

First News



Special Worship Celebration This Sunday, 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 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!

There will not be children or youth Sunday Bible Study and each adult class will choose whether they plan to meet at 9:15am. We want to give



Widows Luncheon

A group of widows from FBCNN got together with Pastor Randy and Pastor Walter for a time of fellowship and lunch at Schlesinger's Steakhouse. A special thank you to Linda Hoffler, Mary Ann Hutchinson, Sue Swain, and Peggy White for organizing this event!

Food Drives for Thrive and NNPD Chaplains

Thrive Peninsula is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month through October 15. Thrive is collecting donations of Hispanic foods to stock a special section in their market. Click on the button below for more information on ways to support Thrive and to view what items are needed.

In addition, the Chaplains of the Newport News Police Department are sponsoring a food drive. (Walter

everyone the opportunity to be part of this time of celebration.

Wednesday Night Dinner is Tonight 5 to 6:30pm

Our monthly Wednesday night dinner for October will be next Wednesday, October 1st from 5 to 6:30pm. The Crossroads Sunday Bible Study Class will be serving up a finger licking fried chicken dinner! The church library will also be open during this time, so stop by and check out a book or two.

Satchell is a Chaplain for the NNPD.) The items will be collected through October 10 and will go to the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank. Click on the corresponding button below to see what items are needed.

You can drop off items for either food drive at the Welcome Center.

[Thrive Hispanic Food List](#)

[NNPD Chaplain Food List](#)

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

October 1 - Please join our Crossroads Sunday School Class as we host the Wednesday night supper on October 1st at 5pm with a finger licking fried chicken dinner!

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

Celebration Offering!

We are filled with gratitude and renewed vision. By the grace of God and the generosity of our church family, we have paid off our last building debt - a milestone that marks not just financial freedom, but spiritual momentum. Now, we stand at the threshold of possibility. With our burdens lifted, we are free to dream anew. We are ready to serve more deeply, build more boldly, reach more widely, and grow more faithfully. But we cannot do it alone. Your financial support empowers us to expand our outreach, strengthen our programs, and invest in the lives of those we are called

October Staff Birthdays

10/7 - Nikki Reid

10/9 - Sharon Hertzler

Take a moment to let them know you are thinking of them!

Thank You

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for Susan Keyes and the Hospitality Committee for the wonderful reception that was given in memory of Lena Self. We had a very large family and I'm sure it took a lot of people to put it together. My family was very touched by your kindness. Mary and I and my parents have been so blessed by being a part of this church family. Again, thank you so much for everything.

The Self Family

to serve. Every gift - large or small - is a seed sown into the future of this ministry. Will you partner with us in this next chapter? Together, we can turn vision into reality and continue the work of transforming lives through the love of Christ.

Please consider giving today in honor of or in memory of a loved one. We will include a donation page in the program for our October 5th service for donations received before October 1st. Donations received after October 1st will be listed in a later edition of First News.

You may designate your "celebration offering" to one of the following funds:

- Where Most Needed
- Sanctuary Lighting Replacement Project
- Other Ministry Area

We thank you for your support of FBCNN and God's kingdom.

Make a financial contribution to FBCNN today by clicking on the Donate link.

Donate

Budget 2026

Budget season for 2026 is coming and we need your prayers! As a Stewardship team, we want to present a budget that helps us all to continue moving forward into God's calling. A budget that continues to push us to reproduce of God's love in all we do. A budget that will help us to continue to EMBRACE God, EMBRACE one another and EMBRACE our neighbor. Please pray for the budget process of 2026! At the same time, thank you! Thank you for your current donations and support to the ministry and mission of our church. Your continuous support will help us finish strong this 2025 and set ourselves for the upcoming year. THANK YOU!

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.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, October 5 at 10:30am for a special combined worship service! Randy Shepley, Juan Garcia, and Jim White 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-@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

Click on the button below to watch the worship service from 8:30am or 11am this past Sunday.

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