

FIRST FOCUS

A WEEKEND TO CONNECT

On Sunday, we called Suzette Mason as our new Minister of Children. I'm so excited that Suzette is joining our staff. She begins her journey with us in March. Pray for Suzette as she moves from Raleigh, North Carolina; and welcome her when she arrives.



This week is a powerful time in the life of First Baptist. We will focus on two important aspects of the strategic plan: **strong homes and impacted city**.

Chap Clark and a host of workshop leaders and staff will lead Connections Weekend 2016. Beginning Friday night, we'll learn how to do "preventive maintenance" with the people we love the most. We'll explore how to use our homes as mission outposts in our community. We'll engage scripture at a deeper level. And of course, we'll eat a lot of food and meet new people.



Then, on Sunday, we'll impact our city as we worship together with 1,000 marathon runners and fans near the doorstep of our church. As you know, Jordan Mallory and our Pastoral Staff have designed a great plan for building accessibility. We'll have regular services and Bible study. Parking is available at the Calhoun and College Avenue Parking deck, and shuttles will run all morning from there. Wear your First Baptist t-shirt, greet runners, hand out a water bottle, and welcome these guests in Jesus' name.



Bill

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TALLAHASSEE 42ND MARATHON

This Sunday we're excited to share the space around us as people come to downtown to compete in this annual event. Naturally, there will be some traffic changes that Sunday, and we want to make sure you're well aware and prepared for them come February 7. Here's what you need to know.

- We will have our regular services as scheduled.
- Kleman Plaza will be open and available for parking, but only by coming down Bronough Street.
- A shuttle will be available every 20 minutes starting at 7:15am from the Eastside Parking Garage on Calhoun St. (Pick up will be on the Calhoun side).
- We encourage you to wear your favorite FBCTLH t-shirts and come prepared to Impact the City of Tallahassee with warm smiles, encouragement, and love. We will have water bottles and fruit available to runners and attendees. If you're available to volunteer, sign up to help at <http://bit.ly/fbctlhrun>.

CONNECTIONS WEEKEND

We hope you are able to join us for 2016's Connections Weekend THIS weekend. Our guest speaker is Dr. Chapman "Chap" Clark, the professor and chair of the Youth, Family, and Culture Department in the School of Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. Register now by visiting fbctlh.org/connections. Information about sessions available on the next page.

PRAYER GUIDE

If you would like any prayers requests, or changes, in The Prayer Guide, please visit <http://fbctlh.org/i-need-prayer>. After February 1, you may also make these requests by contacting Joy Stein at joy@fbctlh.org or x131. Thank you.

PORCH LIGHT LUNCHEON

Join us Tuesday, February 9, at 11:45AM in the Fellowship Hall for an informational luncheon with guest speaker, Michele Newsmen, the Executive Director of The Porch Light Ministry. Founded by Florida Baptist Children's Homes (FBCH), The Porch Light brings healing and hope to child victims of domestic human trafficking. It is also dedicated to prevention and advocacy efforts to help stop human trafficking.

Make reservations to attend via your SMBS class or by contacting Joy Stein (joy@fbctlh.org, x131) no later than Monday, February 8, at noon. Cost is \$5.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

CONNECTIONS WEEKEND

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM Church-wide Bible Study Options
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
3:00PM Grief Share, Conference Room

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room
10:30AM First Joy, C-2201
5:00PM First Brass, A-200 Choir Room
6:00PM Bells of Praise, Adams 211

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:30AM Knitting Ministry, C-2201
11:45AM Porch Light Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
6:00PM Childcare for Internationals, D-209
6:30PM Internationals English Classes, Adams 211
7:00PM Capital Bells, Adams 211

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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 Bible Study, Sanctuary
6:00PM Mom's Connect, Adams Basement, Room 1, 2, 3
6:30PM Praise Team Singers, C-2203
7:00PM Youth Collide, CLC Quad
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, FEBRUARY 11

9:00AM Childcare for Internationals, D-209
9:00AM International English Classes, C2201
12:00PM Greece Trip Lunch, CLC Rm 4
6:00PM Finance Committee, Conference Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:00PM Valentine Luncheon - Adults 55+, Fellowship Hall
12:00PM Weekday Parent Lunch, CLC - Snack Area

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00AM CLC Open
7:00PM College Christmas Tree Burn and Hoedown

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Breakout Sessions for Connections Weekend

- what I wish my parents knew
- what I wish my teen knew
- exploring vocational ministry
- communication in relationships
- dating and waiting
- strengthening your marriage
- adoption and foster care
- how to dad
- family Bible study and prayer
- family mission projects
- local resources for parents
- racial reconciliation with families
- help for families in crisis
- dealing with divorce
- ministry with an empty nest
- parenting your grandkids
- parenting your parents
- intergenerational connections
- aging with grace
- dealing with grief
- personal financial planning
- how to share your faith
- help for victims of human trafficking

WMU/WOM FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT

On Tuesday, February 9, from 9:30AM – 11:00AM WMU/WOM will meet at the Library of Florida Baptists Children's Home (8415 Buck Lake Road) to make Valentine goodie bags for residents and hear an update from an FBCTLH staff member. All supplies will be furnished for the bags.

If you would like to ride the church bus, call Linda Wheeler at (850) 877-4839. Call Beckie Maynard at (850) 539-5079 if you need additional information.

VALENTINE LUNCHEON - ADULTS 55+

Come Friday, February 12, at 12:00PM in the Fellowship Hall for some sweet treats and Valentine's Day fun. The cost is \$5 and reservations can be made via your SMBS class or by contacting Joy Stein (joy@fbctlh.org, or x131). Please RSVP by February 7.

DNOW WEEKEND

Discipleship Now Weekend is February 18-21. The theme for DNow is Renew and the cost is \$55 if you sign up before February 3. After the 3rd, the price goes up to \$65. Registration and release forms are available at <http://www.fbcdnow.com/forms.html> or by contacting Siera Mason (smason@fbctlh.org, or x421).

DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced that incorporates the use of a facilitator, videos, discussion, and a workbook. The next series begins Wednesday, February 17, in Adams 315 from 6:00PM – 7:30PM. Contact Joy Stein (joy@fbctlh.org or x131) for more information. Anyone may join the group at any time during the 12 weeks.

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SERVE

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of February, we will join the Children's Home in providing paper goods such as toilet paper, boxed tissues, 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.

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 hello@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

February 10 - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, biscuits, salad bar, banana pudding.

Kid's Corner - hot dogs.

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$215,939
Receipts 1/31: \$24,654
YTD receipts: \$159,222

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day - Byron Folsom

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Daryle Gray
- 10AM Wayne Tedder
- 11AM Rigsby Jones

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 7

- 8AM Jim Wheeler
- 10AM Jeff Crew
- 11AM Keith Burnsed

Wednesday, February 10

- 6PM Wayne Connor

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

CONNECTIONS WEEKEND

Acts 16:29-34