

First News



The Staff at FBCNN Wishes You Happy Thanksgiving!

We are truly thankful for all of the wonderful people God has blessed us with here at FBCNN! He has made sure that we have a variety of gifts and talents through everyone that comes through our doors.

As a reminder, the church office will be closed Wednesday, November 26 through Friday, November 28.

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-

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!

WAIT...



Advent is coming...

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!

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.

Events During Advent

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

12/7 - Sing We Noel at 5pm in the sanctuary; Join us for this annual Christmas concert featuring many of the musical talents of FBCNN!

12/12 - USAF Heritage of America Band Holiday Concert at 7pm in the sanctuary; tickets are required, but they are free. [Click on the link to get your ticket to this performance.](#)

12/17 - Cookies & Carols, our annual Christmas carol sing-along will be in Payne Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm

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 for children on this Sunday.

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

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

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 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.)

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!

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.

Four FBCNN Senior Pastors Together

It's not every day that a church family gets to welcome back three former Senior Pastors alongside the current one in the same service. Today was one of those special moments. Randy Shepley, Dale Seley, Jim White, and Randel Everett (joining by video) came together with grateful hearts to celebrate Debbie Brown—remembering her life, her faith, and the lasting impact she made on each of them.



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.

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, November 30 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 23

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