


# First News

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## 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!

### Events During Advent

12/7 - Bring a Friend to Bethlehem Breakfast (see above)

12/7 - Sing We Noel (see above)

12/12 - USAF Heritage of America Band Holiday Concert at 7pm in the



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
FEATURING MANY OF OUR TALENTED MUSICIANS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 @ 5PM**

## Sing We Noel: The Music of Christmas

### Sing We Noel: The Music of Christmas, Sunday, December 7, 5pm

Join us on Sunday, December 7 at 5pm in the sanctuary as we ring in the Christmas season with *Sing We Noel: The Music of Christmas*. This Christmas concert will include various music groups from our church family presenting the music of Christmas. You will hear selections performed by K-Motion Kids, Impact: Youth Praise Team, Joan Monroe Handbell Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Swingin' Singers, Beth Tomassetti, Wendy Buck, Hispanic Praise Team, a men's quartet, and Transformed: Sanctuary Praise Team. It will be an evening of holiday music that will surely get you in the spirit of Christmas!

sanctuary; tickets are required, but they are free. [Click on the link to get your ticket to this performance.](#)

12/17 - Cookies & Carols (see below)

12/20 - Virginia Symphony Orchestra Handel's Messiah Concert will be in the sanctuary at 2:30pm. [Click on the link to purchase a ticket.](#)

12/21 - Come and enjoy a Christmas Cantata: Canticle of Joy at 9am in the sanctuary followed by a time of fellowship. There will not be a service at 8:30 or 11, or Sunday Bible Study on this Sunday.

12/24 - Christmas Eve Services:  
5pm - Family Christmas Eve Service Children and their families are invited to join us at this family friendly Christmas Eve service. There will be opportunities for children to participate in telling the story of Jesus' birth.  
7pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service  
This service will be a time of reading scripture, singing carols, and remembering the true meaning of Christmas.



The Season of Advent is Here...



## Cookies and Carols

Are you looking for a good old-fashioned Christmas carol sing? Join us on Wednesday, December 17, at 6:30pm in Payne Fellowship Hall for *Cookies and Carols*. Bring your Christmas spirit, wear your favorite Christmas attire, and be ready to spread Christmas cheer through song.

## Additional News from FBCNN

### Upcoming Events

December 7 - Bring a Friend to Bethlehem Family Breakfast at 9:45am (See article above for more information.)

### FBCNN Staff Birthday for December

12/7 - Randy Shepley

Take a moment to wish him a happy birthday!

**December 7** - Sing We Noel, our annual Christmas concert featuring the talents of several of our musical groups, will be at 5pm in the sanctuary. (See article above for more information.)

**December 11** - Virginia Peninsula Mobile Food Bank will be in our parking lot. Please let anyone in need of food assistance know about this opportunity.

**December 12** - USAF Heritage of America Band Holiday Concert will be at 7pm in the sanctuary. (See the article above for the link to acquire tickets.)

## Charitable Contributions

As we enter the Advent season, we want to **thank you** for your continued support of FBCNN and God's mission. Your generosity sustains the work we do together, and we hope to finish this year strong - and begin the new one just as strong.

- **To receive a charitable contribution deduction for 2025, all checks must be delivered to the church by Tuesday, December 30.** (Please note: the church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 31.)
- **Checks placed in the offering during the first worship service of 2026 cannot be counted for 2025, even if they are dated or written in 2025.**
- **Checks written, mailed, and postmarked in 2025 will be deductible for 2025, even if they are not received by the church until 2026.**

## Swingin' Singers Christmas Luncheon

The Swingin' Singers Christmas Luncheon will be Thursday, December 11th at Chickahominy House in Williamsburg at 11:30am. The bus will leave FBCNN at 10:30am. There will not be rehearsal this day.

## 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 adult coats, and any size children's coats for the guests during our week of PORT, January 7-14, 2026. Throughout this week, we will be opening our hearts and doors to house and feed the homeless in our area. Please drop off donations Monday through Thursday at the church office or in the sanctuary foyer on Sundays. Be on the lookout in First News next week for a link to sign up to help. Thank you for your willingness to help us embrace those in need in our community.

## 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

You can also go online to [www.fbcnn.org](http://www.fbcnn.org) or use Bill Pay through your own bank's website.

## 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**

ready to lend a hand, please contact Sharon Hertzler at [shertzler@fbcnn.org](mailto: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.

**AGES 1-3**

### 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](mailto:preschool@fbcnn.org)  
[www.fbcnnpreschool.org](http://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](mailto:shertzler@fbcnn.org) for more information.

## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, December 7 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

### **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 30**

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