

FIRST FOCUS

INTRODUCING JOHN RICE

This Sunday, we'll have the privilege of meeting Rev. John Rice who comes in view of a call to be our Executive Pastor. John grew up in Jacksonville and graduated from Fletcher High School then Palm Beach Atlantic College. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He and his wife, Sara, have two children. Sara is a full time Pastoral Counselor in Elizabethtown. Charlotte is a middle school teacher, and Rosemary "Rosie" is a college student.



Over the past year, John has served as an interim pastor in Baptist churches in Kentucky. Until 2013, John served 23 years at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, Kentucky; first as Youth Minister and then as Communications Pastor. His background, experience, and calling in ministry make him a great fit for our church.

The Executive Pastor (EP) functions as the chief of staff in a church. Like an "XO" in the military, the EP supervises professional and support staff, coordinates staff meetings, and oversees communications and technical ministries. John will serve as staff liaison to the missions committee, finance committee, and property committee. John will also coordinate hospital visitation along with our pastoral staff team and be the liaison to SMBS departments that work with ages 40-70 year old adults. Jenna Young will continue to provide great ongoing pastoral care to our congregation, especially our Senior Adults and homebound, along with yours truly and the rest of our pastoral team.

As chairmen of their respective committees; Richard Duley, Jim Pitts, Howard Rhodes, and Bill Gardner have faithfully assisted me in the interview process for this position. I am so grateful for their wisdom and guidance. This Wednesday, the deacons will meet and hear this recommendation. John will be with us this weekend at our Life Groups: EQUIP training weekend and will share his testimony in both services on Sunday. At our regular monthly business meeting on September 17, we'll have the opportunity to extend a call to John to be our Executive Pastor. I can't tell you how excited I am to have John join our church. He's "coming back home to Florida," and I know that he will help us Love Tallahassee. His ministry work, compassion for people, and great relational skills, make him a great fit for this position on our staff. Please be praying for John and his family in the days to come.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

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. 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 CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

We invite all church members to attend a special business meeting concerning the sale of property this Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00PM in the sanctuary. This will also serve as our regular business meeting for September.

CHRISTMAS KICK-OFF

It's "Time for Christmas"! What? Can it really be that time already? Is there even any time in our life for Christmas? The bigger question...Is there time in our life for Christ to come to us? Choir rehearsals for "Time for Christmas," our 2014 Christmas musical production, begin Wednesday evening, September 17 at 7:15PM in Chason 2201. Come sing with us this Christmastime! For more information, contact Lenoir (x201) or Penny (penny@fbctlh.org).

SENIOR ADULTS

Here's the scoop, guaranteed to satisfy your sweet and salty tooth! We're mixin' the southern delicacy of boiled peanuts with the summertime fun of homemade ice cream in an ol'-fashioned Boil and Churn; 2:00-4:00PM on Thursday, September 18, at Virginia Glass' Ice Cream Parlor. What's better than bawled peanuts and taste money can't buy? Sweet tea? Okay, we got that, too! If you need to hitch a ride, reserve your van seat by a callin' Vicki Bitton (x141). For further details call Jenna (x107). Y'all come now!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:00PM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 1st Floor
6:30PM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:30AM Women's Bible Study, Gardner Home
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 Music & Missions, Duval 2nd Floor
6:00PM Youth Choir, Adams 211
6:00PM Church Business Meeting, Sanctuary
6:00PM DivorceCare, Adams 315
6:00PM Women's Bible Study, Adams 301
6:45PM RAs and GAs, Duval 2nd Floor
7:00PM Youth Collide, CLC 2nd Floor
7:00PM Chamber Players Rehearsal, Adams 200
7:15PM Christmas Choir Kick-Off, Chason 2201
7:15PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:15PM Young Adults Veritas, Adams 317

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00AM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 1st Floor
9:30AM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201
2:00PM Senior Adults' Boil & Churn, Glass Home
5:30PM First Brass Rehearsal, Adams 200
5:30PM First Love Committee, Conference Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00AM CLC Gym - open until 1:00PM

COMING SOON

FIRST LADIES

FBCTLH ladies of all ages and their guests are invited to a special First Ladies Fall Supper on Monday, September 22, at 6:30PM at Chicken Salad Chick (1410 Market Street). Our special guest will be Julie Boyd, the Florida Baptist Children's Homes Vice President. Join us as we hear from Julie about a new Florida Baptist Children's Homes initiative, The Front Porch, which focuses on rescue and restoration of child victims of domestic sex trafficking. Enjoy a buffet-style supper (only \$8) as we join together for a time of fellowship (door prizes, food, new & old friends...), inspiration, and information. Please RSVP to Barbara Corven (bcorven@corveneng.com or 422.2902) or to the FBC main office (sharon@fbctlh.org or x101) by Friday, September 19.

NEWLYWED SEMINAR

It's time for the 2014 Newlywed Seminar! Jim and Pam Cooke will lead the discussion using *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts* by Les and Leslie Parrot as our guide. If you were married sometime in the last couple of years, you qualify as "newlywed". Please join us at Jim and Pam's house on Monday, September 29, at 6:30PM. To reserve your spot or to get more information, contact Jim (jimcooke4@embarqmail or 893.1919).

FIRST LOVE

Our annual First Love community missions day is October 25, from 8:30AM until 5:00PM! We invite you to join our church family and other volunteers as we come together and serve our city. There is a place for you to use your gifts - sewing, praying, singing, constructing, and more. Register online at fbctlh.org/firstlove or by using the forms available in the connect center this week to mark projects that interest you. Our First Love committee will match you to a project team based on needs and registration order, and your team leader will contact you to let you know where you've been assigned. A free bagged lunch is provided to all participants, and free childcare is also available.

If you know of any project or organization that needs our help, please contact Hannah Singletary (hannah@fbctlh.org or x146) for a project request form.

SERVE

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of September, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **baby diapers** (any size) and **toilet paper**. 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

September 17 - Fried or baked catfish, green beans, coleslaw, corn muffins, salad bar, and dessert **for kids: pizza or hot dog with chips*

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$1,866,373
Receipts 9/07: \$60,178
YTD receipts: \$1,799,903

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Cecil Davis

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Larry Williams
- 10AM Dennis Jorgensen
- 11AM Jim Chorey

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 14

- 8AM Lorne Shackelford
- 10AM Jeff Crew
- 11AM Keith Burnsed

Wednesday, September 17

- 6PM Wayne Connor

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

KNOW VS SETTLE

Philippians 3:7-16