

# FIRST FOCUS

## **WAITING IN LINE**

Standing in line in Animal Kingdom last week, one family behind us played with their small children to pass the time. This Brazilian father and mother came to Disney World when they were children and now they were bringing their own. After each round of fun, one child pleaded, "Again and again." The fun they had waiting in line was just as delightful for the children as the ride they were waiting to board.

Next week, we gather as a church to participate again in Holy Week. These services offer the dramatic, worshipful reenactment of Jesus's last week. We've heard these stories before; we know the music; we remember how the story ends; we repeat them each year. With childlike faith, however, we come knowing that we are going to hear and see something we've never seen before. We'll enjoy the experience of worshiping with each other. We'll invite friends who have not been here for a long time. Or we'll gather because our grandparents brought us here, and now we've invited our grandchildren to come.

Karl Barth began his *Church Dogmatics* with the statement, "We can only repeat ourselves." It was his overt acknowledgment that most of us have heard this before, and we need so desperately to read this Gospel again in order to be faithful to what we have seen and heard. We circle back to where we left off last year in order for God in Jesus Christ to find us again at the cross and meet us in our Galilee on Easter Sunday. This can't happen too often; but unless we participate, we'll miss out on the importance of the journey.

So I hope you'll join us again beginning Sunday. We gather to wave branches on Palm Sunday, singing joyfully of his humble entry into Jerusalem as our crucified and risen King. On Wednesday evening, we study his trial before Herod and realize how deafening his silence really is. We remember his sacrifice by partaking in the Lord's Supper in the Sanctuary on Good Friday. We worship on Good Friday evening as we hear his last will and testament to us—his 7 last sentences from the cross through choir and drama. We celebrate with families on Saturday morning in the CLC.

What could be a better, more memorable time with the body of Christ? I can't wait to be with you to do this again.



# THIS WEEK

## COLLEGE MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

FBCTLH's famous Boston Butts will be sold now through this Sunday, March 29. For \$35 you can help support our college ministry's spring break and summer trips to Boston. They can be picked up on Thursday, April 2 in the FBCTLH parking lot, next to Park Avenue, from 3:30-6:00PM. Thank you for your support!

## EASTER 2015

Jesus was under surveillance during the last week of his life. So many people watched, but few followed. Each one was an eyewitness to Jesus' last hours, but few obeyed him. According to Mark 14-16, eyewitnesses had four reactions to Jesus: watch, oppose, flee, or follow. What will your response be? Join us on Sundays at 9:00 or 11:15AM as we worship together. Invite your friends to join us for Easter Sunday! Check out [fbctlh.org/Easter](http://fbctlh.org/Easter) for more information.

Begin preparing now to welcome guests Easter Sunday morning - by parking at Kleman Plaza, and signing up to volunteer to be a greeter, a caregiver for children, or a parking attendant. Check out [fbctlh.org/serve](http://fbctlh.org/serve) to learn more.

**Remember - Good Friday, April 3** // *Spend some time remembering what Jesus Christ did for you on this day. Our sanctuary is open from 11:00AM until 5:00PM, and all are welcome to drop in and stay as long as you need for a time of personal reflection. We will provide a printed guide containing scripture, devotions, and prayer. You will also have the opportunity to take the Lord's Supper.*

**Last Words from the Cross - Good Friday, April 3** // *Last words are very significant. Jesus spoke seven times from the cross; each "word" bears a vital message for His followers. This Good Friday, we will meditate together on Christ's words through scripture, reflection, and song. Invite your friends and join us at 7:00PM in the sanctuary.*

**Family Easter Celebration - Saturday, April 4** // *Each year on the Saturday before Easter Sunday, we encourage families to consider the true meaning of Easter in a fun environment with a variety of crafts, games, and activities. We will meet from 10:30AM until 12:00PM in the CLC Gym.*

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor  
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options  
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary  
3:00PM GriefShare, Adams 301

### MONDAY, MARCH 30

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Connect Center  
10:30AM First Joy Choir Rehearsal, Chason 2201

