

First News



A Wonderful Time of Celebration and Recommitment Last Sunday!

What a joyous time we had as we celebrated the blessings God has bestowed upon FBCNN. We were able to burn the note for the debt on the Education Wing that was paid off earlier this year. After the service, we enjoyed fellowship as we ate a

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 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

Legacy Giving Workshop

We invite you to attend a Legacy Giving Workshop on Wednesday, October 29th at 11:30am. This will be led by Steve Kennedy of the Williamsburg Financial Group, an investment advisor for our church accounts for many years. Please call the church at (757)930-0911 or email

delicious lunch catered by Salsas. Thank you to the many people that made Sunday a time of celebrating not only what God has done in the past but also recommitting ourselves in doing what he has planned for the future. A special thank you to Dr. Jim White for coming back and participating in the service.

Thank You Crossroads Class!

Last Wednesday, we had a finger licking good fried chicken dinner thanks to the generosity and hard work of our Crossroads Sunday Bible Study Class. Be sure to mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 5 for our annual Thanksgiving dinner!

Monica Garcia at monica@fbcnn.org to sign up. Registration deadline is October 22nd.



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Peninsula

We invite you to join the nation's largest and most impactful breast cancer movement.

Join us to help save lives and end breast cancer as we know it, for everyone!

10.19.25 | Newport News Park
Shelters 19 & 20

Registration Noon
Opening Ceremony 1:00 p.m.
Walk 2:00 p.m.

For more information:
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Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

October 19 - Quarterly Church Conference at 5pm, come out and here about some of the wonderful things that have been happening at FBCNN!

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,

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

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 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. 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.

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have been so blessed by being a part of this church family. Again, thank you so much for everything.

The Self Family

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 12 at 8:30am and 11am! CBF Virginia Coordinator Mark Snipes 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

Click on the button below to watch the combined worship service from 10:30am this past Sunday.

October 5

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