

First News



Combined Worship This Sunday at 11am!

All three of our worship services, 8:30am, 11am, and 12:30pm, will gather together at 11am for worship this Sunday, May 17th! After the service, everyone is invited to Payne Fellowship Hall for good food and our quarterly church conference. (Conference reports will be sent out by email later this week.)

Sunday Bible Study will meet as usual at 9:45am, but there will not be a service at 8:30am or 12:30pm.



Shine The Light Giving Campaign

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

The deadline to drop off donations is Sunday, May 17th.

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

"You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others."
Matthew 5:14-16

Two weeks ago, we announced that our church is launching the **Shine The Light** Giving Campaign, a special effort to modernize and renew the lighting in our Sanctuary. Our current system is aging, inefficient, and increasingly difficult to maintain. By upgrading to a modern, energy-efficient LED lighting system, we will improve reliability, reduce energy use, and create a brighter, more flexible worship environment for years to come. Our goal is **\$250,000**, with **10% dedicated to mission projects beyond our walls**. Please continue praying about how you can participate. Every gift helps us shine Christ's light more brightly within our church and throughout our community.



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

Items for Thrive



Attention Graduates and Families

On June 7, we will have Youth Sunday and Graduate Recognition at a special combined worship service at 11am. 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.

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.

THERE'S A PART FOR YOU IN

A joint production of
Denbigh United Presbyterian
& First Baptist Newport News

Casting Call
WED June 24, 6:00-7:30
SUN June 28, 12:30-1:30

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!

Parts available for:

- Many children age 4-13
- 2 adult/teen males age 25-40
- 2 males age 35-55
- 3 women age 25-40
- 4 women age 50-80

A comedy, based on the N1 book

Learn more & reserve casting time:
bit.ly/26bcpe

Muffins With Moms at Yates Elementary School

Our Yates Action Team had a wonderful response to the "Muffins with Moms" event at Yates on Friday, May 8th, in celebration of Mother's Day. More than 178 people attended this special morning event! A special thank you to Kris and Susan Keyes for taking the lead on this annual celebration. We also appreciate Ruth Sabo and Karon Garcia for helping serve the moms, students, and staff. We loved seeing all the smiling faces - including many who attend our church's VBS each year!

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever is Coming to FBCNN

In a joint effort with Denbigh United Presbyterian Church, we will be putting on the play, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!*, December 4th and 5th in our sanctuary. If you would like to try out for a part, there will be casting calls on Wednesday, June 24th from 6pm to 7:30pm, and Sunday, June 28th from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. People of all ages are needed! To learn more about this production and to reserve a casting time click [here](#).

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

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 at 11am followed by a deliciously prepared lunch and Quarterly Church Conference (See article above)

May 25 - Church Office closed for Memorial Day

May 27 - Red Cross Blood Drive in memory of Campbell Webb in Payne Fellowship Hall 1-6pm, [click here to sign up to donate](#)

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 Hertzler at 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



Harmony of the Spheres Concert by Virginia Choral Society

The Virginia Choral Society performed their concert "Harmony of the Spheres" in our sanctuary on Saturday, May 9th. The concert was well attended, and the music was beautiful. It was wonderful to see several church members in attendance, including our own Sharon Hertzler singing in the soprano section.

Make a financial contribution to FBCNN today by clicking on the [Donate link](#).

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chance to be "Exploring the Nature of God"!

Amazon Wishlist

Register for VBS!

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 17 at 11am! Rev. 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-@fbcnn youth.

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 May 10th.

May 10

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