

FIRST FOCUS

IN WORD AND DEED

Thank you for a wonderful Vacation Bible School and Upward Sports Camp week. God poured out his blessings on us, and we have several people to thank personally for their great work. Children's Minister Rhonda Smith and Co-Directors Allison Bubriski, Amy Rigsby, and Caroline Weiss orchestrated a seamless operation. Truly, this was the best one I've ever been a part of. We registered over 300 kids for our VBS, and 120 attended sports camp. We had over 200 adult and youth volunteers.

The God Sightings wall in the Welcome Center is worth your time and reflection. A woman originally from Tampa told me that they've lived in Tallahassee for three years and have been attending our VBS each year. They're moving back to Tampa and said that one of the things they're going to miss the most about TLH is our VBS. She said she doesn't know where they're ever going to find something like this. Another person, five-year-old Alden Weiss, ran past me on Thursday holding up three fingers and saying, "Jesus rose from the grave in 3 days; go tell everybody!" I had the privilege of praying with Patricia Cooley to receive Christ on Friday night while we had a snow cone together. She prayed after meeting with one of her Upward coaches, and they prayed together as well.

In the midst of the joys and fatigue of VBS week, we've born the burden of grief over the Charleston massacre. Thank you for worshipping our risen Lord Sunday and expressing your support in such meaningful personal ways. The families of these brothers and sisters in Christ will continue to need our prayer. Our local community needs our personal involvement in reconciliation. I planned to address these issues more directly in a sermon on July 12 when we study the courageous faith of the Syrophenician woman. Certainly, the events of last week have caused us to think more carefully and act more deliberately in these days. Here's how you can help.

1. Pray for country and our local and national leaders. These are times to lament and to pray 2 Chronicles 7:14 and the prayer of the surrendered father, "Lord I believe; help my unbelief." Pray for unity among the body of Christ as together we seek God's will.
2. Attend the Memorial Service for Charleston victims this Sunday night, June 28. Bethel Missionary Baptist is coordinating the service. Keep an eye out for the details in local news media.
3. Participate in Operation Safe Neighborhood. This initiative will be Saturday, July 11 from 6:45-10:00PM. We will meet in the church parking lot for prayer and drive to a southside neighborhood to distribute fliers about neighborhood watch programs. Churches from across Tallahassee are joining together in this effort. TPD is providing a mobile command unit that will assist us in this effort. Sign up with Amy Parks (amy@fbctlh.org).
4. Mark your calendar for September 27 at 6:00PM. The City of Tallahassee, Leon County, Leadership Tallahassee, and the Downtown Improvement Authority will be hosting "The Longest Table," an initiative designed to bring together

COMING SOON

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

All children who have recently completed the fifth grade are invited for our annual trip to Orlando! There will be sight-seeing and visiting of [low-cost or free] attractions around the Orlando area. We will be gone Monday, June 29, through Wednesday, July 1. The cost is \$135 per child, including transportation, meals, and lodging. Please reserve your spot by contacting Amy Rigsby (arigsby@fbctlh.org).

NEW MEMBERS' BRUNCH

If you have joined the FBCTLH family in the last 3 months, you're invited for our New Members' Brunch. Dr. Shiell and other staff will present an overview of the identity of FBCTLH, and ministry opportunities available to you here! We will meet Sunday, July 12, at 10:15AM in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP with Hannah (hannah@fbctlh.org) by July 9.

FIRST LADIES

Ladies of all ages are invited for our annual "Summer Suppers"! Please join us on the second Monday of each summer month. The next gathering is Monday, July 13, at 6:30PM at Hopkins Eatery (1415 Market Street). These Summer Suppers are relaxed, Dutch-treat gatherings for the purpose of fun and fellowship, seeing old friends, and making new ones - a perfect time to invite a friend or neighbor! No reservations are needed. Arrive when you can and leave when you need to. Join us for good food, laughter, a word of encouragement, and door prizes! Contact Barbara Corven (bcorven@corveneng.com or 422.2902) if you have any questions. FYI... the last Summer Supper this year is August 10.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

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, JUNE 29

Fifth Grade Trip
9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Connect Center
10:30AM First Joy Choir Rehearsal, Chason 2201
5:00PM First Brass, Adams 200

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

Fifth Grade Trip

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Fifth Grade Trip
11:00AM Senior Ladies' Bible Study, Large Meeting Room
4:45PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
6:00PM Childcare, Duval 1st Floor
6:00PM Preschool Class, Duval 1st Floor
6:00PM Elementary Music & Missions, Duval 2nd Floor
6:00PM Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary
6:00PM Moms Connect, Adams Basement
6:00PM Women's Bible Study, Adams 301
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, JULY 2

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Church offices closed in observance of Independence Day

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day

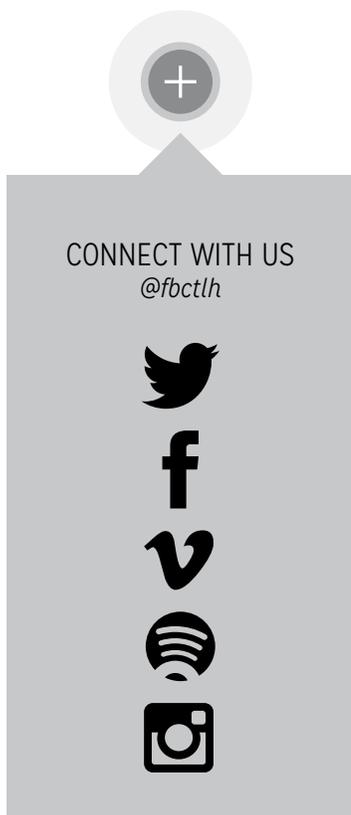
**There will be no newsletter next week, dated July 5. The regular FBCTLH activity schedule will remain unchanged. Please check the calendar at fbctlh.org for more information.*

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people around food, hospitality, and fellowship on Park Avenue across from the Knott House. We will eat (something Baptists do well) with people from across Tallahassee and help our community get to know each other better. Who knows? We might even “entertain angels unawares.” Our church along with Bethel AME Church is serving on the task force for this event. Contact John Rice (john@fbctlh.org) if you can attend. The meal will be catered by local restaurants.

These things seem so simple and yet so profound. Through hospitality and relationships, we give our community a chance to have courageous faith in Jesus Christ by being present and presenting the gospel in word and deed.



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SERVE

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of July, we will join the Children's Home in Ziploc bags - storage and freezer bags in quart or gallon size, and trash bags in 13-gallon or tall/strong kitchen size. 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.

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FELLOWSHIP MEAL

July 1 - Veggie bar: macaroni & cheese, fried okra, pinto beans, steamed cabbage, corn muffins, salad bar, and dessert

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Chip Beal

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Phil Cooper
- 10AM Jim Cooke
- 11AM Daryle Gray

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 28

- 8AM Tim Barry
- 10AM Brent Daniel
- 11AM Eric Palm

Wednesday, July 1

- 6PM Charles Maynard

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

WHAT
TWELVE YEARS
WILL DO

Mark 5:21-43