

First News



Back to School Celebration

Join us as we kick off the start of the new school year and Wednesday night activities tonight 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!



Welcome Back, Clara!

Many of you remember Clara Prillaman and the amazing work she did as our summer Pastoral Intern. On behalf of our Personnel Committee, I am excited to announce that Clara is joining our staff for an encore performance! Clara began a new position at FBCNN on August 31, 2026, as a part-time Youth Ministry



Welcome Back, First Baptist Preschool Teachers!

On Tuesday, September 1st, the First Baptist Preschool Board welcomed back our dedicated Preschool teachers with a delicious breakfast to kick off the new school year. It was great to see our returning staff and to welcome two new assistant teachers who served as substitutes for the Preschool last year. It was a wonderful morning filled with fun, food, and fellowship as we celebrated the beginning of another year. Please keep our Preschool, teachers, and precious children in your prayers as we begin this new year of learning and growth.

Associate. Clara will work 20 hours per week between now and the end of December. Her primary focus will be youth ministry although she will still serve in other capacities as well. She will learn the nuts and bolts of youth ministry in addition to continuing her training in planning youth Bible studies, youth pastoral care, and leading youth gatherings.

We are so excited to welcome Clara back in this part-time role as she finishes her college experience at CNU (she graduates in December)!!! Make sure you say Hi to Clara when you see her and get ready: She will preach again on Sunday, September 27!!!



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



Shine The Light Update

We have reached more than 14% 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 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 September 14th and be completed by September 30th. We are expecting to have services as usual on Sunday, September 20th, but the sanctuary may be unavailable on September 27th and services may be held elsewhere in the building on that date. More details about impacts to our services will be in First News in the next couple of weeks.

For your safety and the safety of those working on this project, please do not enter the sanctuary while the installation of the lights is occurring. With the

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
- 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.

exception of the service on September 20th, no events or rehearsals will be held in the sanctuary. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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](https://forms.gle/uZquNpLrbJbbSd58A).

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

September 2 - Back to School Celebration (see article above for more information)

Support the Mission Through Your RMD Contributions

As you plan your financial giving this year, we invite you to consider directing your

September 9 - First Baptist Preschool school year begins

September 10 - Peninsula Mobile Food Bank will be set up in our parking lot. If you know of someone in need of food assistance, please let them know about this opportunity.

September 17 - Red Cross Blood Drive in Payne Fellowship Hall 1-6pm, [click here to sign up to donate](#)

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.

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.

To sign up and order a book, please email Georgia Mann at mann.georgia@aol.com or call [\(757\)595-3990](tel:7575953990). The last day to sign up is Wednesday, September 2.

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 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](tel:7575951717) or Mary Ann Hutchinson [\(757\)876-1224](tel:7578761224)

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, September 6 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-@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 8:30am and 11am worship service from August 30th.

August 30

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