

# First News

## PORT Begins Tonight

Our week to host PORT starts tonight and will finish the morning of Wednesday, January 14. 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. We will also be collecting packages of new socks and underwear. Please drop off your donations tomorrow through next Tuesday at the church office or in the sanctuary foyer on Sunday.

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](mailto:nikki@fbcnn.org), with any questions.

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

**Volunteer for PORT**







## Did You Enjoy Christmas Cantata: Canticle of Joy?

Several people have mentioned how moving the *Christmas Cantata: Canticle of Joy* was. As a church, we are definitely blessed with some very talented musicians, who have not only a passion for singing and playing instruments but also a passion for expressing the joy of the Christmas story and the love of our Savior through music. We are truly grateful for



## Busy Days for the Decorating Team

Many of us know just how much work goes into decorating our own homes for Christmas then taking back down and putting away all of the decorations. Members of our Decorating Team and A-Team were busy taking down all of the Christmas decorations throughout the church building on Monday and Tuesday of this week. These two groups are essential to keeping all areas of the church looking fresh and seasonal. If you happen to see Vicki Garrett, Tracy Houston, Janice Reaves, Jan Firestone, Jeanette Lystlund, Robert Mann, Steve Jones, Jim Rea, Sonny Mason, Jim Hodges, Alan Reaves, and Pete James, take a moment to let them know their hard work is appreciated!

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this form of worship and all of those involved in making it happen.

If you missed this meaningful service or would like to watch it again, you may find it on our church Facebook page, church app, or the church's webpage [www.fbcnn.org](http://www.fbcnn.org) under the Resources Tab, Sermon Library, Advent 2025 series.

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## What Did We Do During Advent?

Read through this edition and keep an eye out on future issues of First News to learn more about the wonderful things that various groups did during the season of Advent.



## Bibles for Poland

A group of women (pictured above) from our Hispanic congregation collected \$250 to be used to purchase Bibles for a Hispanic group in Poland where Guillermina Podgaiskaya is currently serving in ministry. The Podgaiskayas are CBF Field Personnel who have come to FBCNN and led us in worship. It is wonderful to be a part of helping others around the world to be able to read the word of God in their own language.

## Additional News from FBCNN

### Upcoming Events/Holiday Office Closures

January 7-14 - PORT Homeless Shelter (see article above for more information)

January 8 - Peninsula Mobile Food Bank will be in our parking lot. If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, let them know about this opportunity.

January 14 - Wednesday Night Youth and K-Motion Kids return

January 19 - Church Office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### 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.



### Help Needed for Night to Shine

Williamsburg Community Chapel is in need of volunteers to help with Night to Shine on February 13, 6-9pm. Night to Shine is a red carpet event for people with special needs. For more information about how to volunteer or to learn more about this program, [please click on the link.](#)

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, January 11 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 (returning January 14)  
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 8:30 or 11 service from this past Sunday.

**January 4**



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