FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TALLAHASSEE

MUSIC & MISSIONS

ELEMENTARY (GRADES 1-5)

WEDNESDAYS @ FBCTLH 6:00-7:30PM Duval 2nd Floor

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MUSIC LEADERS

Elementary Children's Choir Coordinator - Terrah Mello

FIRST & SECOND GRADES
CLASSROOM 1

Director - Flor Hernandez

Assistants - Frankie Hernandez, Joann Pullen, Dawn Pufahl

THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES
CLASSROOM 5

Director - Terrah Mello

Assistants - Rebekah Morgan, Joey Stein

Floater - LeAnn Sbordone

MISSION LEADERS

GAs

Director - Cindy Fernald
Paula Silcox
Danielle Kirkland
Jenny Wilhelm
Laurie Dodson
Nicole Wilson
Jean Swafford
Sandra Hoover
Tina Davis

RAs

Director - Brett Kirkland
Al Eppinger
Huey Hauck
Eric Hoover
Justin Langston
Stefan Bourgoin

Our objective is to provide elementary age children with a comprehensive, creative, and cooperative program that will train them in Bible skills, Music, and Missions and encourage them to form lifelong commitments to these disciplines. Leadership is based on a team approach where cooperative planning and goal setting takes place between Music and Missions. From time to time, the Music and Missions teams will meet jointly. Both Music and Missions areas will emphasize the study of scripture with special emphasis given to Bible usage skills and scripture memorization during the Missions segment.

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES CALENDAR
2014-2015

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27	regular Music & Missions activities begin
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25	First Love
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19	Hanging of the Green service preparation (no Missions activities)
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23	Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26	Thanksgiving holidays (no FBCTLH evening activities)
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30	Hanging of the Green service, 6:00PM - elementary choirs participate (rehearsal time TBA)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3	Churchwide Missions study
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10	Christmas caroling
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17	Christmas Celebration (Music & Missions combined)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24	Christmas Eve - family service, 4:00PM; candlelight service, 6:00PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31	Christmas holidays (no FBCTLH evening activities)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7	regular Music & Missions activities resume
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11	auditions for dramatic roles for Children's Musical
FEBRUARY 6-7	Connections Weekend 2015
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25	Children's Musical rehearsal (combined choirs; no Missions activities)
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28	Children's Musical dress rehearsal, 10:00AM-12:00PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 1	Children's Musical, 6:00PM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19	Spring Break (no evening activities)
SUNDAY, MARCH 29	Palm Sunday - elementary choirs sing in worship services
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4	North American Missions study (no Music activities)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13	Hymn Memorization deadline
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27	End-of-the-year party
JUNE 15-19	Vacation Bible Study

HYMN MEMORIZATION PROGRAM

We believe that as our children learn to sing the great hymns that reflect our heritage as Christians, they learn words and melodies of faith, hope, and salvation that will remain with them for a lifetime. They gain not only a greater understanding of the Christian faith, but they gain a greater ability to be an active participant in worship. Through the offering of incentives and awards for learning hymns, the children's choir hymn memory program seeks to help your child develop an early and lasting love for the music of the church.

Each choir has a list of four hymns that they will study throughout the year. As your child learns each hymn, he will have the opportunity to sing it from memory for his choir director. Children who memorize all their hymns for the year will be presented with an award. In order to receive the Hymn Award this year, a child must sing all of his or her hymns, by memory, for a children's choir leader no later than Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

The hymns learned at each elementary choir level are listed below.

FIRST & SECOND GRADE

(1st stanzas only)

- Hymn 1 / Holy, Holy, Holy
- Hymn 102 / Joy to the World
- Hymn 499/ I Surrender All
- Hymn 619 / Blessed Assurance

THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES

(1st stanzas only)

- Hymn 159 / Fairest Lord Jesus
- Hymn 148 / What Child Is This?
- Hymn 590 / The Solid Rock
- Hymn 186 / When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

CHILDREN'S MUSIC - MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the children's choir ministry at First Baptist Church is to honor and worship God by instilling in the hearts and minds of children a lifelong desire to praise God through music. Because we believe that music is a gift from God, the ministry will additionally seek to equip children with the ability and desire to recognize and strive for excellence in all musical experiences. This goal will be achieved by providing every child an understanding of the fundamentals of music and quality vocal production, and through giving them opportunities to share music as an offering of worship to God.

CHILDREN'S MISSIONS - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The goal of our Girls in Action (GAs) and Royal Ambassador (RAs) organizations is to provide age appropriate opportunities for children to learn: what missions are, what the Bible says about missions, how others are doing missions, and how they can be involved in missions.

Children will be encouraged to develop Bible skills to use on a daily basis. Reading, learning and applying God's Word to every day life situations will strengthen the foundation of faith we desire for the children of First Baptist Church.