

First News

Peninsula Baptist Association (PBA) Annual Meeting Monday, October 27, 2025

The PBA is a network of churches across the Peninsula. They will be holding their annual meeting in our sanctuary this Monday. The Business Session will be held at 3pm to vote on 2026 Budget and Officers, listen to reports from their staff, and hear a message from Chuck Harrison. At 6pm, there will be a time of worship and celebration. This will be the last "official" meeting for Chuck as Director. Everyone is invited to attend either or both of these events.

"Keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."
Ephesians 4.3

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. Lunch will be provided. Please call the church at

Nursery Help Needed

Do you have a heart for children? Love the sound of giggles, Goldfish snacks, and rocking chairs? Then the FBCNN Nursery is the perfect place to serve!

We're looking for caring volunteers to help during:

- 8:30 AM Worship Service
- Infant-Kindergarten Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service

Your time and love make a lasting impact on our youngest church family members - and give parents the gift of peaceful worship and learning. If you're ready to lend a hand, please contact Sharon Hertzler at shertzler@fbcnn.org. Come share God's love in the sweetest way possible - one Goldfish cracker at a time!



Every week you and your child can expect fun songs, playful movement activities, colorful toys, exciting board books and creative art projects. Caregivers must stay with their child. Drop off is not an option.

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FIRST FRIENDS PLAYGROUP

Why play with us?
We aim to help your child prepare for preschool, while providing learning tips for parents to encourage child development.

**FREE!
OPEN TO EVERYONE!**

OCT 14	NOV 11	DEC 2
OCT 21	NOV 18	DEC 9
OCT 28	NOV 25	DEC 16

**TUESDAYS
10:00 - 11:30**

Playgroup meets at First Baptist Preschool
12716 Warwick Blvd. Newport News, VA 23606
Questions? Email us! preschool@fbcnn.org
www.fbcnnpreschool.org

(757)930-0911 or email Monica Garcia at monica@fbcnn.org to sign up. Registration deadline is October 22nd.

Thanksgiving Bags

Thanksgiving bags will be handed out in the sanctuary foyer this Sunday. Attached to each bag is a list of food items that will help those in need to provide a nice Thanksgiving dinner to their families. Be sure to pick up a bag and bring it back by the following Sunday. Thanks as always for your unwavering generosity!

First Friends Playgroup

First Friends Playgroup meets most Tuesday mornings 10-11:30am for children ages 1-3. It is free and open to everyone. Caregivers must stay with their child. Contact Sharon Hertzler at shertzler@fbcnn.org for more information.

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

October 27 - PBA Annual Meeting starting at 3pm (see article above for more information)

October 29 - Legacy Giving Workshop at 11:30am (see article above for more information)

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

Thanksgiving Dinner Wednesday, 11/ 19 at 5pm Payne Fellowship Hall

Come out to enjoy a time of eating smoked turkey and wonderful fellowship! The turkeys are being generously provided and prepared by one of our members, but we still need sides and desserts. If you are part of a group that would like to contribute to this special meal where we remember all the reasons God has given us to be grateful, please let the church office know.

Upcoming Drive to Collect Coats for PORT Homeless Shelter

We will be opening our hearts and doors to house the homeless in our community January 7-14, 2026. In a few weeks, we will begin to collect

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.

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!

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

Donate

adult large and extra-large coats to help them stay warm during the cold winter months. Keep this in mind as you are cleaning out your closets at home or find remarkable deals when you are out shopping. More information on this and other items we will be collecting will be announced in future editions of First News.



First Baptist Preschool's Wheel-A-Thon a Huge Success!

First Baptist Preschool held its fifth annual Wheel-A-Thon fundraiser on Thursday, October 16th, and it was a wonderful success! The weather was perfect as our preschoolers proudly showed off their decorated wheels, while parents and teachers cheered them on with smiles and encouragement. Every child received a medal and enjoyed a refreshing popsicle to celebrate their efforts. Thanks to the generosity of our families and friends, we raised an incredible \$6,142 for our preschool! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a fun and memorable day!

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, October 26 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

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

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