

First News

Thanksgiving Dinner Tonight at 5pm in 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.**

The Church Library will be open during dinner.

Budget Discussion Tonight at 6:30pm in Payne Fellowship Hall

There will be a time for discussion of the Proposed 2026 Budget following Thanksgiving dinner tonight. To view a copy of the proposed budget, please click on the link below. A vote on the proposed budget without discussion will occur on Sunday, November 23rd, immediately following the 8:30am worship service, and following the 11am worship service. Our two contemporary services, 11am and 12:30pm, will be worshipping together at 11am this Sunday to celebrate God's

A colorful illustration of a nativity scene. Mary is seated on the left, Joseph is on the right, and the baby Jesus lies in a manger in the center. Two angels are flying in the sky above the stable. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright yellow star. The text "Bring a Friend to Bethlehem Family Breakfast" is written in white at the top.

**Bring a Friend to Bethlehem
Family Breakfast**

**December 7th
9:45am**

Bring a Friend to Bethlehem Family Breakfast Sunday, December 7, 9:45am

Children and their families are welcome to join us for our annual family Christmas breakfast in Payne Fellowship Hall! There will be pancakes, a toppings bar, a craft, a photo booth station, a jumbo word search, activity sticker books, goodie bags, and more. We will also hear the wonderful story of Jesus' birth while playing an interactive game. Our youth will help serve at the breakfast and also get to enjoy the festivities. We hope to see you there!

Nursery Help Needed

Do you have a heart for children? Love the sound of giggles, Goldfish snacks,

work in our church and to enable both groups to vote at the same time.

Proposed 2026 Budget



Advent is coming...

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. I was also made aware yesterday that there is a larger number of children at the shelter this year, so any size of coats for children would be beneficial as well. 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.

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!

Thanksgiving Bags Thank You

Thanks to your generosity in picking up and filling Thanksgiving bags we were able to make sure families can have a nice Thanksgiving dinner this year. A special thank you to Karon Garcia for overseeing this project, and to Georgia Mann, John and Donna McDonough, and Kris Keyes who helped sort and prepare bags for delivery. Below is a snapshot of the impact we were able to make in our community.

- 35 bags of food including turkeys were given to families of students at Yates Elementary School
- 18 bags of food including turkeys helped families here at FBCNN
- 20 bags of food (248 pounds) plus 11 Food Lion food boxes donated by Food Lion went to Thrive

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

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 and Sunday Bible Study at 9:45am will occur as usual. A vote on the 2026 proposed budget will occur after both services. (See article above for more information.)

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

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.

[Donate](#)

Memorial Services

On November 22 at 11am, a graveside memorial service for Beverly Garrett will be held at Riverview Cemetery in Richmond.

On November 25 at 10am, a memorial service for Debbie Brown will be held in our sanctuary followed by a reception in Payne Fellowship Hall.

Please continue to keep both of these families in your prayers.



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.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, November 23 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.

November 16

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