

# First News

## Musings from May

This May has been full and momentous. Graduations, celebrations, travel, and student relocations have all been part of the Shepley family schedule. This weekend, I will miss being with you because our family will travel to Macon, Georgia to celebrate my mother in law's 80th birthday. As you know, we have a marvelous staff who will handle our worship services while I am away. In addition, Brian Williams of the BGAV and the Interim Leader of the Peninsula Baptist Association will preach at the 8:30am and 11am services. Brian is a dear friend of our congregation and I know you will pray for him as he brings God's message to us. Please pray for us as we travel this weekend.

Monday was the first office day for our summer Ministerial Intern, Clara Prillaman! She is a rising CNU senior who has called our church home throughout her college experience. Now, she is serving with us for the summer as she explores her own ministerial calling. You will see her leading in worship, serving in our Children's and Youth ministries, organizing closets, and visiting with our church members and attendees. When you see her around the church building, please introduce yourself and say Hi! You will enjoy getting to know her and she will treasure getting to know you.

Finally, Sunday, May 31 is the day we will celebrate Walter Satchell as he retires from his pastoral role at



## Introducing Clara Prillaman

Hello church family!

If we have not had the pleasure of meeting yet...my name is Clara Prillaman. I am a rising senior and history major at Christopher Newport University, and as of right now I will be graduating this coming December! This summer I have the absolute privilege of serving as the church intern at First Baptist! I have been attending worship at the 8:30am service with my boyfriend Francisco Melendez (who many of you might have met as well) and I have spent many Sundays in the choir loft alongside the sanctuary choir. After attending the church for quite some time, I was thrilled to be able to apply for this position. I am even more excited about being able to start to give back to the community that so

FBCNN. He has served faithfully on our staff for over 20 years and now it is our privilege to recognize and pray for him in the coming days. We will celebrate Walter in the 8:30 and 11:00 services, have a reception time for him during the Sunday Morning Bible Study time (in Payne Fellowship Hall), and pray over Walter and Jane as they have so faithfully prayed for us over the years. I hope you will join us for this special Sunday.

If you are interested in giving something in honor of Walter's service to our church, we are collecting funds to give to the Peninsula Rescue Mission, a ministry near and dear to Walter's heart. You may give it to the church but please memo your donation Peninsula Rescue Mission in honor of Walter. We will miss Walter in his pastoral role, but he and Jane will still be active and present in our church family. I'm grateful I will still get to treasure his jokes and songs, even as I pray over him.

With you in the joy, chaos, and celebrations of May!

Pastor Randy



generously opened their hearts and arms to me. I love music, art, funny TV shows, learning how to cook, having a positive attitude, and spreading the love of Jesus Christ and telling others how he has worked in my life throughout the years. If you ever have questions about that, I would love to answer them!

My original plan after graduation was to work in a museum with my history degree, however the Lord had other plans in store for me. My college life can be compared to a rollercoaster, but God has made sure to provide for me in ways that I could have never imagined before. After graduation I am looking to attend a seminary program in the state of Virginia to start my career in ministry where I look forward to working with many different types of people. I have a strong desire to serve others and having the opportunity to work in a church will allow me to work towards what God is calling me to do. I am beyond excited to learn, listen, and grow from all of you and the Lord. As I begin, I want you all to know that I am so thankful to call you all my family as I start this journey. I hope that we have the chance to meet, talk, and learn mutually from one another. If you have any questions, thoughts, ideas, or prayers please feel free to come and find me. I will be spending my time in the church office, with the youth, in the children's ministry programs, and everything in between. If you have a direct need, feel free to come talk with me after the service on Sunday mornings, or come by the church office to chat. I would love to get to know every one of you as I start to memorize names.

I hope to experience many new things while serving here but also learn a variety of skills. Building relationships with people is my number one priority and having genuine conversations is

Thank you for your continuous donations to help us not only Shine the Light in our sanctuary but also Shine the Light in our community. Every donation will help to cover the cost of replacing our aging lighting system, and ten percent of everything raised will go to missions.



## Jewelry Making Fundraiser for Passport Kids Camp

Join us for an afternoon of creativity on June 6 at 2pm as Kathy van Rijn shows us how to make beautiful bracelets and earrings. All supplies will be provided. Enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and fun while supporting a meaningful cause.

Please RSVP to Sharon Hertzler at [shertzler@fbcnn.org](mailto:shertzler@fbcnn.org).

## Food Collection for Thrive

The Agape I Sunday Bible Study Class delivered all of the food collected as of Monday 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. A total of 526 pounds of food was delivered! The generosity of our church is always astounding!

truly something that I admire. I have a true longing to grow my heart and my spirituality as I begin my work here. I sincerely look forward to learning from all the staff about their own countless adventures throughout ministry. I want to thank you all for being so welcoming and kind to me as I start this journey. Please come say hello!



## 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](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.



Yesterday, we had another God moment at FBCNN. I was sitting in my office when our mail carrier backed his mail truck up to the front office door. Inside the truck were several bags and boxes filled with food for us to take to Thrive! These were food items from around the area that missed the deadline for the local USPS Food Drive, and our carrier had noticed the boxes sitting outside of the church office and told the people he works with "I know where we can take this, so it will get to those in need." God is good!

## 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 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!

June 3 - Our annual End of the School Year Cookout will be held starting at 5pm in the back parking lot, ballfield, and playground. There will be food, inflatables, games, and more! Come join the fun!

June 7 - One combined service at 11am led by our youth and honoring our graduates. There will not be a service at 8:30, but Sunday Bible Study will occur at the usual time.



### 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!

## 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.

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](#).**

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## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, May 24 at 8:30am and 11am! Rev. Brian Williams 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 11am worship service from May 17th.

**May 17**

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