

Bulletin Announcements – Sunday, August 13, 2017

Following Morning Worship

Ambassadors for Youth Volunteer Registration

CD and DVD Orders

Men's Action Fellowship – Lancaster Bus Trip Registration

Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

Koinonia Silent Early Morning Prayer

Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Spoken Word Prayer

Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

Evening Prayer

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Bereavement Ministry

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Volleyball Fellowship

Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

S.P.A.R.C.S. Singles Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Deadline to Submit Questions for Pastoral Candidates

Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 5:45 p.m.

Rain Garden Workshop

Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Exhorters Ministry Meeting

Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Candidate #1 Meet and Greet Forum

Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Open Sunday School

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Volleyball Fellowship

Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

S.H.A.R.E. Food Distribution

Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Candidate #2 Meet and Greet Forum

Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Social Action Forum

Tuesday, August 29, 2017 6:00 p.m.
Volleyball Fellowship

AUGUST SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Unit III. Calls in the New Testament: August 13th: It's Time for a Breakthrough! - Acts 8:26-39; August 20th: Obey Him - Acts 9:10-20; August 27th: Open to All - Acts 10:19-33. Open Sunday School will take place on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Activity Center. The focus will be on crime & gang awareness in the city of Hampton.

FASTING AND PRAYER

We have entered the last stage of our pastoral search. FBCH is seeking the Lord's guidance as never before! We are in desperate need of a time of **unified prayer and fasting!**

The theme is: *"Have Thine Own Way Lord!"*

Our prayer is ongoing and should be at the center of all church programming! Our official prayer times are already in place: Early Morning Prayer on Sunday and Tuesday through Thursday; and evening prayer each Wednesday. Family, we must once again become a praying church that is consistent and serious about God's will and God's way for our future! The time of fasting will continue *until after the church vote*. We are looking for the Holy Spirit to do what only He can do! (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Each Wednesday, from sunrise until 5:00 p.m., we are encouraging congregants to fast in the way of their choice. Use the guide from Lent, if you need to be reminded of fasting options and scriptural references. Those who would like to fast more than one day are encouraged to do so! Those who are unable to fast from food because of health issues are encouraged to fast from other things and behaviors that are blocking them from doing their God-given assignments. Only you and God know what is on your list.

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

First Baptist Church of Hampton is proud of our youth! Parents, do you have an amazing youth? We want to hear about it. Please send us an email along with a photograph, telling us just how amazing your child is. Their achievement can be academic, athletic, spiritual, or personal. First Baptist wants to celebrate and acknowledge their accomplishments. Your child's achievements, along with a photograph, will run on the church monitors for one month. To have your child featured for the month of September, please submit your email, with photograph, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15th. All information received after August 15th, will be displayed during the month of October. As this is an ongoing celebration of our youth, submissions should be submitted by the 15th of each month to be displayed the following month. Please send all emails to youthachievements@thefbch.org to participate.

CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION WORKSHOP

What can you do from the comfort of your own home to help the Bay and other local waterways? Come find out at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation Community Workshops! These custom workshops will teach you about lawn maintenance, rain gardens, downspout alternatives, recurrent flooding and more. In addition, they will raffle off *five* rain barrels from Countryside Gardens at every workshop! The workshops are free and open to the public. A Rain Garden Workshop will be held here at FBCH on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 in Room 303, from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. Please register by Sunday, August 13th at info@thefbch.org. We hope to see you there!

YOUTH BASEBALL OUTING

On Wednesday August 16, 2017, the youth of FBCH will attend a Norfolk Tides Baseball Game. If you're interested in participating, please see Minister Smart for a permission Slip. Tickets are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Permission slips must be turned in on or before Monday, August 14th for youth to attend. Please contact Minister Devinn Smart for additional information.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Search Committee is pleased to welcome our three (3) Pastoral Candidates to First Baptist Church of Hampton on the following dates:

Saturday, August 19th at 9:30 a.m.

Candidate One Meet and Greet Forum

Sunday, August 20th at 10:15 a.m.

Candidate One Congregational Sermon

Saturday, August 26th at 9:30 a.m.

Candidate Two Meet and Greet Forum

Sunday, August 27th at 10:15

Candidate Two Congregation Sermon

Saturday, September 16th at 9:30 a.m.

Candidate Three Meet and Greet Forum

Sunday, September 17th at 10:15 a.m.

Candidate Three Congregational Sermon

All Meet and Greet Forums will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Patterson-Gaines Memorial Chapel. The forums will give the congregation an opportunity to submit questions to be addressed by the candidates. We ask that you prepare your questions in writing and place them in our collection boxes. The boxes are located at the Welcome Desk and the King Street Entrance. The deadline for the submission of questions to the candidates is Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

FIRST FAMILY FRIENDS

Due to the Pastoral Meet and Greet Forum, the First Family Friends meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 19th at 10:00 a.m. has been cancelled. Please check upcoming bulletins for the new date. For additional information, contact Sister Michelle Robinson at (757) 506-9256 or via email at michro9@regent.edu.

