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Pumpkins and Pizza: Shining the Light of Jesus!

Children and their families had a wonderful time at "Pumpkins and



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.



Pizza" on Sunday, October 25th. After people enjoyed the photo backdrop, temporary tattoos, pizza, and apple cider, Mrs. Sharon shared a special story about the Gardener who chose His pumpkin, cleaned out the yucky stuff inside, and placed His light in it to shine for everyone to see. Then the children got to pick their own pumpkin from the courtyard "pumpkin patch" and decorate it using their choice of three different painting mediums. We ended the evening with fall cookies and goodie bags filled with items to remind us all to shine the light of Jesus! Thank you to Karon Garcia, Kathy van Rijn, and John Hertzler for their help in making this event such a success!

Deacon Nomination Form

Thanksgiving Bags

Thanksgiving bags will be handed out to collect items to help those in need provide a nice Thanksgiving dinner to their families. Return the bags and items on Sundays to the sanctuary foyer or preschool foyer, or during the week to the church office. Thanks as always for your unwavering generosity!

Items needed:

- 15 oz. Can Corn
- 15 oz. Can Green Beans
- 15 oz. Can Peas
- Stove Top Dressing
- 15 oz. Sweet Potatoes
- Cake Mix
- Can Icing
- Jar of Turkey Gravy
- Pumpkin Pie Filling
- Bag of Rice
- Box of Mac and Cheese
- Can Cranberry Sauce
- Corn Bread Mix

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 $76,491! Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to this project, which will bless many within our church and beyond.

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 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!

All Saints Day Recognition

On All Saints Day, November 1st, we will be recognizing our members who have passed away since November 1, 2025, during the 8:30 and 11am worship services.

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

Swingin' Singers Performance

On October 29th, Swingin' Singers will provide a concert for the residents of Warwick Forest at 10:30am. Following the concert, they will travel to Yorktown to have lunch at Shorty's Diner. (There will not be rehearsal this day.)



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 29 - Hispanic Movie Night at 6:30pm in Payne Fellowship Hall

November 1 - All Saints Day recognition during 8:30 and 11am worship services

November 13-15 - CBFVA Youth Fall Retreat (see article above for more information)

November 18 - Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner (more information coming soon)



Budget Planning and Preparation for 2027

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.



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!

Mark your calendars for a fun filled presentation of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever! Children and adults from First Baptist Church and Denbigh United Presbyterian Church will be combining their talents to make this a wonderful way to start the Christmas season. Invite your family and friends to come out to FBCNN on Friday, December 4 at 7pm and/or Saturday, December 5 at 3pm. Admission is free and tickets are not required.

Thank You Note

I just want to thank all of First Baptist Family for all the support, cards, flowers, and love you showed me with Jean's passing. I especially want to thank our Agape I Sunday Bible Study class for all the food, work, and love they put into the reception. My love for Church and God has never been stronger.

In Christ,
Bruce Howell



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

Making an Impact in 2026

The Shine The Light Campaign is still underway, and there is still time to make a meaningful impact!

Your generosity makes a difference. Your IRA may offer a powerful way to sustain the mission and ministry of First Baptist Church.

If you are age 70 1/2 or older and have a traditional IRA, consider making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) directly to First Baptist. If you are age 73 or older, your gift may also count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

Now is the time to act. To count toward your 2026 charitable giving, your QCD must be completed by December 31, 2026. We encourage you to begin the process in November, if possible, to allow ample time for your IRA administrator or custodian to process the gift.

Taking the next step is simple: contact your IRA administrator or custodian and request a direct charitable distribution to First Baptist Church. Be sure to allow sufficient processing time to meet the year-end deadline.

Your gift helps keep the church's ministry strong, the mission moving forward, and the light shining in the places it is needed most. Thank you for your faithful generosity and for the many ways you invest in the life and ministry of First Baptist Church.

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.

Make a financial contribution to FBCNN today by clicking on the Donate link.

Donate

Backflow Repairs

Tomorrow afternoon, October 29, we will be having necessary repairs to our backflow preventer. In order to perform this work water to the building will be shut off while the work is being done and turned back on immediately after. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we keep our fire suppression system in working order.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, November 1 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 25th.

October 25

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