

First News



Picnic in the Park is This Sunday!

After the 11am service this Sunday, children and their families are invited to head to Deer Park (11523 Jefferson Avenue, Shelter #1) to enjoy a picnic and the beauty of the park together. Pizza and drinks will be provided, and please bring a side or dessert to share.



New Active Deacons for 2026

During the 11am service this Sunday, April 19, we will recognize the three people that will be added to our active deacons for 2026. Join us as we celebrate Tracy Houston, Kolby Keller, and Chris Yost joining the Diaconate.

Vision Team Update

Church Family,

Our work on the updated bylaws and Articles of Incorporation is progressing. Our goal is to simplify existing protocols and adjust organizational structures to better meet the needs of our congregation.

We have had five meetings over the last two months and anticipate sharing a summary of our work by the first of May in First News along with an open time of discussion at our next Church Conference.

As previously noted, the following church members are working on the revisions along with staff. Each of us serve as a result of our previously elected leadership roles.

Danny Adkins - Stewardship Chair
Chris Johnson - Task Force Chair
Jim Lystlund - Nominating Chair



Peggy White Recognition

Peggy White's last day before moving away was this past Sunday. She was recognized at the 8:30am service and in her Sunday School class afterwards. Peggy has been a member of FBCNN for 55 years! She has also been a Sunday Bible Study teacher for many of those years in addition to being on our staff. We will definitely miss her and will keep her in our prayers as she transitions to her new home closer to family.

Robert Mann - Assistant Treasurer
Lisa Mason - Vision Team Chair
Harvey Perkins - Church Moderator
Rob Spitzer - Deacon Chair
Mark Woodard - Personnel Chair

Please keep all those involved in prayer, and feel free to contact us with questions. We look forward to sharing our work with you in the near future.

Blessings,

Lisa S. Mason

Attention Graduates and Families

On June 7, we will have Youth Sunday and Graduate Recognition at the 11am service. If you know of someone who will be graduating this school year from high school or college and would like to recognize them and their accomplishments, please submit a photo and graduation information to Nikki at nikki@fbcnn.org no later than May 20th. Contact the church office with any questions.

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

April 15 - Wednesday Night Youth and Children's Activities return

April 19 - Picnic in the Park (see article above)

April Staff Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday
4/21 - Monica Garcia

Anniversary
4/19 - Lindsay Rew

Please take a moment to let them know they are appreciated.



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](#)

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-

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

Legacy Giving

Over the years, FBCNN has been blessed by legacy gifts that have shaped our church's story and impact. These generous acts of faith continue to make a difference.

Recent gifts, such as Mrs. Eula Davis's donation through her IRA, helped FBCNN to pay off our loan. In earlier years, Ms. Ruby Gilbert's life insurance gifts strengthened our reserves during a critical time, helping cover legal and consulting needs related to the 2017 VDOT case. Mr. Charlie Hatchel, a car salesman, also left a portion of his estate through the Virginia Baptist Foundation, which continues to provide annual support to FBCNN.

Because of these planned gifts, FBCNN has been able to remain strong and continue serving our community.

We invite you to consider how you might make a lasting impact through legacy giving. This can be done in simple ways—such as including FBCNN in your will, naming the church as a beneficiary, or giving through stocks, property or life insurance. Legacy giving is a meaningful way to support FBCNN—both now and for future generations.

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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As we care for our ministries and maintain our building, we remain committed to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with those around us and with generations to come.

If you are interested in including First Baptist Church of Newport News in your legacy plans, let us know by contacting Monica Garcia at monica@fbcnn.org.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, April 19 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 April 12th.

April 12

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