

First News



Pumpkins and Pizza!

Join us for a fun-filled evening of pumpkins, pizza, and shining the light of Jesus! Children and their families are invited to our Children's Ministry Event, "Pumpkins and Pizza", on Sunday, October 25th at 5pm in Payne Fellowship Hall. Children will get to pick their very own pumpkin from our courtyard "pumpkin patch" and carve it while discovering how they can shine Jesus' light. We'll enjoy a yummy pizza dinner together, and every child will receive a goodie bag with reminders to shine with the light of Jesus. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us for this special night of fun, fellowship, and faith!

Deacon Nomination Announcement

It is time to nominate a new slate of active Deacons for 2027. We are looking to add 3-5 additional active Deacons to



Budget Planning and Preparation for 2027 Has Started

Please keep our Financial Coordinator, Monica Garcia, staff, Stewardship Team, and Ministry Teams in your prayers as we work on what our budget needs will be next year. Information about dates for budget discussions and a vote on the budget will be coming soon.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7

join our current rotation. Deacons help to support the Pastor and staff in the mission of the church, ensure peace and harmony in the church, and work for cooperation in all aspects of church life.

Deacon Nomination Forms are available to the congregation in the church office during the week, at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, or by clicking the link below. These forms explain deacon qualifications as they appear in our by-laws and the Bible. Please review the form's instructions, prayerfully consider nominating members to be reviewed by staff, interviewed by the Deacon nominating team, and approved by the church. Please be sure to sign your form so your nominee(s) will be included.

The deadline for turning in Deacon Nomination Forms is Sunday, November 15th. Thank you for participating in this process!

Deacon Nomination Form



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Children's Ministry needs help in the nursery during:

- 8:30am Sunday Worship Service
- 9:45am Toddler Sunday School
- 6:30pm Wednesday night activities

If you can lend a hand, please contact Sharon Hertzler at shertzler@fbcnn.org.

Nursery Help Needed

The Children's Ministry is looking for caring volunteers to help in the nursery during:

- 8:30am Sunday Worship Service
- 9:45am Toddler Sunday School
- 6:30pm Wednesday night activities

If you can lend a hand, please contact Sharon Hertzler at shertzler@fbcnn.org.



Let There Be Lights!!!

We have reached over 30% of our goal to help Shine the Light of Jesus both inside our building and throughout our community. Thank you so much for your generosity as we have raised \$75,380! Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to this project, which will bless many within our church and beyond.



LET'S CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND SET UP OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY!
(CELEBRAMOS EL MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANICA Y APORTAMOS A TODA NUESTRA COMUNIDAD!)

SABOR Familiar FOOD DRIVE

WITH SUPPORT FROM: **newport news**

REQUESTED ITEMS:

- Dry or canned beans (black, pinto, lentils)
- White or yellow rice
- Cornmeal or masa (PAN, Maseca)
- Canned tomatoes or tomato sauce
- Canned corn or hominy
- Latin soup mixes or fideo pasta
- Sazon, adobo, or sofrito
- Salsa, hot sauce, or mole
- Canned meats (Spam, tuna, chicken)
- Shelf-stable milk or evaporated milk
- Sweetened condensed milk or hot chocolate tablets
- Latin cookies or plantain chips

INTRODUCING A NEW SECTION AT THE MARKET AT FARMER: DEDICATED TO HONORING THE RICH FLAVORS AND TRADITIONS OF HISPANIC CULTURE.

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HONOR CULTURE AND NOURISH WITH DIGNITY

PROSPERAR Peninsula
Prospere Peninsula is a nonprofit serving over 40 Hispanic families each week through food, housing, and hope.

Questions: robels@thrivepeninsula.org



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.

Thrive Food Drive

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Thrive will be collecting food for their Sabor Familiar Food Drive through October 28th. Below is a list of the most requested items.

- Dry or canned beans
- White or yellow rice
- Cornmeal or masa
- Canned tomatoes or tomato sauce
- Canned corn or hominy
- Latin soup mixes or fideo pasta
- Sazón, adobo, or sofrito
- Salsa, hot sauce, or mole
- Canned meats
- Shelf-stable milk, or evaporated milk
- Sweetened condensed milk, or hot chocolate tablets
- Latin cookies, or plantain chips

Thank you for your help in making sure our neighbors have the food they need.

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

October 23 - Youth BARF (Bring A Real Friend) will be 6:30-9pm in the Youth Assembly Room. The theme is Wild Shirt!

October 25 - Pumpkins and Pizza Children's Ministry Event at 5pm. More info coming soon!

October Staff Birthdays

October 7 - Nikki Reid

October 9 - Sharon Hertzler

Take a moment to wish them Happy Birthday!

All Saints Day Photos

On All Saints Day, we will be recognizing our members who have passed away since November 1, 2025. If you have a photo you would like to share that can be used during worship on Sunday, November 1st, please submit it to Nikki at nikki@fbcnn.org.

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, October 18 at 8:30 and 11am! Brian Williams 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 October 11th.

October 11

Staff Contact Info

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