

# First News



## Wednesday Night Dinner May 6, 2026, 5-6:30pm

Our youth will be providing dinner for us next Wednesday night in Payne Fellowship Hall! Donations will be collected to help offset the cost to send our youth to Passport Missions Youth Camp this summer. Come out to eat a wonderful meal and support a fantastic group of young people!

## Food Collection for Thrive

The Agape I Sunday Bible Study Class will be collecting and delivering food to the Food Market at Thrive Peninsula on Nettles Drive. This market serves individuals and families in need by allowing them to choose their own groceries in a dignified, supermarket-style setting.

There will be boxes placed by the Welcome Center in the sanctuary foyer and near the preschool entrance to place the food. There will also be printed copies of the most needed items at both of these locations.



## A Morning of Fellowship and Fun at First Baptist Preschool's "Pastries with Parents"

First Baptist Preschool held its annual "Pastries with Parents" event on Thursday, April 23rd before the start of the school day. Organized by our Yates Action Team, the well-attended gathering brought together children and their families for a special morning of fellowship. Members of the Preschool Board - Tracy Houston, Karon Garcia, Betty Elofson, Paige Lilley, and Sharon Hertzler - graciously served the children and their families.

Here are some of the most needed items:

- jelly
- pasta
- pasta sauce
- canned tomatoes
- rice
- instant potatoes
- can spinach or collards
- cereal
- pancake mix
- syrup
- grits
- baking items or mixes
- canned meat
- pop top meals (like Chef Boyardee)
- ramen
- condiments/sauces
- spices
- baked beans
- broth

Click on the button below to download the list of items.

[Items for Thrive](#)

Everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast of pastries, donuts, fresh fruit, yogurt, milk, and coffee. The event was a fun opportunity for connection and community, and a great time was had by all.



## Attention Graduates and Families

On June 7, we will have Youth Sunday and Graduate Recognition at a special combined worship service at 10:30am. 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](mailto:nikki@fbcnn.org) no later than May 20th. Graduates will be recognized during the service in addition to the May 27th and June 3rd editions of First News. Contact the church office with any questions.

## Additional News from FBCNN

### Upcoming Events

April 30 - Vision Team Meeting at 6pm

May 6 - Wednesday Night Church Dinner - our Youth will be providing a very special dinner for us starting at 5pm in Payne Fellowship Hall

May 9 - Virginia Choral Society Concert "Harmony of the Spheres" (see article for more information)

Does it seem a little dim to you?



### Shine the Light

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

May 14 - AP Spanish Testing in Payne Fellowship Hall, please do not enter the fellowship hall during the morning to permit these students to have a quiet place to take this important test.

May 14 - Swingin' Singers will be singing at Warwick Forest

May 17 - Combined worship service followed by lunch and Quarterly Church Conference, more details coming soon

May 25 - Church Office closed for Memorial Day

May 31 - Retirement Celebration for Walter Satchell in Payne Fellowship Hall during Sunday Bible Study time; take a few moments to wish him well!



### **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

### **Harmony of the Spheres Concert by Virginia Choral Society**

The Virginia Choral Society will be presenting this beautiful concert in the sanctuary on May 9th at 4pm. [Click here for more information and to purchase tickets.](#)

### **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.

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.

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

Registration for VBS is now open for participants and volunteers! Click on the corresponding button below to get your chance to be "Exploring the Nature of God"!

[Amazon Wishlist](#)

[Register for VBS!](#)

**Make a financial contribution to FBCNN today by clicking on the Donate link.**

[Donate](#)

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](mailto:monica@fbcnn.org).

## 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.

## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, May 3 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 26th.

**April 26**

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