

# FIRST FOCUS

## **LIFE GROUPS: EQUIP**

When churches want to multiply their impact in a community, they start small. Just ask our friends who go across the world as missionaries. After moving to a new place, they meet neighbors, attend schools, and eat meals. As they go, they share faith and life together with others. Now, we're on mission here in Tallahassee. As Josh Hall shared with our deacons this past weekend, we're the ones who have been sent to a community. As we go, we'll find there are students here from over 100 countries attending FAMU, FSU, and TCC, 30-35 percent of Leon County do not attend a church, 75% of college students do not believe in Jesus, and 40% of households with children are single parent families. This is your Mission: Tallahassee assignment.

If we were called to China, we'd pray for God's direction and for Christ to be glorified. We would learn the language, map the area, plan the work, and find at least one-two people to invest our lives in. We'd allow the Spirit to lead and God to bless. We'd also expect eventually to either start a church with those people or invite them to an existing church in the area where their faith can be nurtured and grow to multiply more disciples.

On September 12-13, we begin a similar journey through our Life Groups: EQUIP training weekend. We have a vision to equip people to start groups on mission. They will reach the unreached, unchurched, and uninvolved in each of the areas (and more) listed above. Our prayer is that Life Groups will be the mechanism to build relationships with these unreached people groups. As relationships form, we will be the church and invite them to our church. We will extend an invitation to come to Christ, join First Baptist, grow as a disciple with us, and share their faith with others in Life Groups very similar to the one that led them to know Christ.

The first step on the journey is for God to call individuals to serve. 40 people have already been trained, and you can be the next one. Go online today to register ([fbctlh.org/lifegroups](http://fbctlh.org/lifegroups)), and become a part of this exciting movement to share our faith in community to our community. This is Your Mission: Tallahassee.



# THIS WEEK

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

All ladies are invited and welcome to join one of our new Fall Bible studies as we study God's word together. This Wednesday evening, September 3, we will begin a new Bible study with Linda Smith, 6:00–7:00PM in Adams 301. We will be studying Jennifer Kennedy Dean's *Secrets Jesus Shared* (on the Parables of Jesus) for 6 weeks (member book is \$15). The next 6 weeks will be followed by Jennifer Kennedy Dean's *Set Apart* (on the Beatitudes; member book is \$13). The study will end the week before Thanksgiving. Contact Linda Smith (lbswcs@aol.com) for more information.

## HELPING HANDS

Please join us this Saturday, September 6, for our "Helping Hands" work day around FBCTLH. We will need many hands to help clean up our campus and facilities so that we can be good stewards of our resources! There is something for everyone to do, from gardening/yard work to dusting to painting. We will begin at 8:00AM (with coffee!) and work until 12:00PM. See you there!

*FIRST LOVE is coming Saturday, October 25! Registration will be available soon, but if you know of any project or organization that needs our help, please contact Hannah Singletary (x146 or hannah@fbctlh.org) for a project request form.*



## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor  
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options  
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary  
5:00PM SingleFocus at Westminster Gardens

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Closed in observance of Labor Day

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

6:00PM Property Committee, Conference Room

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

11:00AM Senior Ladies' Bible Study, Large Meeting Room  
12:00PM Young Adult Guys' Lunch, Jersey Mike's  
4:45PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall  
6:00PM Childcare, Duval 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Children's Music & Missions, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Youth Choir, Adams 211  
6:00PM Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary  
6:00PM DivorceCare, Adams 315  
6:00PM Women's Bible Study, Adams 301  
6:45PM RAs and GAs, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
7:00PM Youth Collide, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
7:15PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:15PM Young Adults Veritas, Adams 317  
7:30PM Celebration of Praise Rehearsal, Northwoods BC

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Internationals Ministry Leader Training, Lake Yale  
5:30PM First Brass Rehearsal, Adams 200  
5:30PM First Love Committee, Conference Room

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Internationals Ministry Leader Training, Lake Yale

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Internationals Ministry Leader Training, Lake Yale  
8:00AM Helping Hands Work Day  
9:00AM CLC Gym - open until 1:00PM

# COMING SOON

## WEAR YOUR COLORS

Everyone is invited to show up for worship on Sunday, September 7 wearing your school colors! Whether it's garnet and gold, orange and green, or even orange and blue, support your school and create a fun, welcoming environment for our new college students.

## DRAMA TEAM

We are in the process of forming a group of drama enthusiasts to share the gospel through dramatic presentations and plays. The Drama Team is a non-auditioned group. Anyone with an interest is invited to a *Drama Drop-In* Sunday, September 7 in the welcome center 2nd floor café - following each worship service. For more info, please contact Amy-Lynn Smoot (aharringtonsmoot@butlerpappas.com or 766.4933) or Bev DeMello (bsd6210@embarqmail.com or 228.9357).

## FLORIDA MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER

All Women on Mission groups will meet together on Tuesday, September 9 for the Florida Missions Week of Prayer emphasis. Refreshments in the Parlor begin at 9:30AM, and the program begins at 10:00AM in the Chapel. Launce Beauchamp will speak on the Maguire Missions Offering. All women of the church are invited to attend. For more information, contact a group leader or WOM Coordinator Donna Heald (224.3940). If you would like to ride the church bus, call Linda Wheeler (877.4839).

## LIFE GROUPS: EQUIP

Life Groups at FBCTLH are "church where life happens" for our members who have a common place, pursuit, or phase of life with those outside our campus. Based on the life of the early church in Acts 2:41-47, we want everyone to be a part of one group that gathers off site with an outward focus that sees organic growth. Anyone who is interested in being in a Life Group should try to join us for a training weekend, September 12-13. **Register before September 7** - online at [fbctlh.org/lifegroups](http://fbctlh.org/lifegroups) or using the form available at the front desk.

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All ladies are invited and welcome to join one of our new Fall Bible studies as we study God's word together. A new Wednesday Morning Bible study with Patsy Faircloth, begins September 17 from 9:30-11:30AM at the home of Betty Gardner. We will be studying Beth Moore's *Children of the Day* (1 & 2 Thessalonians) for 9 weeks (member book is \$16). Contact Patsy Faircloth (ptfaircloth1946@comcast.net) for more information.

## SPECIAL CALLED CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

We invite all church members to attend a special business meeting concerning the sale of property on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00PM in the sanctuary.

## SERVE

### FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of August, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **personal hygiene items**, such as shampoo and conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, and mouthwash. 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](http://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](http://fbctlh.org/sermons)

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

Contact x215 or [lee@fbctlh.org](mailto: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](mailto:lenoir@fbctlh.org). All other requests are \$5, and can be made at the front desk or online at [fbctlh.org/contact](http://fbctlh.org/contact).

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

September 3 - Chicken tenders with fries, green beans, biscuits, gravy, salad bar, and dessert \*for kids: hot dog with chips

**FINANCIALS**

YTD budget: \$1,762,685  
Receipts 8/24: \$29,939  
YTD receipts: \$1,678,495

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Bill Smith

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Bob Snyder
- 10AM Jack Nix
- 11AM Lee Scarboro

**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, August 31

- 8AM Ben Hart
- 10AM Lyle Ragans
- 11AM Erik Eikeland

Wednesday, September 3

- 6PM Charles Maynard

<b>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</b>	9:00AM
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	10:00AM
<b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</b>	11:15AM

# HUMBLE VS AMBITIOUS

Philippians 2:1-11