

# FIRST FOCUS

## **PREPARING FOR CONNECTIONS WEEKEND**

“Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” The first part of Jesus’ great commission combines mission and teaching, service and education, witness and formation. Both work hand in hand. You learn as you go. When you move, you grow.

The Connections Weekend conference, February 7-9, focuses our attention on the first part of the Great Commission: Mission + Discipleship. We are calling each other to “Live Sent.” You are a missionary for Jesus learning, sharing, and going at work, in your household, on your campus. Since we’re just a few weeks away from this exciting weekend, let me ask you to prepare in the following ways.

**Go:** Keep doing your kingdom assignments. Already 300 people are living sent. Be sure to take a step in January, and come prepared to talk about them in February.

**Pray:** Pray for our city. Pray for the leaders and the followers. Pray for the institutions and the neighborhoods. God is already at work on campuses, in households, and at work. Pray that our eyes would be open to see God’s work and have open doors to be co-laborers with Christ. Pray for our guest speaker, Matt Reynolds.

**Call:** Please invite your Sunday morning Bible study groups to come. We’re asking group leaders to call their rolls. Pastoral staff will be calling recent guests of the church. Share this conference with new members.

**Learn:** We have ordered a number of books that will help you learn more about “living sent,” even before the weekend starts. All of these are available in the connect center and can be purchased at the welcome desk. They’re also available in e-book format. Drop by, and check them out. A complete list is on my blog.

**Register:** Register today (at [fbctlh.org/connections](http://fbctlh.org/connections)), and plan to be a part. Connections Weekend gathers us across generations and ages for one purpose—to be on mission for Christ. What better way to build community in our church family than by going into the community together? I’ll see you February 7-9.



# THIS WEEK

## FIRST STEP

Are you interested in being part of our church family? Be sure and join us for our next First Step with Dr. Shiell—this Sunday, January 19, at 10:15AM in the welcome center. You will learn more about what it means to be a member here and how to become more involved.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women of all ages are welcome to join us for *Clothed with Power*, a 6-Week Bible study by Jennifer Kennedy Dean! There are two studies, both meet on Wednesday.

- 9:15AM led by Patsy Faircloth in Betty Gardner's home (beginning January 22)
  - 6:00PM led by Linda Smith in the Café Praise at FBC
- Participant books are \$10. In addition, we are excited that Jennifer will be the guest speaker at our upcoming women's event – **Covered**, *A One-Day Conference for Women* on April 5th! Questions? Contact Barbara Corven at bcorven@corveneng.com.

## CONNECTIONS WEEKEND RESOURCES

We have put together a small group of reading materials that may be helpful in preparation for this year's Connections Weekend. If you would like to purchase any of these books, you may do so at the front desk. (All are available on Kindle as well.) For more information, check out the display in the Connect Center.

- \$11 - *The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door*
- \$18 - *Missional Communities: The Rise of the Post-Congregational Church*
- \$13 - *Missional Small Groups: Becoming a Community That Makes a Difference in the World*
- \$14 - *Missional Small Groups: Joining God in the Neighborhood*
- \$13 - *Sessions with Matthew: Becoming a Family of Faith*

## COLLEGE SMALL GROUPS

We do stuff! Get connected to other students and study the Bible together in one of our small groups:

- GIRLS - Mondays at 6:30PM at Sidney & Eric Webb's house (sidney@fbctlh.org)
- GUYS - Mondays at 8:15PM at Zach & Shelley Allen's house (zach@fbctlh.org)
- GIRLS - Thursdays at 6:30PM at Kate King's house (its.grace.09@gmail.com)

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Church office closed in observance of MLK Day  
Israel and Jordan Trip begins

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Israel and Jordan Trip  
6:00PM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
6:30PM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Israel and Jordan Trip  
4:45PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall  
5:00PM Youth Snack Rack, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Childcare, Duval 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Children's Choir, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Adams 211  
6:00PM First Ladies' Bible Study, Adams 301  
6:00PM Adult Prayer and Bible Study, Sanctuary  
6:45PM RAs and GAs, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
7:00PM Youth Collide, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
7:00PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Chason 2201  
7:00PM Chamber Players Rehearsal, Adams 201  
7:15PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:15PM Young Adults Veritas, Adams 317

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Israel and Jordan Trip  
9:00AM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
9:30AM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201  
5:30PM First Brass, Adams 200

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Israel and Jordan Trip

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Israel and Jordan Trip  
9:00AM-1:00PM CLC Open

# COMING SOON

## FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary on a Sunday morning in honor or in memory of a loved one or a special event, please let us know using the flower calendar in the Adams foyer (on the first floor, on the right as you exit the organ-side of the sanctuary). There are many weeks still available in 2014, so reserve your spot now. For more information, contact Lenoir (x201 or lenoir@fbctlh.org).

## YOUTH

- Journey Summer Camp from June 23 – 27! Total cost is \$245 and a \$100 deposit is due by January 19.
- Disciple Now Weekend is February 27 – March 2! Total cost is \$55 but will increase to \$65 after February 2.
- Release Forms for 2014 are needed for all youth. Find them in the Connect Center and online at: fbctlh.org/youth

## NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Bev DeMello and Melanie Yeager invite individuals in their 40s and 50s to join them at 10:00AM Sundays for a new Bible study class for working professionals. Starting January 26, we will begin a journey through the Gospel of Matthew, a biography of Jesus. The study series, written by our own pastor, Dr. Shiell, will walk us through what we can learn from the first century on becoming a family of faith. We will meet in Adams 315. Feel free to contact Melanie for more information or directions (melanie.yeager@gmail.com).

## DIVORCE CARE

Help spread the word! Someone you know may be hurting...make sure they know about DivorceCare, a weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. It incorporates the use of a facilitator, videos, discussion, and a workbook. Anyone may join the group at any time during the 12-week session. The next session at FBCTLH begins Wednesday, January 29 in Adams 315 from 6:00 until 7:30PM. Call Jenna (x107) or Kathy (x141) with questions or for more information.

## CONNECTIONS WEEKEND

Mark your calendars now and be sure to join us for Connections Weekend: FEBRUARY 7-9, 2014. This event is open to the entire community, and we will focus this year on what it means to live for Christ and love Tallahassee. Through our guest speaker, Matt Reynolds, and through a variety of breakout sessions from our own church members, we will explore what it means to live a missional lifestyle where you live, work, and play. YOU are the missionary, YOU are the Church, and YOU are on a mission from God! Register now and get more info at fbctlh.org/connections.

## SERVE

### FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of January, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **laundry supplies**, such as laundry detergent, fabric softener, and dryer sheets. 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 new 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 [leonor@fbctlh.org](mailto:leonor@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**

January 22 - baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, steamed veggie medley, rolls, and dessert

**FINANCIALS**

YTD budget: \$103,687

Receipts 1/12: \$36,743

YTD receipts: \$78,384

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Tom Perrin, Jr.

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Jim Pitts
- 10AM Tom Perrin, Sr.
- 11AM Bob Pullen

**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, January 19

- 8AM Tim Barry
- 10AM Lyle Ragans
- 11AM Erik Eikeland

Wednesday, January 22

- 6PM Charles Maynard

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

9:00AM  
10:00AM  
11:15AM



Matthew 4:1-11