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## Juan Garcia Nominated as Moderator-Elect of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Pastor Juan Garcia of our Hispanic congregation has received a significant honor and responsibility in his recent nomination to serve as the Moderator-Elect of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF). Once he is formally approved at the CBF General Assembly in Atlanta, GA (June 28 – 30), Pastor Juan will serve a three-year term. The first year he will serve as Moderator-Elect, the next year he will serve as the Moderator, and in his final year, he will serve as the Immediate Past Moderator. This three-year role represents a significant respect for Juan's leadership abilities and a substantial investment from Juan in the life of CBF. Furthermore, CBF's nomination of Juan to this leadership role recognizes our church as a people deeply invested in missions, fully supportive of women in ministry, and completely embracing the Baptist freedoms that we have held dear for centuries including the priesthood of all believers, religious liberty, and local church autonomy.

What will this new role mean for Pastor Juan? The Moderator role is a volunteer role comparable to the presidency of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. As Moderator, Juan will chair the meetings of the CBF Governing Board and serve as the Moderator of the CBF General Assembly in 2025. He will serve as an encourager and adviser to CBF executive staff members. He will speak on behalf of CBF in an official capacity wherever he is needed. Juan's role at FBCNN will not change at all, but he will have new and exciting responsibilities to exercise on behalf of our church, CBF, and the kingdom of God.

I could not be prouder of Juan and I am excited for him as he takes on this new role. Over the past decade, our church has grown deeper in connection with CBF. We have sent one of our students to a CBF partner seminary, and we have called a graduate of a CBF partner seminary to serve as a full-time minister on our staff. We have hosted CBF field personnel (missionaries) in our services including Gennady and Mina Podgaisky (Kyiv, Ukraine), Matt and Michelle Norman (Barcelona, Spain), and Elket Rodriguez (US – Mexico border). At the recent Investing in Next Generations retreat, 8 people from our congregation went to Danville, VA to serve alongside and learn from Jessica Hearne, CBF field personnel in Danville. We hosted Mission Madness, a ministry of CBFVA, in March where 200 youth from around our state came together to serve and worship. We have given generously to CBF missions in Ukraine, Puerto Rico, and other places around the world. Pastor Juan has helped lead CBF Dawnings retreats, served on the CBF Governing Board, and been a founding participant and presence in the La Familia Network. Pastor Randy has led a monthly CBF Pastor Peer Group for the past 5 years and served a term as the Chair of the CBF Missions Council. Finally, this summer, one of our church members, Myles Shipp, will be commissioned as an endorsed chaplain at the CBF General Assembly and one of our college students, Samuel Shepley, will serve as a CBF Student.Go Intern at Hampton Baptist Church in Hampton, VA. Our relationship with CBF has grown and matured and in this season, I cannot think of a better person to serve as CBF Moderator-Elect than Juan Garcia. Thank you, Pastor Juan, for saying YES!

Please pray for Juan and his family as he takes on this new responsibility. Congratulate Juan on this remarkable leadership accomplishment. Finally, please pray for our church and CBF as we continue to do God's mission together.

Love and Prayers,

Pastor Randy (written before sabbatical began!)

[\(To see the official announcement from CBF regarding the nomination of Juan, please click here.\)](#)

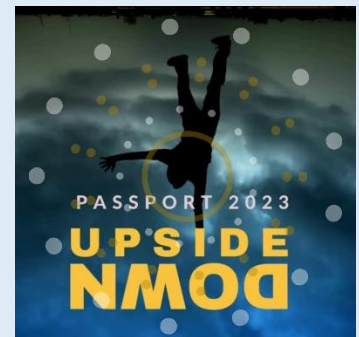


## Ways to Help with VBS

We are excited to get started on all of the fun we have planned for Vacation Bible School! If you couldn't make it to the interest meeting that's alright, we still need plenty of volunteers so please [click here to sign up](#). If you can't volunteer for the week there are other ways to get involved! You can ask Sharon Hertzler at [shertzler@fbcnn.org](mailto:shertzler@fbcnn.org) or Rebecca Hinson at [rhinson@fbcnn.org](mailto:rhinson@fbcnn.org). You can help alleviate the cost of VBS by purchasing something through our Amazon Wishlist. [Click here to see what they need](#). Thank you so much church family for your help and we look forward to rocketing children on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun!

## Passport Camp for Youth July 3-7

FBCNN Youth will be heading to Spartanburg, SC for Passport Camp 3-7 July. It is a great time for the youth to hang out and draw closer to each other, but ultimately get to know and love Christ. They will participate in devotionals, games, events, and mission work while we are there. We are very much looking forward to this trip and time together worshipping and fellowshiping. The cost to attend is \$150 to be given to Monica Garcia or Kolby Keller. This will cover everything from their materials for the week, their lodging, and food while we are at Converse College. If a youth, anyone who has just completed 6th grade to completed 12th grade, would like to attend or if there are questions, please email Kolby Keller at [kkeller@fbcnn.org](mailto:kkeller@fbcnn.org).



