

FIRST FOCUS

SENDING AND RECEIVING

According to Acts 18 and 19, a group of people converged in Corinth for a unique season of ministry: Paul, Priscilla and Aquilla, Apollos, Silas, and Timothy. Each one has a special place in God's plan in Acts. If we tracked their mission across the Mediterranean world, we would be following in the footsteps of the Spirit's work in each life. But while in Corinth, they came together like an ancient version of church staff and left a lasting legacy behind. They shared one thing in common. Each one did something else in their careers prior to accepting God's call to service. I can only imagine the conversations they had together. Over the next month, we get to speak with three who have followed a similar path.

Over the next month, we'll have a chance to honor and celebrate our own Aquilla, Priscilla, and Silas. On August 10, we will ordain Josh Hall, Silas. A native of Jacksonville, Josh felt called to ministry while he was here at First Baptist and left a great career in public service to carry out God's call here on our staff. He will be completing his Master of Divinity at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary this month. On August 10, we will have an ordination council at 4:00 p.m. and ordination service at 6:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Just as we ordain Josh Hall to continue the work he's doing, we honor our own Aquila and Priscilla, Fran and Nancy Buhler, on August 24. For the last 21 years, these two have mentored, shaped, and shared the lives of so many in our church family and community. Fran came out of the business world to serve on our church staff; Nancy has educated students for generations, both in the community and in our church. We will honor their work on August 24 with a reception at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will have several special presentations you will not want to miss. The FBC Chordsmen will sing at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Fran's last Sunday with us as Associate Pastor will be August 31. You can personally be a part of his legacy by contributing to the Fran and Nancy Buhler Endowment Fund.

One of the signs of success in ministry life is churches that ordain, send, and bless those in vocational ministry. Corinth was such a popular place; it became like a revolving door of ministers coming and going, celebrating and sharing together. For the next few weeks, we get to be a part of the sending and receiving. The same hands that ordain those in ministry are the same hands that bless those completing this season of ministry. Fran, Nancy, and Josh are just three great examples of the dynamic staff that the Spirit has put together here at First Baptist. We have a chance to celebrate God's call in the lives of both of these fine servants, knowing that we will continue to follow in their footsteps and testify together of their great work.



THIS WEEK

HAITI MISSION TRIP

Follow our Haiti Mission Trip team while they are away this week by using the link posted at fbctlh.org/haiti.

Everyone is invited to join us in the fellowship hall during SMBS (at 10:00AM) on Sunday, August 3, for the team's report of how God worked during the week!

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The daughters of Leon & Joan Cassels would like to invite you to a reception in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Join us in the welcome center this Sunday, July 27, from 2:00 until 4:00PM. (No gifts, please!)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for "The Good Life" on Wednesdays at 6:00PM in Collide this summer. People sometimes seem to see the book of Proverbs as a candy-like a quick, tasty treat. But there is a chewy nougat of wisdom inside every verse that can provide a full, spiritual meal. This summer we are going to unwrap several lessons that will lead you to a diet of spiritual health that will help you have a better life.

Every week after Collide, there will be a special fellowship activity! Make sure to join us!

- July 30 - **Wealth** | *Buffalo Wild Wings* (\$10)
- August 6 - **Addiction** | *Barberitos Burritos* (\$10)
- August 13 - **Wisdom** | *Red Elephant* (\$10)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Join Dr. Shiell for our current series in Adult Bible Study - "Change in the Cities: A Study of Acts 13-20." We will meet this Wednesday night at 6:00PM in the sanctuary. See how God's Spirit moves in the cities of the ancient world to build thriving communities.

Podcasts are available via the link at fbctlh.org/wednesday, or by searching "First Baptist Church of Tallahassee" on iTunes.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Haiti Mission Trip
8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
2:00PM Cassels' Anniversary Celebration, Welcome Center
6:00PM Turbo Groups, CLC 2nd Floor
6:00PM Youth "Grillin' & Chillin'" Fellowship, Ramba Home

MONDAY, JULY 28

Haiti Mission Trip
9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room
10:30AM First Joy Choir, Singing Out

TUESDAY, JULY 29

Haiti Mission Trip

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

Haiti Mission Trip
11:00AM Senior Ladies' Bible Study, Large Meeting Room
4:45PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
6:00PM Childcare, Duval 1st Floor
6:00PM Children's FUNiversity, Duval 2nd Floor
6:00PM Youth Collide, CLC 2nd Floor
6:00PM Church Business Meeting, Sanctuary
6:00PM DivorceCare, Adams 315
6:45PM RAs and GAs, Duval 2nd Floor
7:00PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Chason 2201
7:00PM Chamber Players Rehearsal, Adams 200
7:00PM Security Committee, Large Meeting Room
7:15PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:15PM Young Adults Veritas, Adams 317

