

First News



Serving Up Smiles at Yates Open House Night

On Thursday, August 20th, our Yates Action Team had the pleasure of serving popcorn to parents and students attending Yates Elementary School's Open House Night. It was a fantastic evening with a great turnout; even more families attended this year than last year. Our popcorn table also featured brochures about First Baptist Church of Newport News and flyers for First Baptist Preschool, giving us a wonderful opportunity to connect with families in the community. Many attendees stopped by to ask questions and learn more about our church and preschool programs, which was such great exposure. A big thank you goes to Karon Garcia and Sharon Hertzler, who popped and served all that popcorn!

A Celebration 20 Years in the Making

We are so thankful to God and to First Baptist Church Newport News for the opportunity Monica and I have had to serve here and minister to the Hispanic community for 20 years.

This past Sunday we celebrated our 20th year anniversary, with a wonderful worship experience and reception. The theme for the night was "Honoring our past and embracing our future."

Throughout these 20 years, we have worked in different areas, with the different people God has brought to our church, to reach and serve the Hispanic community in Newport News and Williamsburg. Along the way, God has opened doors for us to reach and connect with other communities as well, including the English and Nepalese communities.

God has blessed us with two wonderful children who are growing in Him and serving alongside us. He has also given us opportunities to continue growing through partnerships with organizations such as the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) through Uptick, the Latino Christian National Network (LCNN), and Southeastern Virginia Health System (SVHS), among others.

We are truly blessed to serve God alongside the wonderful members of the Hispanic congregation. We do not know where God may be calling us next, but in the meantime, we will continue to embrace God, embrace one another, and embrace our neighbors with the gospel of Christ.



Back to School Celebration

Join us as we kick off the start of the new school year and Wednesday night activities September 2nd from 5 to 7:30pm. Our Men's Bible Study group will be smoking and grilling some delicious barbecue. There will also be inflatables, bubbles, and games, including a kickball game for all ages! Come out and enjoy the fun!



Shine The Light Update

We have reached more than 11% of our goal! 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

May God bless you, and thank you for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement.

Pastor Juan



Yates School Supplies Collection

We are still collecting school supplies for the students at Yates Elementary School, one of our Ministry Partners. Click on the link below to order supplies from our Amazon Wish List to make shopping easier. If you choose to shop the [Amazon Wish List](#), you can have the packages delivered to the church, delivered to your house and bring the supplies to the church, or delivered to Karon Garcia at 364 Walt Whitman Avenue, Newport News, VA 23606. If you choose to do your own shopping, below is a list of items needed for the start of a successful school year. Please bring your supplies to the church office or the Welcome Center on Sunday.

- Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers
- Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers
- Large Glue Sticks
- Two-Pocket Three-Prong Folders

prayerfully considering what you can give so that we can all "Shine The Light" of Jesus inside and outside.

The components for this project have come in and installation will begin in September. Details about potential impacts to Sunday worship services will come as we get closer to the start date.



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 every other Tuesday at 6:15pm 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](#).

- Composition or Spiral Notebooks
- Pencil Pouch, Box, or Holder
- Wide-Ruled Filler Paper
- Set of Earbuds or Headphones
- Clear Backpacks

Another way to be part of this ministry is to make a donation. Please designate your offering to "Yates School Supplies." Thank you for your generous support and God bless!



Sound Team Needs You!

We are looking for a few people who are willing to run sound for our 8:30 or 11am service. No experience is needed and training is provided.

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

August 29 - Celebration of Life Service for Scott Wright at 2pm in Payne Fellowship Hall

August 30 - Promotion Sunday; Kindergartners will start attending Children's Sunday Bible Study and K-motion on Wednesdays, and Sixth Graders will start attending Youth Sunday Bible Study and Youth Worship on Wednesdays

September 2 - Wednesday Night Activities Resume (see article above for more information)

Ladies Fall Bible Study

This will be a 9-week study on Experiencing God in Everyday Life (A Journey Toward Spiritual Maturity) by Richard, Mike and Daniel Blackaby. It will begin Wednesday, September 16 through Wednesday, November 11 from 9:30-11:30 in Room 144.

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.

Tidewater Decorative Painters

Interested in learning some painting techniques? Try out Tidewater Decorative Painters meeting in room 130 the second Saturday of the month starting at 9am. You can visit up to 3 times before joining. There is a \$10 teacher fee plus a supply fee. Membership dues are \$25 per year, and

To sign up and order a book, please email Georgia Mann at mann.georgia@aol.com or call (757)595-3990. The last day to sign up is Wednesday, September 2.

members pay a \$5 teacher fee plus supply fee.

If you have any questions or want to give this group a try, please contact Donna Pultz at dpultz@aol.com prior to the meeting.

Widows' Luncheon
September 22 at Noon
Al Fresco (11710 Jefferson Avenue)

RSVP to Sue Swain (757)595-1717 or
Mary Ann Hutchinson (757)876-1224

**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, August 30 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 August 23rd.

August 23

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