SOCIAL ACTION FORUM

The FBCH Women's Ministry and the Hampton Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. will host a Social Action Forum on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. This forum is open to all. Please see Sister Colita Fairfax for additional information.

SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING

There will be a Special Church Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, check-in will begin at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will take place in the Activity Center. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the recommendations of the Pastoral Search Committee, and to vote to call the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Hampton. A quorum of two hundred (200) *active* members must be present at the time of the vote. A vote of two-thirds of the active members present at the meeting shall be necessary to extend the call. The vote shall be by written ballot. Pursuant to Article IV - Membership, Section C.1.a. of the FBCH Constitution adopted on April 23, 2017, active membership is: "Active Membership - members who are financially current. Financially current is defined as making a financial contribution to the Church, verified through the envelope or electronic system in the current fiscal year. Such active memberships shall extend to the last Sunday in January of the next year for the purpose of voting at the January Church meeting. Members who are not financially current must give during the current fiscal year to be considered active. The fiscal year is defined as January 1 through December 31." All active members are strongly encouraged to attend this important meeting.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Minister Devinn Smart will hold a Youth Bible Study each Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. during the summer months. All youth and parents are asked to provide an up-to-date email address to Minister Devinn Smart as soon as possible. This will enable youth and their parents to receive timely and accurate information regarding youth events, opportunities, and programming.

SOL PREP

Good news! The test scores are in and the First Baptist Church Ambassadors for Youth SOL Prep tutorial program is a success! We provide SOL preparation in addition to tutoring for kindergarten through grade five students to help them meet and exceed grade-level expectations. This year we have expanded our goals, we are now Ambassadors for Youth K-5 Learning Academy.

The Academy is an outreach program that provides additional instruction for children in reading and math. We work with all children, whether identified as at risk or gifted. The Academy is free and without this program, many of the students in our community would not be able to get this much-needed help.

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available, and the Academy takes place two Saturdays a month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteer registration will take place today in the Activity Center following the Morning Worship Service. For additional information, please contact Ramona Nazareth at (757) 722-2660, or pick up a flyer at the Welcome Desk.

COSTA FALL TERM

The Celestial School of the Arts has opened enrollment for the 2017 Fall Term. Courses in piano, organ, violin, percussion, guitar, voice, songwriting, and art are offered. Other instruments and classes are available upon request. Classes are held here at First Baptist and are open to children, youth, and adults. If you played an instrument as a child and wish to pick it up again, now is the time to check that item off your bucket list. For additional information, or to register, call (757) 722-1278. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 5th. Brochures and registration forms are located at the Welcome Desk.

CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHS

Do you or your ministries have exciting and current photographs from church events? If so, we would like to hear from you. We are requesting that you contribute pictures from your mobile phone, iPad, tablets and cameras that we can place on the website showing the vibrant activities here at our church. Please contact our Audio Visual Director, Brother John Brooks at jbrooks@thefbch.org or 757-723-0988, extension 20.

TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS

If you would like to receive alerts via text message regarding emergencies, church closures, or schedule changes, please submit your cell phone number to the Administrative Office. Thank you in advance for your participation.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Please be aware, any member who wishes to serve in any capacity with our youth *must* have an up-to-date background check on file here at the church. There are no exceptions. For additional information, please contact the Administrative Office.

DRIVERS NEEDED

The Transportation Ministry is seeking qualified drivers. Bus drivers must possess a CDL Permit and van drivers must have a valid Driver's License. For additional, information contact Deacon William Hooper at (757) 717-8517.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you do not receive the "What's Going on at FBCH?" email on Thursday evenings, we do not have a current email address on file for you. Please contact the Administrative Office to have your email address added to the church database. In addition, if you are a Verizon customer who has recently switched their email address to an AOL email address, please contact the office with your updated information.

PARKING

Please do not park in the fire lane, or any areas around the church that are designated as "No Parking." The Hampton City Police Department will issue citations accordingly. First Baptist Church of Hampton *will not* reimburse members for any parking citations. Thank you in advance for your compliance.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). In case you haven't heard, Ministry in Motion, the Young Adult Sunday School class, is in session! We are inviting all young adults to join us as we seek, study, and share God's word. Class meets every Sunday in **Room 307** at 9:15 a.m. For additional information, contact Sister Samantha Barnes at (757) 537-1561. We look forward to meeting you there!

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY GROUP SESSIONS

The FBCH Bereavement Ministry is in session. The ministry meets every Thursday, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. This ministry is designed to minister to those who are grieving the passing of a loved one. We provide compassionate support to enhance your journey towards healing and wholeness. If you are experiencing grief, or know of someone who can benefit from this ministry, please contact Reverend Delrose Reynolds-Porter at (757) 848-3212. "I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow" (Jeremiah 31:13, KJV).