

First News



Great Food and Good Times at the Back-to-School Celebration

What a joyful way to launch a brand-new school year - plates filled with mouthwatering barbecue and sides, laughter



Shine The Light Update

We have reached more than 16% 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

echoing inside and outside of our building, and people enjoying games and inflatables on the ballfield. The turnout was fantastic, and the smiles were even better.

A heartfelt shout-out to our Men's Bible Study group for providing the food. And an extra round of applause for the dedicated ones who spent the night at church tending the smoker, ensuring the barbecue was cooked to perfection!

If your group or class would like to bring that same warmth to a future Wednesday night dinner, please let Nikki, nikki@fbcnn.org, know.

Welcome Back, First Baptist Preschool Students!

Yesterday, September 8th, preschoolers and their parents arrived for the First Baptist Preschool Open House to meet their teachers and see their classrooms. Today is the first day of the school year and the preschoolers are in their classrooms eager to learn more about the world God created. Please continue to keep the teachers, assistants, and students in your prayers throughout the school year.

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



School Supplies needed for Yates Elementary:

- Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers
- Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers
- Large Glue Sticks
- Two-Pocket Three Prong Folders
- Composition or Spiral Notebooks
- Wide-Ruled Filler Paper
- Pencil Pouch, Pencil Box, or Pencil Holder
- Set of Earbuds or Headphones
- Clear Backpacks



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



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.



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).

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.

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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!

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AFTER 8:30 SERVICE		
AFTER SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY		
AFTER 11:00 SERVICE		
		

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

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 14 - Sanctuary Lighting Installation begins (see article above for more information)

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

September 20 - Library Open House; come out and check out the new location of our Church Library, located on the corner across from the preschool foyer (see article above for more information)

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

RSVP to Sue Swain [\(757\)595-1717](tel:(757)595-1717) or
Mary Ann Hutchinson [\(757\)876-1224](tel:(757)876-1224)

September Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday:
9/9 - Beth Tomassetti

Anniversary:
9/3 - Beth Tomassetti

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.

**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, September 13 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 September 6th.

September 6

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