

First News



Rainforest Falls VBS Recap



Save the Date for the 20th Anniversary of Our Hispanic Congregation

Join us on Sunday, August 23rd at 4pm, for a very special time of worship as our Hispanic congregation celebrates 20 years. Under the leadership of Pastor Juan Garcia, this congregation has grown and has repeatedly demonstrated the love of Christ inside and outside of the building.

Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation Updates

Church Family,

As we shared last week, we are so grateful for your interest in and support of the bylaws revision process. Thank you for taking the time to engage with this important work.

We recognize that many of the questions from our last meeting were based on the summary document, which provided only an overview. As you continue reading through and studying the full draft documents, we

Vacation Bible School was a wonderful (and a little exhausting) week! We had around 100-115 children participating each day. Thanks to the parents, grandparents, and neighbors who brought children, the many volunteers, those that donated time and supplies, the prayer warriors, and of course our fearless Children's Ministry Director Sharon Hertzler. We were truly blessed to be able to teach about who God is.



Youth Volunteering at Thrive

Last Saturday a group of two adult chaperones and seven youth volunteered from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Thrive Peninsula. We were able to work in their market and help clients

encourage you to keep sharing your questions and feedback.

The task force would also like additional time to carefully review the questions we've already received, make appropriate revisions, and explore having the updated documents reviewed by an outside legal professional. With that in mind, we have decided to postpone the Town Hall originally scheduled for August 9 until later in September. We believe this will give everyone more time to thoughtfully review the drafts and help ensure we are presenting the strongest possible documents.

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

Thank you again for your continued support, patience, and prayers throughout this process.

Blessings,
Lisa Mason

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with grocery shopping for the week. We provided warm smiles, upbeat personalities, and worked to show Jesus; love for people in need. We all had so much fun as we worked together to spread a little kindness. From online shopping, to welcoming clients, to bagging groceries, we were all able to make a difference and have fun doing it. Thank you to Natalia Garcia for organizing and planning our youth takeover, we cannot wait to go back!

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.

August 5 - 6:30-8:30pm

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

Additional News from FBCNN

Upcoming Events

August 13 - Peninsula Mobile Foodbank will be in our parking lot. Please let those in need of food assistance know about this opportunity.

August 16 - Memorial Service for Sarah Chenault will be held at W.J. Smith Funeral Home at 2pm ([Click here to read the obituary](#))

August 23 - 20th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service at 4pm (see article above for more information)

September 2 - Wednesday Night Activities Resume

August Staff Birthday and Anniversary

Birthday:
8/26 - John Irving

Anniversary:
8/7 - Juan Garcia celebrating 20 years!



The graphic is a promotional poster for 'Youth Spark Sessions'. At the top, it says 'Youth Spark Sessions' in large, bold letters, with 'Transformando Retos en Fortaleza' written below it. To the right, there is a QR code and a link to a registration form: 'https://forms.gle/uZquhPLrbJbbSd58A'. Below the QR code, it says 'Don't want to use the QR code? No worries! Type in the link below to sign up!'. At the bottom left, there is a circular logo with 'Youth Spark' and 'TRANSFORMANDO RETOS EN FORTALEZA' around it. To the right of the logo, under the heading 'Our Mission', it says: '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.'



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.

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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](#).

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, August 9 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 August 2nd.

August 2



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