

# First News



## Lego and Taco Night Sunday, February 1 at 5pm Payne Fellowship Hall

Children and their families are invited to Lego and Taco Night on February 1st at 5pm. Bring your Legos or Duplos (extras will be provided) and your friends! Also, please bring a taco topping, side dish, or dessert to share. Meat, drinks, hard and soft shells, and Dorito bags (for walking tacos) will be provided. We will have some Lego free play time as well as play Lego games with chances to win prizes! Please sign up if you are bringing food by scanning the QR code below. Come help us *build* some great memories!



## Louise Keesee Mission Circle January Meeting

The Louise Keesee Mission Circle is a group of women who meet every third Monday of each month. During their January meeting, they sorted through school supplies to donate this month that will help out classrooms running low as the middle of the school year approaches. The ladies also collected hats, gloves, and scarves which will be donated to PORT. For more information about this mission minded group, please contact Bev Parker.

## Letter from Mayor of Newport News

This week we received a letter from Phillip D. Jones, Mayor of Newport News. Here is what it said:

"Dear Members of First Baptist Church of Newport News,

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the members of your church for your generous hosting of the PORT winter shelter program for the week of January 7th-January 13th. I commend

## Deacon Nomination Announcement

It is time to nominate a new slate of active Deacons for 2026. We are looking to add 3-5 additional active Deacons to join our current rotation. Deacons help to support the Pastor and staff in the mission of the church, ensure peace and harmony in the church, and work for cooperation in all aspects of church life.

Deacon Nomination Forms are available to the congregation in the church office during the week, at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, or by clicking the link below. These forms explain deacon qualifications as they appear in our by-laws and the Bible. Please review the form's instructions, prayerfully consider nominating members to be reviewed by staff, interviewed by the Deacon nominating team, and approved by the church. Please be sure to sign your form so your nominee(s) will be included.

The deadline for turning in Deacon Nomination Form is Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for participating in this process!

[Deacon Nomination Form](#)

you for your dedication and servant's heart to those in need, as you provided warmth and compassion, welcoming them during this challenging time.

Your unwavering support and hospitality have exemplified the spirit of community and compassion that binds us all together. The dedication of your members to ensure every guest feels welcome and cared for is truly commendable. You have not only provided shelter but have also offered hope and comfort during a difficult season.

It is through the kindness and efforts of organizations like yours that we can build a stronger, more compassionate community. Thank you for your extraordinary generosity and for being a beacon of hope for those in need.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Phillip Jones  
Mayor"

## Inclement Weather Updates

As most of you have heard already there is a potential for wintry weather this weekend. Please keep an eye out for updates on how this will impact our services and other events in your email inbox and on our Facebook page.

## Additional News from FBCNN

### Upcoming Events/Holiday Office Closures

February 1 - Lego and Taco Night at 5pm in Payne Fellowship Hall (see article above for more information)

February 4 - Our next Wednesday night dinner provided by the Sanctuary Choir and Swingin' Singers

### 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.

February 8 - Deacon Nomination Forms due (see article above)

February 15-18 - FBCNN Staff Retreat; Church Office will be closed February 16th and have limited hours on February 17th and 18th.

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](#).**

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## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, January 25 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 8:30 or 11 service from this past Sunday.

**January 18**

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