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

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 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Preschool Class, Duval 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Elementary Music & Missions, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Adams 211  
6:00PM Adult Prayer and Bible Study, Sanctuary  
6:00PM DivorceCare, Adams 315  
6:00PM Moms Connect, Adams Basement  
6:00PM Women's Bible Study, Adams 301  
7:00PM Youth Collide, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
7:00PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Chason 2201  
7:00PM Chamber Players Rehearsal, Adams 200  
7:15PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:15PM Young Adults Veritas, Adams 317

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

3:30PM Boston Butt Pick-Up, FBCTLH Parking Lot

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

11:00AM Remember, Sanctuary  
7:00PM Last Words From the Cross, Sanctuary

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

10:30AM Family Easter Celebration, CLC Gym

# COMING SOON

## FAITH, FOOD, FRIDAY

Join us at FBCTLH in the fellowship hall at noon on April 10 as Dr. Shiell and “The God Squad” conclude the fourth Faith, Food, Friday season looking at the way religion is treated by the motion picture industry with “Does Hollywood Get God?” With faith (or lack thereof) used too often as a political tool, the public square could probably stand a change of pace. Whoever you are, whatever your beliefs, bring an open mind, an open heart (and an appetite) for what we hope will be a continuing conversation that defies the biases we seem to have against each other.

All Faith, Food, Friday forums are free and open to the public. Lunch is available for \$8 if you RSVP by Tuesday, April 7, and \$10 at the door. You may also bring your own lunch. RSVP through [fbctlh.org/events/faith-food-friday](http://fbctlh.org/events/faith-food-friday).

## BUILDERS FOR CHRIST

This summer, during the week of July 13-17 (plus travel time before and after that week), a group of volunteers from FBCTLH will be working with the members of the First Southern Baptist Church of Pratt, Kansas in the construction of an addition to their building so that they have more space for worship and youth and adult Bible study.

If you would like to know more, plan to attend an informational meeting in Chason 2201 on Sunday afternoon, April 12, from 4:30 until 5:30PM. Call Richard Tudor (386-5424) with any questions.

## HAITI MUSIC CAMP FUNDRAISER

Each year, Janet Ray hosts the “Hope for Haiti” fundraiser to support the summer music and leadership camp at the Christian University of Northern Haiti. This event helped enable a team from FBCTLH to travel to northern Haiti and teach at the camp in July 2012. We would love for YOU to be involved, whether that includes financial support, donating instruments, going to Haiti to teach music, or anything in between. Please join us for this year’s fundraiser—Saturday, April 18 from 11:00AM until 2:00PM. Tickets are \$10 and are available for purchase in your SMBS classes, or in the welcome center on Sundays. For more information, please contact Janet Ray (893.4207).

## EASTER LILIES

*If you would like to place one or more lilies in our sanctuary this Easter in memory or in honor of a loved one, the cost is \$11 per plant. Please return the form available in your SMBS class with your payment to the front desk. For more information, contact Lenoir ([lenoir@fbctlh.org](mailto:lenoir@fbctlh.org)).*



## SERVE

### FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN’S HOME

For the month of March, we will join the Children’s Home in collecting **cleaning supplies**, such as Clorox wipes, bathroom cleaners, window cleaners, and paper towels. 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**

April 1 - Beef tips in gravy over noodles, with steamed carrots, salad bar, rolls, and dessert

**FINANCIALS**

YTD budget: \$678,343  
Receipts 03/22: \$47,999  
YTD receipts: \$533,580  
Spring Missions Offering: \$6,607

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Al Eppinger

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Lee Gonzalez
- 10AM Tolar Griffin
- 11AM Bud Evans

**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 29

- 8AM Lorne Shackelford
- 10AM John Schanbacher
- 11AM Mark Byler

Wednesday, April 1

- 6PM Lee Vickery

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

9:00AM

**BIBLE STUDY**

10:00AM

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

11:15AM

# EYEWITNESS: THE SOLDIER

Mark 15:16-47