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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



Youth Fall Retreat

Now is the time for youth to sign up for the CBFVA Fall Retreat! The retreat will be November 13-15 at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg. There will be times of worship, group time, breakout sessions, games, and a lot of fun! The total cost is $125, and a $25 deposit is needed to secure your spot. Contact Pastor Randy, rshepley@fbcnn.org, or Clara, cprillaman@fbcnn.org, with any questions.



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.



Youth BARF
(Bring A Real Friend)

Grab your loudest, wildest, craziest shirt, put it on, and come to BARF this Friday from 6:30 to 9pm! There will be loads of fun, games, worship, and more. And as always, be sure to Bring A Real Friend with you!

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 a slideshow in worship on Sunday, November 1st, please submit it to Nikki at nikki@fbcnn.org or bring it to the church office during office hours.

Please continue to pray for those who have lost their loved ones recently and throughout the past year.



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 $75,490! Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to this project, which will bless many within our church and beyond.



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.

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

October 22 - Service for Jean Howell
Visitation - 12:30pm
Funeral - 2pm
Graveside - 3pm

October 23 - Youth BARF (Bring A Real Friend) will be 6:30-9pm in the Youth Assembly Room. (see article above for more information)

October 25 - Pumpkins and Pizza Children's Ministry Event at 5pm. (see article above for more information)

Thanksgiving Bags

Thanksgiving bags will be handed out soon along with a list of food items to collect in the bag. These items will help families in need have a delicious Thanksgiving dinner.

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



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.

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.

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Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, October 25 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 October 18th.

October 18

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