

First News



VBS Starts Monday!

Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School is July 27-31, 9am-12:15pm. Children who are age 4 through completed 5th grade are invited to explore the powerful nature of God. Please invite your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors! This will be a time full of fun, Bible stories, games, science experiments, snacks, music, and more! Register to attend or volunteer by clicking on the button below. We still need donations of **clean, empty spaghetti sauce jars with the lids and 16.9 ounce empty water bottles with their caps**. Thank you as always for your generosity!

[Register for VBS!](#)



Soccer Training Camp

The Soccer Training Camp hosted by our Hispanic Congregation is off to a great start! More than 40 boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 15 come out each evening (weather permitting) to learn some skills in the sport of soccer and life.

Thank you for supplying us with enough Gatorade for the entire week! We still need individual bags of snacks such as cookies, chips, and popcorn.



Rainforest Falls VBS Decorating Day

Join us tomorrow, July 23rd beginning at 10:00am as we continue transforming the church into a rainforest for VBS! We'll be working throughout the day, so come whenever you're available. Please enter through the Preschool entrance. Station Leaders, you can continue decorating your classrooms and gathering the supplies you'll need to run your stations. Thank you so much for your time, creativity, and willingness to serve. Your help will make Rainforest Falls VBS a wonderful experience for all of the children!

Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation Updates

Our work on the updated bylaws and Articles of Incorporation is progressing. Our goal is to simplify existing protocols and adjust organizational structures to better meet the needs of our congregation. Thank you to all who attended the Town Hall last Sunday afternoon. Important questions were brought forward and priorities shared.

Additional copies of the draft documents are attached, and the committee welcomes any additional questions or concerns. Our next Town Hall is scheduled for August 9th at 5:00pm.

Please keep in mind that the attached documents are only draft copies and work is still in progress. Changes and edits will continue to occur as we hear more from the congregation.

As previously noted, the following church members are working on the revisions along with staff. Each of us serves as a result of our previously elected leadership roles.

Danny Adkins - Stewardship Chair
 Chris Johnson - Task Force Chair
 Jim Lystlund - Nominating Chair
 Robert Mann - Assistant Treasurer
 Lisa Mason - Vision Team Chair
 Harvey Perkins - Church Moderator
 Rob Spitzer - Deacon Chair
 Mark Woodard - Personnel Chair

Please keep all those involved in prayer, and we look forward to sharing more of our work with you on August 9th.

Blessings,
 Lisa Mason

Articles of Incorporation - DRAFT

Bylaws-DRAFT

VBS Leaders Meeting and Lunch

All VBS volunteers, please attend a final meeting on Sunday, July 26th at 12:15pm in Payne Fellowship Hall. We will go over VBS plans, answer questions, you will get your Rainforest Falls t-shirt, etc. We will have Wawa sandwiches, chips, fruit, lemonade, and cookies for lunch. **Please plan on staying after lunch** to help finish decorating, set up tables for registration, get stations prepped for Monday, and any other final details.



Be on the lookout for frogs hidden around the church! New frogs have recently been added! When you find one pick it up and take it home to remind you to pray for **F**amilies, **R**elationships, **O**utreach, and **G**uides throughout VBS.



Summer Youth Group Meeting Dates and Times

Throughout the summer our Youth will be meeting for worship, games, and fun. See below for dates and times.

July 22 - 6:30-9pm; Some of our youth are registered to participate in our soccer camp that will be happening on Wednesday night. All other youth will gather in the youth room at 6:30 for games, Bible Study, and fun.

At 7:50, youth from soccer camp and the youth room will head to the Chick fil a at Warwick and Hidenwood for dinner or a snack. Please have your teen bring money for Chick fil a. Teens will ride with youth chaperones. We will take the bus if needed.

Please pick your teenager up between 9 and 9:15 at Chick fil a.

July 29 - Youth Lunch and Beach Day after Vacation Bible School

August 5 - 6:30-8:30pm

August 19 (*Date Change*) - 6:30-8:30pm

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

July 20-24 - Soccer Training Camp; snacks still needed (see article above for more information)

July 22 - Youth Wednesday Night (see article above)

July 23 - VBS Decorating Day starting at 10am (see article above for more information)

July 26 - VBS Leaders Lunch & Meeting at 12:15pm in Payne Fellowship Hall (see article above)

July 27-31 - Rainforest Falls VBS (see articles above)

July 31 - VBS Pool Party at Wendwood Pool 7-9pm

FIRST REHEARSAL IS MONDAY, AUG. 3

**The Best
Christmas
Pageant
Ever!**

**6-7:30 p.m.
SANCTUARY**

Meet your fellow cast members & do a 'table read' of our script! All actors (and parents of child actors) must attend.

Play Rehearsals Start August 3rd

Rehearsals will take place every Monday in the sanctuary from 6pm to 7:30pm.

Youth

Spark Sessions

Transformando Retos en Fortaleza

Grades K-8 welcome.
No Cost at all!

Register Here!



Don't want to use the QR code? No worries! Type in the link below to sign up!

<https://forms.gle/uZquNpLrbJbbSd58A>

Youth Spark

TRANSFORMANDO RETOS EN FORTALEZA

Our Mission

Our goal is to empower students of all backgrounds by breaking down barriers and providing tutoring and mentorship that is accessible to everyone, helping them thrive, grow, and reach their full potential.



Tutoring Sessions at FBCNN

"Spark Sessions" is tutoring for elementary school kids that was started by Natalia Garcia and one of her friends. This group currently meets periodically throughout the summer and will meet on Tuesdays at 6pm in Room 100 throughout the school year. If you know of someone who this might benefit, you can register by scanning the QR code above or [clicking here](#).

Shine The Light Update

We have reached more than 10% of our goal! Donations are still coming in to help us cover the costs of necessary upgrades for the lighting system in our sanctuary and shine the light of Jesus out in our community. Please keep prayerfully considering what you can give so that we can all "Shine The Light" of Jesus inside and outside.

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

Donate

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 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.

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, July 26 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 July 19th.

July 19

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