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OFFERING FOR
GLOBAL MISSIONS

BECAUSE PRESENCE MATTERS



Equipping...
with Every
Good Thing

OUR GOAL: \$45,000

“May the God of peace...equip you with every good thing...” – Hebrews 13:20-21

As an active congregation in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, one of our great joys is partnering with and supporting our 48 field personnel. Responding to God’s call and empowered by the Holy Spirit, field personnel cultivate beloved community, bear witness to Jesus Christ, and seek transformational development among people who have been forgotten and forsaken by others. Our field personnel serve alongside congregations and local ministry partners within three primary contexts: global poverty, global migration, and the global church.

Financially speaking, we support our field personnel in these efforts through our annual Offering for Global Missions (OGM). This year, we are receiving the OGM throughout the month of March, with a goal of \$45,000. Our gifts will go toward the overall OGM goal of \$4 million.

This year’s theme for the OGM is **Equipping with Every Good Thing**—based on Hebrews 13:20-21. Our support of Global Missions is vital in sharing the Good News and equipping God’s children with every good thing. Our prayers, our presence, and our gifts to the OGM ensure that field personnel, like Gennady and Mina Podgaitsky, stay firmly rooted in places where God has called them. This enables them to be “equipped with every good thing to do God’s will.”

Pray faithfully for our field personnel. Give generously to the OGM. And give thanks for the ways that God is working through our church and our Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to bring the good news of Jesus to our world!



WELCOME Gennady and Mina Podgaitsky

CBF Field Personnel in
Kyiv, Ukraine since 2002

Sunday, March 3

9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall

Through the Offering for Global Missions we provide funding that mobilizes field personnel to share the love and compassion of Jesus Christ in around 20 countries and regions around the world. The Podgaitskys are an example of the importance of long-term commitment to serve. In 2003 they established a ministry to Kyiv’s children living on the streets. Their ministry has expanded as the war in Ukraine continues and needs of Ukrainian refugees in neighboring countries grow.

There are several times when you can interact more with Mina and Gennady. In addition to speaking on Sunday morning, March 3rd, the Podgaitsky’s will also speak on:

- Sunday, March 3rd, 6:00 p.m., Youth Small groups
- Monday, March 4, 10:00 a.m. in the Dining Room
- Wednesday, March 6, Children and Collide Mission Groups

CHILDREN'S CORNER

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our kids Easter egg hunts will be Wednesday March 20th. We no longer stuff eggs with candy, but instead they hunt empty eggs and turn them in to get items at an "easter store". We are asking for donations for our Easter store, which typically has anything from stuffed animals, candy, treats from the dollar tree or five below, etc. Donations can be dropped off in my office anytime.

PASSPORT KIDS CAMP

If your child is registered to come to Passport Kids camp with us this summer, a non-refundable deposit of \$200 is due by the end of February. If your child is not registered but would like a spot, let Kristen know ASAP as camp is filling up. Dates are July 14-17.

STUDENT NEWS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - Small Groups TOGETHER | LakePoint Station, \$20

MISSIONS

BRIDGES RELAUNCH

On February 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., we will relaunch the Bridges Out of Poverty Community Initiative. The Bridges Steering Committee and Task Force are busy planning the details of this event. The Bridges Community Initiative is focused on bringing all community sectors together to make a positive impact on poverty in our community. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 24, 2024. If you have questions or would like to know how you can be involved, contact Nick Georgian or Keith Phillips.



MISSION OPPORTUNITY TO IMMOKALEE, FL

Work with CBF field personnel, Rick & Ellen Burnette, in Immokalee, FL, March 5 - 9. The Burnettes founded Cultivate Abundance in 2017, which addresses food insecurity and other challenges in migrant farmworker communities of Southwest Florida and beyond. Mission work includes completing a project at a local church that will benefit the area when aid workers are needed in natural disasters. We also will participate in several activities at Cultivate Abundance including a food share with Immokalee neighbors. This opportunity is open to any church member. It is not too late to sign up if you are interested. If you have any questions, contact Julie McCormick or Nick Georgian. To learn more about Cultivate Abundance please visit: <https://www.cultivateabundance.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYING WITH JESUS/WALKING THE LABYRINTH

For centuries Christians have walked the printed or paved circular paths called labyrinths.

This ancient tradition allows us to calm and center ourselves. As we walk, we release into God's hands, and then receive God's gifts in prayer.

Many labyrinths are outdoors. FBC Rome has a new labyrinth painted on canvas--a version of the Chartres Cathedral labyrinth. It will be in the gym Wednesdays and Thursdays after 2:00, Fridays and Sundays when the church is open. Prayer guides will be available.

Please wear clean socks or shoe covers (both will be provided).

STRENGTHS-BASED PARENTING

WEDNESDAYS, 6:15 P.M. ROOM 300

Join us on Wednesday evenings as we dive deeper into the strengths of our children. Tamara Smathers, Stephanie Lewis, and Janie Hortman will meet with parents to share observations and develop what we learned at Family Strengths Camp. We will meet at 6:15 on the Education Building 3rd Floor.

