



Ways to Help Ukraine

We have been praying for those whose lives have been impacted in Ukraine, but many of us also want to know some of the best options to aid them financially. Our ministerial staff and Compassionate Mission Partnership Team have researched and decided on a couple of options.

The first is the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Ukraine Relief Fund. The initial portion of this fund will go to the Village of Hope in Kviv which was started by Gennady and Mina Podaisky in 2003. The Podaisky's have spoken in our church services and preached in the Hispanic service in the past. The other portion will be directed to The Baptist World Alliance Forum for Aid Development, the international disaster response work of the Baptist World Alliance.

To help with this cause, send your donation to First Baptist and designate "Ukraine Relief Fund" in the memo. We will be sending these funds out on a regular basis so they can be used quickly. If you would like to learn more about the CBF Ukraine Relief Fund or donate directly, please click [here](#).

In addition, we have been in contact with Erika and Zoltan Joo at Camp Harghita in Romania. They have offered their camp for use by Ukrainian refugees. At this time, the camp is not being used for refugees. If we find out the camp is needed to host Ukrainian refugees, we will support this endeavor as well. We will keep you posted.

A Message from the Vision Team Chair

Members of the FBC Family,

It is hard to believe that it was almost two years ago, March 13, 2020, when I wrote the churchwide letter cancelling all activities on church grounds due to Covid regulations from the state. The past two years have been a roller coaster of emotions and changing conditions as we moved through the Delta variant into the Omicron variant and numbers spiked up and down! During this tumultuous time, the Vision Team was charged with making decision in an

ad hoc capacity to keep the church operations going. We provisionally approved the 2021 church budget since the Covid guidelines in December of 2020 prevented groups gathering of more than 10 except for worship, and we approved lead team nominations to ensure that the work of the church would continue. Lead teams and staff made expenditures from their approved budgets to maintain our ministries. The only additional expenditures provisionally approved by the Vision Team were from the Hatchel Fund to handle larger items needed for building security and maintenance.

In 2022, the Vision Team provisionally approved the 2022 church budget and Nominating Committee reports brought by the Stewardship and Nominating Committees. These two items will be brought to a called church conference (see schedule below) for your questions, comments, and approval.

Fortunately, we have come to a time in our pandemic life that our “new normal” will allow us to once again meet as a congregation to do our church business and to share our vision for the future of FBC through the work of our Lead Teams. The following established meeting times will allow lead team members to plan ahead to share ideas with each other and the Vision Team in preparation to share with the church family at large during the church conferences. We ask that FBC church members will pray and prepare their hearts for the work ahead:

First Quarter (adjusted)

March 9: 2022 Budget distributed to the church

March 13: Lead Team Gathering – Sunday, 5:00 pm

March 16: Budget Open Forum – Wednesday, 6:30 pm

March 20: Called Church Conference – Sunday, 5:00 pm (Budget approval and review of Vision Team actions 2020-2022)

Second Quarter

April 19: Vision Team Meeting – Tuesday: 6:00 pm

May 1: Lead Team Gathering – Sunday: 5:00 pm

May 16 Regular Church Conference – Sunday: 5:00 pm

Third Quarter

August 30: Vision Team Meeting – Tuesday: 6:00 pm

September 11: Lead Team Gathering – Sunday: 5:00pm

September 25: Regular Church Conference – Sunday: 5:00 pm

Fourth Quarter

October 18: Vision Team Meeting – Tuesday: 6:00 pm

October 30: Lead Team Gathering – Sunday: 5:00pm

November 13: Regular Church Conference – Sunday: 5:00 pm

As chair of the Vision Team and Church Moderator, I want to thank the FBC family for its support during the past two years and the trust they placed in the Vision Team to act in good faith on behalf of the congregation when corporate meetings were not allowed. We look forward to sharing our work at the called church conference meeting on Sunday, March 20, 2022.

In His Service,

Harvey Perkins, Vision Team Chair and Church Moderator

Important Information for One City Marathon on Sunday, March 6



Join us as we support the runners in One City Marathon on Sunday, March 6! One of our staff members, Kolby Keller, will be running the marathon as well as a couple of our church members. There will **not** be an 8:30am service, or Bible Study for children or youth, so we can cheer on the runners as they pass in front of our building. Individual adult Bible Study classes will decide whether or not to meet. Nursery will be available during this time and the 11am service will occur as usual. Please be mindful that the traffic flow on Warwick will be down to the two lanes closest to our building. The whole marathon begins at Newport News Park and the half marathon begins at Menchville High School, and both start at 7am.

