

First News



Reflections from a Passport Missions Camp Chaperone

This past week 5 chaperones took a group of 22 youth to Passport Missions Camp in the hills of Harrisonburg, VA, where we stayed at Eastern Mennonite University. This year's theme was "Vamos!", we learned to take time for God, to speak up for the right thing even when it's hard, and to build your life rooted in Jesus. Passport Missions was phenomenal and full of so much love. The week was packed with prayer, meaningful discussions, games, dancing, volunteering, worship, and so much more. The students and chaperones had the opportunity to participate in mission sites where the goal was to serve, learn, and listen. Mission sites included ice cream socials at retirement homes, pulling weeds, cleaning farm spaces, washing cars, painting nails, and new experiences all around. Not even the severe heat could stop our students from being the hands and feet of Jesus in the community. Our youth were extraordinary and so open to learning from all the site leaders and coordinators that they interacted with. In addition to serving in the community there were many games that were thoroughly enjoyed by all. During the



Soccer Training Camp

The Hispanic Congregation is once again putting together a Soccer Training Camp for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 15 to learn some skills in the sport of soccer and life. The program is absolutely FREE and it will be held on July 20 to July 24 from 6pm to 8pm on the ball field. [Click here to register](#) your children and grandchildren, and let other people know, so they can participate. We are also asking for your help. We would like to provide drinks and snacks to the kids, for which we will need around 350 bottles of Gatorade for the whole week. Would you consider donating a case or two? I will appreciate you partnering with us in this capacity. Should you have any questions, please contact

week, a group of our students played in the volleyball tournament where we finished in first place and took home the victory! Beyond sports and games, there was even time to highlight some extraordinary performers during the variety show. Many of our talented performers from *Impact Praise Team* and solo artists were brave enough to stand up in front of the whole room to share the gifts that God blessed them with. As the week came to a close, our youth group took time to reflect on how our community was strengthened, we were able to grow deeper in our faith, and of course how much fun we all had. This experience was wonderful and we were so thankful to be able to spend time together praising the Lord for all he has done through our lives. We cannot wait for next year and we want to thank you all for keeping both the chaperones and the students in your prayers throughout the week.



Rainforest Falls VBS Decorating Days

Join us tomorrow, July 9th from 3-5pm as we create more tropical flowers for Rainforest Falls VBS! Enter through the Preschool entrance and head to Room 147. In addition to flower making, we'll also be creating bamboo, ants, and

Pastor Juan at jgarcia@fbcnn.org.
Thank you!



Summer Youth Group Meeting Dates and Times

Throughout the summer our Youth will be meeting for worship, games, and fun. See below for dates and times.

July 22 - 6:30-8:30pm

July 29 - Youth Lunch and Beach Day after Vacation Bible School

August 5 - 6:30-8:30pm

August 26 - 6:30-8:30pm



vines. Mrs. Sharon has all the supplies. Feel free to stop by and help on July 13-16 from 3:30-5:30pm as well. Station Leaders, you can start decorating your classrooms anytime! We will start decorating the Adult Sunday Bible Study hallway and sanctuary on Monday, July 20th beginning at 10am, and we'll be working throughout the day. Thank you so much for your help to make Rainforest Falls VBS a wonderful experience!



Be on the lookout for frogs hidden around the church! When you find one pick it up and take it home to remind you to pray for **F**amilies, **R**elationships, **O**utreach, and **G**uides throughout VBS.

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 **clean, empty spaghetti sauce jars with the lids**. Thank you as always for your generosity!

[Amazon Wishlist](#)

[Register for VBS!](#)



Free Community Concert

Due to the storms yesterday evening, the free concert by the Peninsula Concert Band will be July 14th at 7pm under the portico in front of the sanctuary. Invite your friends and family to come out and enjoy the wonderful music from a concert band that has been providing music to the area for over 75 years!

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

July 9 - Peninsula Mobile Food Bank will be distributing food in our parking lot. If you know of anyone in need of food assistance, please let them know about this opportunity.

July 14 - Free Community Concert at 7pm (See article above)

July 19 - Town Hall Meeting at 5pm in Payne Fellowship Hall to discuss Bylaws changes and Articles of Incorporation.

July 20-24 - Soccer Training Camp (see article above for more information)

July 26 - VBS Leaders Lunch & Meeting at 12:15pm in Payne Fellowship Hall

July 27-31 - Rainforest Falls VBS (see articles above)



Youth
Spark Sessions
Transformando Retos en Fortaleza
Grades K-8 welcome.
No Cost at all!

Register Here!
QR Code

Don't want to use the QR code? No worries! Type in the link below to sign up!
<https://forms.gle/uZquhPLrbJbbSd58A>

Our Mission
Our goal is to empower students of all backgrounds by breaking down barriers and providing tutoring and mentorship that is accessible to everyone, helping them thrive, grow, and reach their full potential.

Youth Spark
TRANSFORMANDO RETOS EN FORTALEZA

Tutoring Sessions at FBCNN

"Spark Sessions" is tutoring for elementary school kids that was started by Natalia Garcia and one of her friends. This group currently meets periodically throughout the summer and will meet on Tuesdays at 6pm in Room 100 throughout the school year. If you know of someone who this might benefit, you can register by scanning the QR code above or [clicking here](#).



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

Shine The Light Update

Donations are still coming in to help us cover the costs of necessary upgrades for the lighting system in our sanctuary and shine the light of Jesus out in our community. Please keep prayerfully considering what you can give so that we can all "Shine The Light" of Jesus inside and outside.

income. It is a meaningful and tax-efficient way to support the church's mission.

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, July 12 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-@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 and 11am worship service from July 5th.

July 5

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