

Messages from the Mountaintop

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
ABINGDON PRESBYTERY

Great Visit from Sasha Tsutserov

Written by Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks

Dear Friends,

This past weekend, Abingdon Presbytery had the honor of welcoming Pastor Sasha Tsutserov, president of Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary. He shared [his testimony](#) with us over lunch at Wytheville Presbyterian. His story is remarkable. While working as a KGB agent, Sasha began spying on an American missionary family. During those months, he came to believe in God and accepted Christ and the call on his life.

Sasha upended his life for the sake of the gospel. He traveled from Moscow to Kentucky, where he received his Masters of Divinity at Asbury Theological Seminary. Now, Sasha splits his time between Moscow Seminary, which has an enrollment of about 800 students, and his church plant at the Moscow Country Club. He is committed to training up as many pastors as he can, to replenish the 200,000 Christian ministers, both Protestant and Orthodox, who were executed by the KGB over the seventy years of Communism.

We were blessed by Sasha's testimony, and by his amazing talent on the violin. The Mission Committee of Abingdon Presbytery has voted to fund a full year scholarship for one student at Moscow Seminary. For those interested in learning more, [please click this link here](#).



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Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Presbytery Assembly, Nov 9 @9am, Glade Spring Presbyterian
- COM, Nov 16 @10am, Royal Oak in Marion and via Zoom

We Pray:

- For those affected by natural disasters
- For Linda Cole
- For Rev. Michael Weller
- For Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia
- For Jennifer Parish
- For Ukraine
- For the churches in our presbytery
- For Wild Goose NWC

Presbytery Happenings

Announcements and Celebrations

It's Almost Time for Assembly!

Make sure that your calendars are marked! The November presbytery assembly meeting is **Thursday, November 9** at Glade Spring Presbyterian. Worship will begin at 9am in the sanctuary, and the meeting will start at 10.

There is a zoom option for those who need to attend online:

Meeting ID: 891 6428 9292

Passcode: 958088

Invitation from FPC Bristol

Abingdon Presbytery is invited to a very special event at First Presbyterian in Bristol! (701 Florida Ave)

Dr. Esau McCaulley will be speaking the evening of **November 6 at 7pm**. He is the author of *Reading While Black*, and has just released a new memoir. He's a great scholar, and gives great insight to the church on how to cross the racial divides in the church. Everyone is welcome.

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