

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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JANUARY 8, 2023

HYMN 498	“When We All Get to Heaven”
WELCOME	
SONG	“What a Day That Will Be”
PRAYER	
HYMN 510	“Shall We Gather at the River?”
HYMN 506	“Meet Me There”
HYMN 500	“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”
OFFERING	
SCRIPTURE READING	James 4:1-10
HYMN 502	“My Savior First of All”
MESSAGE	“Solving Conflicts”

SAVE THE DATES

We know that 2023 has just begun, but summer always comes before we know it! We hope you will put these important summer events on your calendar and stay tuned for more info!

- Senior Honor Night – SUN, MAY 28
- VBS Worker Training (Required for All VBS Workers) – WED, JUNE 14
- VBS “Stompers & Chompers” Dinosaur Theme – JUNE 19-23
- Junior Camp @ Rapidan – JULY 10-14
- Teen Camp @ Timber Ridge – JULY 17-22

UPDATES & EVENTS

TODAY	EVENING SERVICE @ 6PM – PASTOR MIKE
TUES, JAN 10	TBC HOSTS AIBF PASTOR’S FELLOWSHIP If you can bring a dessert for this event, please sign up in the lobby!
SUN, JAN 15	TEMPLE’S 63rd ANNIVERSARY - CHILI SUPPER @ 6pm
SUN, JAN 22	NATIONAL SANCTITY OF LIFE DAY We will collect a special offering for Choices Women’s Center in Fredericksburg. Choices is a Christ-centered organization that provides pro-life alternatives to women who are pregnant, to fathers, and to those struggling with a past abortion.
TUES, JAN 31	TBC LADIES FELLOWSHIP – 6:30-8pm This fellowship in room 113 is open to all ladies! We will have a potluck of soups, salads, and sweets. Lorraine McLemore will be our speaker. Sign-up will begin next week. Questions? Contact Michelle McBride or the church office.
SUN, FEB 19	SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER’S MEETING

UNCLAIMED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Today is the last Sunday that the Christmas mailbox will be available, so don’t forget to pick up the rest of your Christmas cards! The mailbox is in the old gym on the side opposite of the kitchen.

MISSIONS/MINUTE: BELARUS

POPULATION: 9,413,505 (2022 est.)
GEOGRAPHY: landlocked in Eastern Europe; borders five countries—Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Ukraine; predominantly flat terrain
CAPITAL: Minsk
LANGUAGES: Russian (official) 70.2%, Belarusian (official) 23.4%, other 3.1%, unspecified 3.3%
GOVERNMENT TYPE: presidential republic in name, although in fact a dictatorship
RELIGIONS: Orthodox 48.3%, non-believers 41.1% *(cont. on right column)*



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Joshua & Jamie

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10	Noah
12	Ann
	Anna
13	Joe

The people of Belarus do not enjoy the economic or religious liberties that Americans take for granted. The country is still heavily influenced by its history as part of the Soviet Union, from which Belarus gained independence in 1991. Soviet friend Alexander Lukashenko was elected president in 1994 and has held that office since. Under his authoritarian rule, the government has suppressed the exercise of free press, free speech, and religious freedom. According to the U.S. Department of State, “The law [in Belarus] prohibits all religious activity by unregistered groups and requires all registered religious groups to obtain permits to proselytize or hold events outside of their premises, as well as prior approval from the authorities to... distribute religious literature.”

The war in Ukraine, combined with Belarusian political alignment with Russia, creates more ongoing obstacles to mission work in Belarus. Sanctions jeopardize missionaries’ ability to receive support from the U.S., and the nearness of the war puts families in potential physical danger.

Almost half of the country’s population considers themselves Orthodox, and most of the rest are non-religious. Orthodox Christianity has age-old ties with the Catholic church, having officially split from Rome in 1054 to form what are considered the two largest denominations of so-called Christianity. Unfortunately, the Orthodox church is steeped in extra-biblical traditions and rejects defining aspects of the biblical doctrine of salvation. While the religion in word agrees with “salvation by faith,” it insists that salvation is an *ongoing process* that includes good works. Following from this teaching that works are involved in the process of salvation, the Orthodox church maintains that salvation cannot be claimed or guaranteed prior to death.



