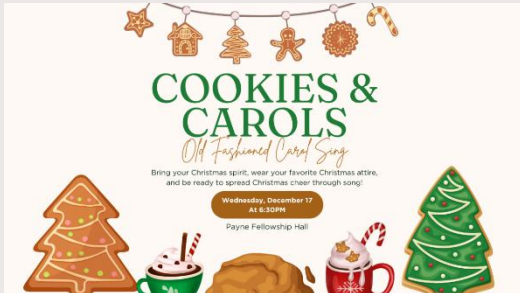


First News



Cookies and Carols is Tonight!

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.



Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 21 9am

Our Sanctuary Choir has been working hard to bring us a Cantata of Joy: A Cantata for Christmas on Sunday, December 21 at 9am. Come out to hear them sing alongside a chamber orchestra for this time of worship.



Christmas Eve is Next Week!

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Eve services!



Wonderful Time of the Year

To quote a Christmas song, "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" It is also one of the busiest for churches

There will be a time of fellowship in the foyer following the service.

There will not be a worship service at 8:30 or 11am, or Sunday Bible Study at 9:45am to give everyone the opportunity to enjoy this event.

Events During Advent

12/17 - Cookies & Carols (see above)

12/19-20 - Youth Christmas Lock-In from 7pm to 8am; our youth will have a time of games, food, fun, and maybe a little sleep during this event planned by a few of our youth leaders. A reminder email will be sent out to parents later this afternoon.

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 - Christmas Cantata: Cantic of Joy (see above)

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.

12/28 - Combined Worship Service at 10am; the 8:30 and 11 worship services will worship together and there will not be Sunday Bible Study.

around the world and FBCNN is no exception. Last Friday, we had the privilege to host the USAF Heritage of America Band Christmas Concert (pictured above). Last night, we hosted the Riverside School of Health Careers graduation and welcomed about thirty nurses into their new careers in the process. As you can see from the list of "Events During Advent", there is still a lot to come. Thank you to everyone who has made and will make this Christmastime, a time of celebration and remembering the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ways to Help with PORT

PORT is a homeless shelter hosted by churches throughout Newport News from November to March each year, providing people with dinner, breakfast, and a safe and warm place to stay overnight. We are collecting new and gently used large and extra-large coats, and any size children's coats for the guests during our week of hosting PORT, January 7-14, 2026. We will also be collecting packages of new socks and underwear. Please drop off your donations Monday through Thursday at the church office or in the sanctuary foyer on Sundays.

If you would like to sign up for a shift during our week of PORT, please click on the button below. Feel free to contact Nikki Reid, nikki@fbcnn.org, with any questions.

Thank you for your willingness to help us embrace those in need in our community.

[Volunteer for PORT](#)

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

December 17 - Cookies and Carols at 6:30pm in Payne Hall (See article above for more information.)

December 19-20 - Youth Christmas Lock-In (See article above for more information.)

December 20 - VSO Performance of Handel's Messiah, tickets are required (See above for more information and link to purchase tickets.)

December 21 - Christmas Cantata at 9am (See article above for more information.)

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services
Family at 5:00pm
Candlelight at 7:00pm

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.

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.**

You can also go online to www.fbcnn.org or use Bill Pay through your own bank's website.

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

Donate

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, December 21 at 9am! Randy Shepley, our Sanctuary Choir, and instrumental ensemble 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-@fbcnn youth.

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.

December 14

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