

# First News

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## Congratulations Class of 2026!

### High School:



**Kaylee Briggs**

Menchville High School  
Future Plans: Christopher Newport  
University

## Thank You Note

Sunday morning, May 31st - what a wonderful way to celebrate my retirement, being with the church family I love so much. I cannot begin to say with enough gratitude how much the last 20 years have meant to Jane and me, to be able to walk beside you, sharing the good times as well as the more difficult ones.

I look back now on my road to the ministry and know God had a hand in every hurdle I had to cross. I cherish our memories made together and your many kind words regarding my ministry are deeply felt. Sunday was perfect and will be a day I'll always remember. I will still be around to join you as we worship together and continue to Know, Love, and Serve God.

The Singing Minister,  
Walter





**Sebastian Cabrera**

Warwick High School  
Future Plans: Virginia Tech



**William Campbell Corbitt, Jr.**

Gloucester High School

## End of the School Year Cookout is Tonight

Join us tonight for hot dogs and hamburgers fresh off of the grill, chips, drinks, and ice cream sandwiches, bounce houses, games, fun, and fellowship. Invite your friends!



## Let's Celebrate Our Graduates and Our Youth

This Sunday, June 7, we will have Youth Sunday and Graduate Recognition at a special combined worship service at 11am. Our youth have been working hard to plan and prepare for this service, and two of our high school graduates, Sarah Spitzer and Luke Woodard, will be delivering the message. Come out and see how God has been shaping the lives of these wonderful young adults.

There will not be a service at 8:30am and Sunday Bible Study will occur as usual at 9:45am.



Future Plans: Career in Plumbing and Welding



**Shawn Gurganus**

Menchville High School  
Future Plans: James Madison University to pursue a degree in Statistics with a minor in Music



**Chris Mowery**

## Shine The Light Giving Campaign

Our **Shine The Light Giving Campaign** continues, and we are now just a little over a week away from **Challenge Sunday on June 14**. This is an important moment in our effort to renew our Sanctuary lighting and ensure a brighter, more reliable worship environment for years to come.

**Pledge cards are available at the Welcome Center**, and you may place your completed card in the **Sanctuary donation boxes** during worship. Your generosity not only supports this project - it also strengthens our mission outreach, as **10% of everything we raise will support mission projects beyond our walls**. Please join us in praying for a strong and joyful response as we approach Challenge Sunday. **Every gift matters, and every prayer helps.**



### 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,

Menchville High School  
Future Plans: Virginia Peninsula  
Community College to play baseball  
and pursue a degree in Athletic  
Training from a four-year university



**Sarah Spitzer**

Menchville High School  
Future Plans: Virginia Tech to study  
Human Development with a minor in  
Music



**Nola Toms**

Menchville High School  
Future Plans: Christopher Newport  
University to study Neuroscience with  
the goal of becoming a Neuro-  
Physician Assistant

fellowship, and fun while supporting a  
meaningful cause.

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



## VBS Preparation is Underway!

VBS is July 27-31, 2026, 9am-  
12:15pm. Click on the Amazon Wishlist  
button below if you would like to  
purchase something from our Wishlist  
to help alleviate costs.

You can also register for VBS by  
clicking on the corresponding button to  
get your chance to be "Exploring the  
Nature of God!"

We also need donations of  
approximately **five 5-gallon buckets,**  
**and large appliance size cardboard**  
**boxes.** Thank you as always for your  
generosity!

[Amazon Wishlist](#)

[Register for VBS!](#)



**Gael Vidales**

Warhill High School  
Future Plans: Virginia Peninsula  
Community College



**Luke Woodard**

Menchville High School



## **VBS Leader/Interest Meeting**

We need you at Vacation Bible School! Join us on Monday, June 22nd at 6pm in Payne Fellowship Hall for our annual VBS Leader Meeting. VBS will be a week of wonder as kids explore the powerful nature of God. At Rainforest Falls, you'll root the kids in the truth of meaningful, life-changing characteristics of God. You can expect a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids grow in faith! At the meeting, we will talk about how VBS works, the schedule, decorations, and more. Station Leaders can get their Leader Guides and we will enjoy a VBS themed dinner!

VBS Dates: July 27-July 31, 9am-12:15pm

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Future Plans: Randolph Macon College to study Engineering and pursue baseball career

## College:



**Laura Davis**

Old Dominion University  
Bachelor of Science  
Clinical Psychology and Community Health  
Currently working in an urgent care setting with future plans of attending PA school



## **FBCNN Recognized by Newport News Public Schools**

Newport News Public Schools Office of Youth Development, Family, and Community Engagement hosted its Community Partner Appreciation Breakfast on Wednesday, May 27th, at Christopher Newport University. Karon Garcia and Sharon Hertzler were honored to be invited to attend the breakfast in recognition of their work and involvement with Yates Elementary School. During the event, they accepted a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of FBCNN, recognizing our church's continued commitment to supporting the students, staff, and families of NNPS through our partnership with Yates Elementary School. We are grateful for the dedication and



**Benjamin Wilkes Hertzler**

Virginia Peninsula Community College  
Associate of Science  
Computer Science  
Currently pursuing a Bachelor of  
Science in Computer Science at  
Virginia Tech



**Michael Lee Mason**

James Madison University

service of our Yates Action Team, whose efforts help strengthen this important partnership and make a positive impact on the Yates community. Thank you for all you do!

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Keep checking First News each week for updates on our Shine The Light fundraiser.

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**Have You Seen Me?**

Bachelor of Arts  
Political Science and Philosophy



**Samuel Shepley**

Belmont University  
Bachelor of Arts  
English and Faith & Social Justice

A couple of weeks ago a microphone was borrowed from the King's Daughters classroom (Room 148) and has not been returned. The microphone belongs to this class and is necessary for those who are hard of hearing to be able to hear and participate in their Sunday Bible Study lessons each week. If you know where it is, help these ladies out and return it.

## Additional News from FBCNN

### Upcoming Events

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 tonight!

June 6 - Passport Kids Camp Fundraiser (see article above for more information)

June 7 - One combined service at 11am led by our youth and honoring our graduates. There will not be a service at

### June Staff Birthday and Anniversary

Birthday:  
June 6 - Juan Garcia

Anniversary:  
June 27 - Sharon Hertzler - 15 years!

Take a moment to let them know they are appreciated!

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8:30, but Sunday Bible Study will occur at the usual time.

June 10-13 - Passport Kids Camp, please keep the children, chaperones, and camp leaders in your prayers while they are spending time together in worship, games, Bible Study, and having fun!

### 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.



### 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](#).

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

[Donate](#)

## Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, June 7 at 11am! Sarah Spitzer and Luke Woodard 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 8:30am or 11am worship service from May 31st.

**May 31**

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