

First News

Thanksgiving Dinner Wednesday, November 19 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. **The Hospitality Team has graciously offered to provide macaroni and cheese, green bean casseroles, and cranberry sauce.**

Thanksgiving Bags

Thanksgiving bags have been handed out and several have been returned. If you were unable to pick up a bag but would still like to help out, below is a list of items being collected to help those in need provide a nice Thanksgiving dinner to their families. Bring your bags and items this Sunday and place them in the sanctuary foyer or preschool foyer. Thanks as always for your unwavering generosity!

Items needed:
15 oz. Can Corn
15 oz. Can Green Beans

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!

First Baptist Church is Moving Forward!

Thanks to your generosity - and your faithful giving throughout the year to the General Fund and Designated offerings - we were able to support a variety of organizations and missions.

Designated Donations:

- Thrive Peninsula
- International Cooperative Ministries
- Peninsula Rescue Mission
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (Ukraine)

15 oz. Can Peas
Stove Top Dressing
15 oz. Sweet Potatoes
Cake Mix
Can Icing
Jar of Turkey Gravy
Pumpkin Pie Filling
Bag of Rice
Box of Mac and Cheese
Can Cranberry Sauce
Corn Bread Mix

Drive to Collect Coats for PORT Homeless Shelter

Planning to clean out your closets before Christmas or are you a savvy bargain hunter? You can donate new and gently used large and extra-large coats for the guests during our week of PORT. January 7-14, 2026, we will be opening our hearts and doors to house and feed the homeless in our area. Please drop off your donations during the week at the church office or in the sanctuary foyer on Sundays. Be on the lookout in future editions of First News for more ways to help out as we embrace those in need in our community.

- Baptist General Association (Disaster Relief)

Total Designated Donations received through October: \$26,837

Quarterly Donations:

- Baptist General Association - \$3,500
- Peninsula Baptist Association - \$2,175
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global - \$1,750
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Virginia - \$1,400

Thrive Food Donations:

- October 6 - 109 pounds
- October 14 - 66 pounds
- October 20 - 214 pounds
- October 30 - 26 pounds

We are blessed with your continued generosity and partnership in ministry. Because of your giving we are sending blessings both locally and around the world. Due to donations from us and other organizations, last week Thrive Peninsula served 1,062 people in The Market, their free grocery store!

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

November 13 - Peninsula Mobile Food Bank will be handing out food in our parking lot. If you know anyone in need of food assistance please let them know about this opportunity.

November 14-16 - CBFVA Fall Youth Retreat; Be in prayer for 22 youth and 4 chaperones who will be traveling to Eagle Eyrie for a time of worship, learning, and fun. Mandatory parent

November Staff Work Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays

11/1 - Wendy Buck

11/3 - Lesley Spitzer

Anniversaries

11/1 - John Irving

11/30 - Monica Garcia

meeting will be held tonight at 8pm in the Youth Room.

November 19 - Thanksgiving Dinner in Payne Fellowship Hall (see article for more information)

November 23 - The 11am and 12:30pm services will be combined at 11am; the service at 8:30am will occur as usual.

November 24 - Red Cross Blood Drive at 1-6pm in Payne Fellowship Hall, [click on the link to sign up to 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!

Be in prayer as Stewardship meets tomorrow to review the budget draft.

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

[Donate](#)

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

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.

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, November 16 at 8:30am and 11am! Dr. Brian Williams 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.

November 9

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