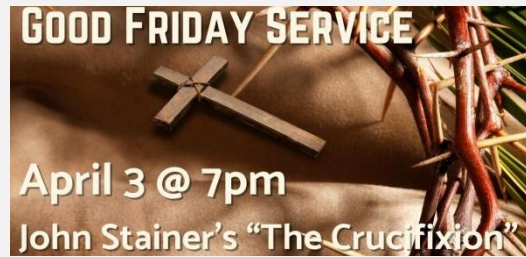


First News



Children's Easter Event

Children and their families are invited to a Children's Ministry Easter Event on Sunday, March 29th at 5pm in Payne Fellowship Hall. Children will experience the Easter story through an interactive reading of *The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross*. They will also create a beautiful wreath craft to take home and display for Easter. We will enjoy a chicken dinner together, and every child will receive an Easter goodie bag. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors - we'd love to celebrate with you!



Good Friday Cantata

On Friday, April 3 at 7pm, our Sanctuary Choir will present John Stainer's *The Crucifixion* as the centerpiece of our Good Friday worship service. Join us for this moving and dramatic choral meditation on the Passion and Crucifixion of Christ - a service that invites us to pause, reflect, and encounter the depth of God's love in a profound way. Come and be part of this holy moment as we journey to the cross together.





Remember to invite your family and neighbors to join us for these events as we reflect on the true meaning of what Jesus has done for us by dying on the cross and rising on the third day. Also, don't forget to bring flowers to put on the Living Cross outside the sanctuary doors on Easter Sunday!

Deacon Announcement

I'm excited to announce that Tracy Houston, Kolby Keller, and Chris Yost will be joining the Diaconate! Tracy and Kolby have served as Deacons in the past and will be coming back on as Active Deacons. Chris is a first-time Deacon. We'll schedule an upcoming Installation/Ordination service and will follow up with details. Congratulations to all three and thank you to everyone who prayerfully made nominations for this special role in the life of our church!

Rob Spitzer, Deacon Chair



Mission Madness Recap

A group of our youth traveled to Richmond last weekend to participate in CBFVA Mission Madness. They had times of worship and had the opportunity to help out the organization, Rise Against Hunger, which provides food and aid globally. Thank you for keeping them in your prayers.

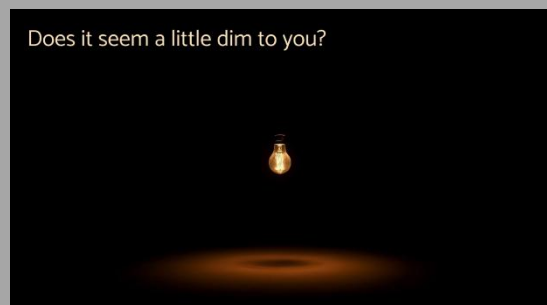
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Upcoming Events

March 28 - Celebration of Life Service for Jackie Hornsby at 2pm

March 29 - Palm Sunday

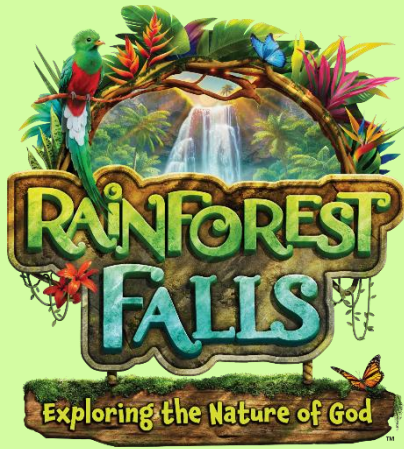
March 29 - Children's Easter Event: "The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross" (see article above)



More information coming soon...

April 3 - Good Friday Cantata (see article above)

April 5 - Easter Sunday



VBS Will Be Here Before You Know It!

We are already getting ready for this summer's Vacation Bible School! The theme is Rainforest Falls and it will be July 27-31, 2026, 9am-12:15pm. We would love if you could help us alleviate the cost by purchasing something off of our Amazon Wishlist by clicking on the button below. We plan to update it periodically as necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Hertzler at shertzler@fbcnn.org. Thank you so much for your support!

[Amazon Wishlist](#)

Ladies Spring Bible Study

The next Ladies Bible Study will be *Jonah - How to Navigate a Life Interrupted* by Priscilla Shirer. It will begin Wednesday, April 8th and finish Wednesday, May 20th, and will meet in Room 144 from 9:30-11:30am. To sign up, email Georgia Mann at mann.georgia@aol.com or call (757)595-3990. The cutoff date to sign up is Wednesday, March 25th.

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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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!**

MARCH 16	APRIL 27
MARCH 23	MAY 4
MARCH 30	MAY 11
APRIL 20	MAY 18

Playgroup meets at First Baptist Preschool. No need to sign up. Just show up! Drive around to the back of the church. Look for the double doors marked preschool children youth, and ring the bell.

**MONDAYS
10:00 - 11:30**

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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.

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Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, March 29 at 8:30 and 11am! Our children will help us celebrate Palm Sunday by leading us in waving palm branches at the 11am service. 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 11am worship service from March 22nd.

March 22

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