

First News



Mina Podgaisky to Preach in All Three Services on Sunday, August 2

FBCNN is in for an amazing treat in our worship services this Sunday. Mina Podgaisky, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel who is located in Krakow, Poland will be with us to share the work she and her husband Gennady are doing.

Many of you will recall that Mina has preached in our worship services on other occasions as well. Mina and Gennady began their work as CBF Field Personnel in 2002 and served for nearly 20 years in Kyiv, Ukraine. Since the Russian invasion in February of 2022, the Podgaiskys have worked tirelessly to counsel Ukrainians affected by the challenges and horrors of war, to raise money to send into Ukraine for food, fuel, clean water, medicine and other necessities of life, and to set up a new center of mission in Krakow, Poland where they focus on ministering to Ukrainian refugees and building logistical pipelines to funnel essential humanitarian aid into Ukraine with the name and love of Jesus. You can find out more about the [Podgaiskys' ministry here](#).

I hope you will join us for this special Sunday of mission and challenge from Mina Podgaisky.

Pastor Randy



Rainforest Falls VBS is Here!

Vacation Bible School is happening this week! We have had 110 children actively learning about the nature of God through games, Bible stories, songs, and even snacks. It's not too late to join the fun! Children can still be registered and learn about their loving Creator who knows them and will love them forever. Thank you to everyone who has put in volunteer time by helping with decorations, leading groups and activities, working behind the scenes, and those who have been praying for everyone involved this week! Come to worship this Sunday at 11am to see and hear what the children have been learning throughout this week.

Register for VBS!



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 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

Youth VBS Volunteers

What an amazing group of youth volunteers we have had at VBS this year! Our youth have been helping out with preschoolers and elementary school aged children by leading groups, being participants in Bible stories, and much more. We are truly blessed with young adults who are willing to serve inside and outside of our building.

Travel Update

Pastor Randy and Alice will be travelling to Atlanta this weekend to help care for his mother, Marie, who has been in the hospital recovering from an illness this week. Please pray for safe travel, and for Marie's continued recovery.

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

Blessings,
Lisa Mason

Articles of Incorporation -
DRAFT

Bylaws-DRAFT

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

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

August 3 - The Best Christmas Pageant Ever rehearsal



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>

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.



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.

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.



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

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, August 2 at 8:30 and 11am! Mina Podgaisky 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 26th.

July 26



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