I spoke with a runner who ran the full marathon a few years ago and he said before he got to our mile marker he was tired and wanted to give up. Then as he got closer he heard our praise music and saw our church cheering and waving posters, and it gave him the strength and energy to finish the marathon! Come be a part of helping these athletes have the encouragement they need. A couple of runners are trying for Olympic qualifying times and one runner has come all the way from Iceland to run in our local marathon!

Staff Birthdays and Anniversaries for March

Birthday:

3/18 - Lindsay Rew

Work Anniversaries:

3/23 - Randy Shepley

3/26 - Nikki Reid

Upcoming Events

March 2 Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm (See article for more information.)

March 6 One City Marathon (See information in article above.)

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A Great Way to Help Campbell Webb

Church Family,

Many of you know that Susie and Jeff Webb's daughter, Campbell, has been battling leukemia since the spring. The family has suffered tremendous heartbreaks and prolonged hospital stays, but on September 7th, Campbell was blessed with a bone marrow transplant. The journey will continue to be long, and challenges no doubt lay



First Baptist Preschool Now Registering!

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year has started. The preschool has classes for ages 2-4 years old. If you would like more information, please contact Lindsay Rew at 757-930-0911 (ext. 222) or preschool@fbcnn.org.

Tractor Trailer in Parking Lot

Some of you may have noticed a tractor trailer parked in the back of our parking lot in front of the ballfield. The driver received permission from church staff to use our lot through March 17.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, March 6 at 11am! (Remember there is only one service this Sunday!) Randy Shepley will be leading us in worship. If you have any technical difficulties watching the service on Facebook Live, please send us a direct message on Facebook so we can help troubleshoot the issue.

The following is a list of weekly events that can be accessed on the First Baptist Church of Newport News Facebook page. Learn more about children's events on Facebook and youth events on their Instagram page-@fbcnnyouth. The 8:30 and 11 Sunday worship services are streamed directly to our

ahead, but we are rejoicing about Campbell's road to recovery.

As your prayers have been the greatest gift, cards, Facebook messages, and gift baskets have also blessed the Webbs. That being said, many of you have asked about other ways to support this special family.

In response, Jeff and Susie have partnered with the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA). COTA is a nonprofit organization that receives tax deductible contributions to help offset transplant-related expenses. Transplant families, like the Webbs, are the beneficiaries of COTA funds.

If you would like to find out more about this organization or give to COTA in Campbell's honor, please visit www.COTAforCampbell.com. The site also features personal updates and future fundraising events specific to COTA in honor of Campbell. Contact Lisa Mason for more information, lmason@fbcnn.org.

New Online Giving Platform

As we move forward, we would like to inform you that we are switching our Online Giving Platform to Subsplash. This new platform offers substantially lower transaction fees, ACH transactions, and an option for donors to cover the cost of online giving so that your entire offering can go to the work and ministry of the church. Subsplash will also provide a phone and TV app for our church that will integrate with our website and become a home for our sermons, media, group messaging and notifications, and event information. We are excited to go on this new journey with you! Click on this [link](#) to give now. Please let us know if you have any questions.

[website](#), and can be accessed by clicking on Sermon Library in the Resources tab.

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
12:30 p.m. Hispanic Worship

Mondays

7:00 p.m. Young Single Adults

Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. Library Open
6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Adult Spiritual Formation Groups
6:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering and Worship
6:30 p.m. Children's KMotion (Music, Missions, and Fun!)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

10:00 a.m. Swingin' Singers

Thanks to our new FBCNN app, we are able to stream our services directly to our website!

Click on the link below to watch the service from 8:30 or 11 this past Sunday. (Services are listed in chronological order with the most recent at the top.)

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

DONATE

Donation Opportunity for Those with IRA Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)

Congress has approved a permanent charitable giving tax break, known as the "IRA charitable rollover". The rollover is available for those who are 70 1/2, though if your 70th birthday is July 1, 2019 or later, you do not have to take withdrawals until you reach age 72. You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA of up to \$100,000 to a charity, such as First Baptist Church. The donation will count toward your IRA required minimum distribution.

The distribution is not recognized as income on your tax return. As such, you do not take a donation deduction either. With the change in the recent Tax Legislation, the Standard Deduction has doubled thus itemized charitable deductions will no longer be needed to be kept track of. By donating all or part of your IRA RMD to the church, you receive the benefit of a reduced Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) in that the RMD to charity is not taxed, which helps the opportunity of obtaining lower cost for your Medicare Part B and Prescription Drug premiums.

The distribution must come directly from the IRA account to the church not through the owner of the account. Let our Financial Services Coordinator, Monica Garcia, know how you want the contribution designated, such as the General Fund.

Rick Elofson, Treasurer FBCNN

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