August 13** - Youth VolleyBARF 6:30-9pm; All middle and high schoolers are invited to come out and have a great time at this specially themed BARF (Bring A Real Friend)

**August 22** - Back to School Youth Pool Party at Wendwood Pool 7-10pm; All youth are invited to welcome our rising 6th graders for a time of food and fun!

### 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.



## 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.**

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## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, August 3 at 8:30am and 11am! Randy Shepley will be leading us in worship. We will be observing communion during the 8:30 service so be sure to prepare your elements if you are joining us online. At 11, our VBS participants will be joining us to let everyone know what they have learned this week.

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-@fbcnn youth.

### 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.

**July 27**

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