ADULT CHOICES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEMINARS

FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 27 FROM 6:00-6:45 P.M.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Led by our Pastor in the The Fellowship Hall

In keeping with our desire to walk more closely with Jesus this year, let's take some time on Wednesday nights during Lent to consider different ways that we experience Jesus. Based on the book, *Freeing Jesus*, by Diana Butler Bass, we will seek to rediscover Jesus in some fresh ways.

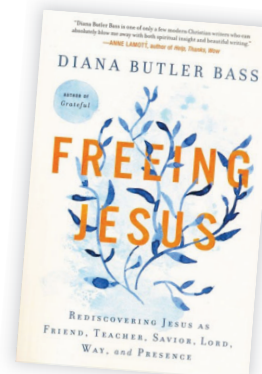
February 28 Jesus as Teacher: John 13:13

March 6 Jesus as Savior: Luke 2:10-11

March 13 Jesus as Lord: Luke 6:46-47

March 20 Jesus as the Way: John 14:6

March 27 Jesus as Presence: Matthew 28:20



TAI CHI CLASS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME AND NORTHWEST GEORGIA

AAA PRESENT: Tai Chi Class

TIME: Thursday 10 - 11 a.m.

WHEN: Continuing through March 7

WHERE: Community Room at FBC Rome

COST: FREE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Gene and Laura Moon



Rachelle Christy



Mark, Stephanie,
and Bo Brooks
(Belle not pictured)

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, February 25, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Larry Atwell by Joanna Atwell and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 25, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nell Ansley Briley on the occasion of her birthday by Ansley and Dean Saville and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, March 3, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don Clements by the Clements Family.

February 24 - March 8

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, February 24

Minister on Call
Labyrinth in Gym

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

Sunday, February 25

Labyrinth in Gym
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel
Youth Choir 12:00 pm
Deacon Ministry Leadership Team, Conf. Rm. 1:00 pm

Monday, February 26

Women's Bible Study Group, D.R. 10:00 am
Stephen Ministry, Conf. Rm. 1:30 pm
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Suite 5:15 pm

Tuesday, February 27

Weekday Preschool Sweetheart Ball, D. R. 12:00 pm

Wednesday, February 28 - Friday, March 1

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Wednesday, February 28

Labyrinth in Gym
Family Night Dinner Served, F.H. 5:00 pm
Children's Choirs 5:45 pm
Prayer Time and Bible Study, F.H. 6:00 pm
Strengths-Based Parenting, Rm. 300 6:15 pm
Children's and Collide Missions 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir, Choir Suite 6:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Prayer and Hangout, Student. Rm. 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 29

Tai Chi, Comm. Rm. 10:00 am
Bridges Out of Poverty, F.H. and Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

Friday, March 1

Labyrinth in Gym

Saturday, March 2

Minister on Call
Labyrinth in Gym

David Brooks 252.916.7174

Sunday, March 3

Labyrinth in Gym
Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel
Youth Choir 12:00 pm
Aubrey and Nick Georgian's Baby Shower, D.R. 1:00 pm
Deacon Ministry Leadership Team, Conf. Rm. 1:00 pm

Monday, March 4

Weekday Preschool Dr. Seuss Week
Women's Bible Study, D.R. 10:00 am
Stephen Ministry, Conf. Rm. 1:00 pm
First Baptist Ringers, Choir Suite 5:15 pm

Wednesday, March 6

Labyrinth in Gym
Properties Committee, Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm
Family Night Dinner Served, F.H. 5:00 pm
Children's Choirs 5:45 pm
Prayer Time and Bible Study, F.H. 6:00 pm
Strengths-Based Parenting, Rm. 300 6:15 pm
Children's and Collide Missions 6:30 pm
Adult Sanctuary Choir, Choir Suite 6:45 pm
Student Discipleship, Prayer and Hangout, Student. Rm. 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 7

Labyrinth in Gym
Tai Chi, Comm. Rm. 10:00 am
Bridges Out of Poverty, F.H. and Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

Friday, March 8

Labyrinth in Gym

seeking His heart | Being His hands

THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 25

SUNDAY WORSHIP

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT:

WANDERING HEART

SERMON: "Wandering Heart: Rescue Me from Danger"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:22-33

ANTHEM: Shelter in the Storm...arr. Joel Raney

SPECIAL MUSIC: Iley Barnes

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

<https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

FEBRUARY 28

Mixed Green Salad, Baked Cod with Lemon Garlic Butter, Rice Pilaf, Sautéed Green Beans with Almonds, Cherry Cobbler

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Breaded Chicken Fingers, Sliced Pears, Cherry Cobbler

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

NEXT WEEK: MARCH 3

SUNDAY WORSHIP

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT:

WANDERING HEART

SERMON: "Wandering Heart: Praise the Mount"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16: 13-20

SPECIAL MUSIC: Lee Ann Head

ANTHEM: My Faith Looks Up to Thee...
arr. Jeff Wachter

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

MARCH 6

Mixed Green Salad, Potato Salad, Fried Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, Fried Okra, Strawberry Shortcake

CHILDREN'S OPTION:

Fried Chicken, Mandarin Oranges, Strawberry Shortcake

MINISTER ON CALL:

David Brooks 252.916.7174

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SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST LIVE ON
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND
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