

# First News



## 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.

Childcare will be provided for children ages 5 and under.



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!

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## 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

## Children's Easter Event Recap

What a joyful evening we shared together at the Children's Easter Event on Sunday, March 29th! After a delicious meal of rotisserie chicken, mashed potatoes, and green beans, the children heard *The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross* - a beautiful telling of the true story of why Jesus died and rose again. As Mrs. Sharon read the story, each child had hands-on items to place at just the right moments, helping to bring the story to life. The children were wonderfully engaged as they followed along with the gospel message. We ended the night with a fun Easter wreath craft, and each child went home with a special goodie bag. Many thanks to Karon Garcia, Kathy van Rijn, Joyanne Manning, Brenda Head, and Rita Hyatt for their work in preparing such a successful and meaningful event!

## Additional News from FBCNN

### Upcoming Events

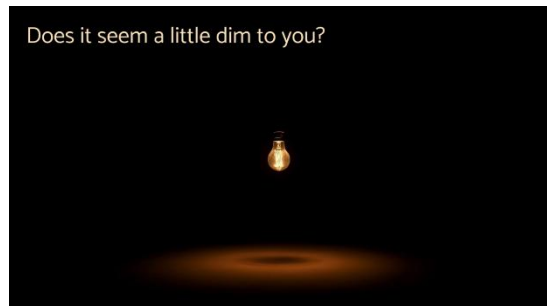
April 3 - Good Friday Cantata (see article above)

April 5 - Easter Sunday

April 6 - Easter Monday (Church Office closed)

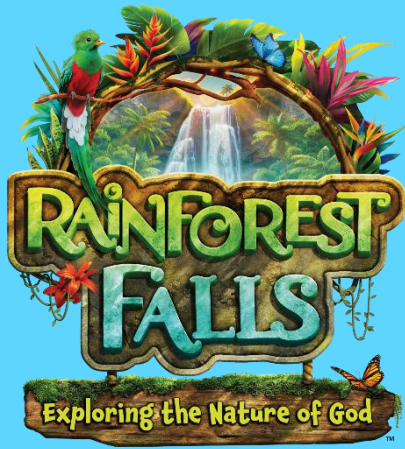
April 8 - No Wednesday Night Youth or Children's Activities (NNPS Spring Break)

Does it seem a little dim to you?



In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.  
Matthew 5:16

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## 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](mailto:shertzler@fbcnn.org). Thank you so much for your support!

[Amazon Wishlist](#)

## 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.

## Ways FBCNN Supports Missions

As we move beyond the first quarter of the year, we at FBCNN remain sincerely grateful for your continued generosity and support. Through our budget, FBCNN is able to extend financial support to a number of partner organizations making a meaningful impact locally and globally:

- Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) — \$14,000/year  
<https://www.bgav.org/>
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global (CBF Global) — \$7,000/year  
<https://cbf.net/>
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia (CBF-VA) — \$5,600/year  
<https://cbfva.org/>
- Baptist World Alliance (BWA) — \$1,400/year  
<https://baptistworld.org/>
- Peninsula Baptist Association (PBA) — \$8,700/year  
<https://thepeninsulanet.org/>
- Peninsula Pastoral Counseling (PPC) — \$2,400/year  
<https://peninsulapastoral.org/>
- Thrive Peninsula — \$2,400/year  
<https://www.thrivepeninsula.org/>
- Lackey Free Clinic -- \$1,000/year  
<https://lackeyclinic.org/>

Thank you again for your generosity and support!

Stewardship Team

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# Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Easter Sunday, April 5 as we celebrate our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, at 8:30 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 11am worship service from March 29th.

[March 29](#)

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