THURSDAY, JULY 31

Haiti Mission Trip
5:30PM First Brass Rehearsal, Adams 200

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Haiti Mission Trip

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Haiti Mission Trip returns
8:30AM Youth Fellowship, Wakulla Springs
9:00AM CLC Gym - open until 1:00PM

COMING SOON

YOUNG ADULT 1

We're gonna party like it's 1999 at our 80s movie night on Friday, August 8! Dress in your 80s attire—prizes will be awarded. Play authentic 80s arcade games, listen to classic 80s music, and top it all off by watching *The Goonies*. The free arcade will open at 6:00PM. Free pizza at 7:00, and the movie begins at 8:00. All activities are on the 2nd floor of the CLC. As always, invite your friends.

SENIOR ADULTS

We have "New Faces in Our Places" who will be performing for us on Friday, August 15, at noon in the fellowship hall. Come welcome some of our newest members as they showcase their amazing talents. The luncheon is \$5 a person. Please invite a friend to join you; reservations are required. Sign up in your SMBS class or call Vicki Bitton (x141).

SINGLE FOCUS + SENIOR ADULTS

Are you ready to retreat, relax, and rejuvenate? All single adults (40+) and senior adults (55+) are invited to register now for a wonderful weekend at Dowling Park focusing on *God's Forgiveness: Past, Present, and Forever*, led by Dr. Bill Shiell. This retreat is scheduled for September 26-28, and the cost per person is \$100. Spaces are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. To register, submit a registration form (available in the connect center) and a \$50 deposit at the front desk. The remaining balance is due by August 18. For more information, please contact Vicki (x141) or Jenna (x107).

RETIRED MINISTERS/STAFF ORDINATION

If you are a retired minister who is a member of our FBCTLH family, your presence is requested at the ordination service of Josh Hall on August 10. Please contact Paula (x131 or paula@fbctlh.org).

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

You are cordially invited to a reception honoring Fran & Nancy Buhler upon Fran's retirement after 21 years of service here at FBCTLH! Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 24 at 4:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

NEW DECORATING COMMITTEE

Are you looking for a place of service where you are greatly needed? Do you love Christmas and Christmas Decorating? Would you like being a part of a special group that only meets for a few months during the year? We are forming a new ministry group that will be tasked with decorating our buildings for Christmas (including the welcome center) and coordinating and facilitating the Hanging of the Green service on the first Sunday evening of Advent. This is a new and completely separate group from the Flower Committee. We welcome people who have served in this area before and would like to continue, and we also are opening this group up to our many folks who haven't yet found their place of service. If you feel this is something that appeals to you, please contact Penny Folsom (x210 or penny@fbctlh.org) or Lenoir Brewer (x201 or lenoir@fbctlh.org) for more information. Christmas is coming! Our first meeting will be right after Labor Day!

SERVE

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of July, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **everyday household items**, such as laundry detergent, dryer sheets, toilet paper, paper towels, and Clorox wipes. Collection bins are in the College Avenue foyer, the welcome center, by the elevator on the first floor of the Adams building, and in the main office.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the fbctlh.org/Serve page for more ways to get involved now in serving in and through FBCTLH.



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SERVICE RECORDINGS

fbctlh.org/sermons

Our Traditional Worship service is broadcast on Comcast Channel 21 at 11:00AM each Sunday.

Contact x215 or lee@fbctlh.org with questions.

If you are homebound and would like to be on our mailing list to receive a free DVD of our worship services each week, please contact x201 or lenoir@fbctlh.org. All other requests are \$5, and can be made at the front desk or online at fbctlh.org/contact.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

July 30 - Veggie bar: macaroni & cheese, steamed cabbage, butterpeas, fried okra, corn muffins, salad bar, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$1,503,467

Receipts 7/20: \$39,464

YTD receipts: \$1,436,122

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Mark Milner

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Richard Tudor
- 10AM Ryan Stokes
- 11AM Charles Lawson

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 27

- 8AM Tim Barry
- 10AM Lyle Ragans
- 11AM Erik Eikeland

Wednesday, July 30

- 6PM Charles Maynard

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	9:00AM
BIBLE STUDY	10:00AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	11:15AM

Inseparable

Romans 8:26-39