## Rev. David Patton Preaching This Sunday, July 2

Rev. David Patton has been serving as a Supply Preacher and as an Interim Pastor since he retired as Pastor of Gwynn's Island Baptist Church in 2012. He is currently serving as Interim Pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Williamsburg. In addition to being a Pastor, Dave has had a variety of ministerial experience, including educational and music ministry. He has also served as a Church Planter and as the Director of Supervised Ministry Experience for a seminary extension center. Dave served one year as the Moderator for Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association and is currently Vice-Moderator for the Peninsula Baptist Association. A native of Texas, Dave earned a Bachelor of Arts from Baylor University. He also earned a Master of Religious Education and a Master of Divinity from The Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Dave and his wife, Patty live in Newport News, and are members of First Baptist Church, where he has served as a Deacon and on the Personnel Committee. They have two children, a son-in-law, and one grandson.

### Upcoming Events

**July 3-7** - PassportYouth Camp  
Remember to keep the youth and chaperones in your prayers as they spend time worshipping and fellowshiping together

**July 24-28** - Stellar Vacation Bible School, (see article above for more information)

### Giving to Ukraine

We are still sending donations to support those affected by the war in Ukraine. These donations are equally divided between Project Ruth and Gennady and Mina Podgaisky's ministry in Ukraine. So far we have collected \$8,140.



### Swingin' Singers at The Arbors

On June 22, the Swingin' Singers visited the Arbors at Port Warwick and performed a variety of music for the residents. Thank you Swingin' Singers for your community outreach and loving our neighbors!

### Speakers During Randy's Sabbatical

**July 2:** Dave Patton, FBCNN member and Interim Pastor at Grace Baptist Church

**July 9, 16:** Juan Garcia, Associate Pastor Hispanics

**July 23:** Mark Snipes, Coordinator, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia (CBFVA)

**July 30:** Becky Glass, Executive Director, Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center

**August 6:** Ken Pruitt, President, Leland Theology Center

**August 13:** Gennady and Mina Podgaisky, CBF Field Personnel/Ukraine

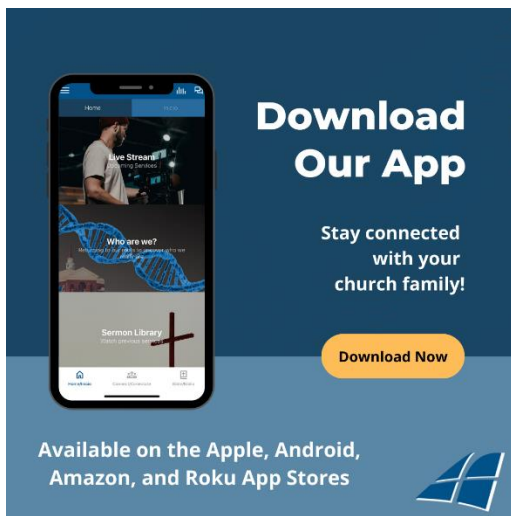
**August 20:** Myles Shipp, FBCNN member and Riverside Hospice Care Chaplain

**August 27:** Lesley Spitzer, Associate Pastor Worship and Creative Arts, will lead a panel conversation

**September 3, 10:** Chuck Harrison, Director, Peninsula Baptist Association

Continue to keep Randy in your prayers as he rests, ceases, heals, grows, and renews.





You can download our app on your phone, smart TV or Roku player. This will give you the opportunity to get push notifications (notifications that pop up on your phone) that will allow you to stay informed. In the event of bad weather, we will be able to notify everyone if we need to make changes to our Sunday morning services and Bible Study or Wednesday night activities. You can also watch past and present services, see upcoming events, and more. If you need assistance in downloading the app contact a member of our Tech Team for help.

**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, July 2 at 8:30am & 11am! Rev. Dave Patton 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 [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

- 5:30 p.m. Midweek Café\*
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal\*
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Spiritual Formation Group\*
- 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 (will resume September 7)

\*These Wednesday night activities will resume in September.

Thanks to our 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 and 11 this past Sunday. (Services are listed in chronological order with the most recent at the top.)

[June 25](#)

## WAYS TO GIVE FINANCIALLY



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ONLINE



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- **Stock contributions:** If you wish to give stocks to First Baptist Church, please give the church's name to your broker to process the transaction. If you need more information, please contact Monica Garcia at [monica@fbcnn.org](mailto:monica@fbcnn.org) or at the church office number.
- **Required Minimum Distributions (RMD):** If you are 70½ or older and have an IRA (Individual Retirement Account), you can make your Charitable Contribution to the Church via your Broker/Banker. The RMD must come directly to the Church from your Broker/Banker. Please contact your Broker/Banker for this option.

*"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4*

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