

FIRST FOCUS

ARTABAN'S EXAMPLE

Thank you for giving generously in 2013. With gratitude for God's blessings to First Baptist, we have surpassed our 2013 budget goal of \$2,438,299 and received \$2,608,019. This figure represents a 12% increase in giving this year. Praise the Lord.

Your generosity changed so many lives, but I want to tell you the story of one person in particular. When I visited Mission San Luis in February, I met a docent dressed in period costume. He looked just like a Franciscan missionary as I imagined him. When the children were practicing for the Nehemiah musical, Penny Folsom took them to visit the Mission as well. She met the same guy, and formed a friendship. She invited him to audition for the Christmas musical, and he played the part of Artaban. In the musical, Artaban gives everything he has-- all of his treasures-- to the poor and the lowly along his journey to find Jesus. In doing so, he discovers that "whatever you do for the least of these brothers of mine you have done for me."



Artaban's example is a journey that all of us have discovered together. In 2013, you have given abundantly to the work of Christ here at First Baptist. Our journey from Mission San Luis to the musical *The Other Wise Man* is just one example of how God has multiplied these gifts. They touched the lives of children, internationals, homeless, Sabal Palm students, and even the actor who played Artaban. You have provided resources for staff, facilities, and so much more. Thank you for sharing and giving.

Our budget goal for 2014 is \$2,695,872. I know you will be just as faithful, and God will continue to provide for our church family. Jesus said to the faithful servants in Matthew 25: "Well done, good and faithful servants. You have been faithful in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Share in the joy of God's blessings this year.

Bill

THIS WEEK

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 THIS SUNDAY, 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).

HAITI 2014 MEETING

If you are interested in going to Haiti with us this year, please come to our informational meeting THIS SUNDAY, January 26, at 4:00PM. We will meet in Chason 2201 and discuss ministry options and trip dates. If you are interested but cannot be at this meeting, please contact Zach (zach@fbctlh.org).

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)

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 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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Israel and Jordan Trip
8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
11:30AM SingleFocus Leadership Luncheon, Adams 301
4:00PM Haiti Mission Trip Meeting, Chason 2201
6:00PM College Mission Trip Meeting, Adams Basement

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Israel and Jordan Trip
10:30AM First Joy Choir Sing-Out

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Israel and Jordan Trip
4:45PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
5:00PM Youth Snack Rack, CLC 2nd Floor
6:00PM Childcare, Duval 1st Floor
6:00PM Children's Choir, Duval 2nd Floor
6:00PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Adams 211
6:00PM First Ladies' Bible Study, Adams 301
6:00PM Business Meeting and Bible Study, Sanctuary
6:45PM RAs and GAs, Duval 2nd Floor
7:00PM Youth Collide, CLC 2nd 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 30

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

Israel and Jordan Trip returns

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00AM-1:00PM CLC Open

COMING SOON

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! We will meet each Wednesday at 9:15AM, led by Patsy Faircloth, in Betty Gardner's home beginning February 5. 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! Contact Barbara Corven (bcorven@corveneng.com) for more information.

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).

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.

YOUTH CHOIR DESSERT THEATRE

Dessert Theatre 2014 is coming! Our show, *WFBC: On the Radio*, will be held in the CLC 2nd Floor youth room. The show times are Friday, February 14 at 7:30PM; Saturday, February 15 at 7:30PM; and Sunday, February 16 at 2:00PM. There will be a love offering taken at each show to help offset the cost of the 2014 Youth Choir Mission Trip. There are only 100 seats per performance, and you will need a ticket to enter, but tickets are free and will be available beginning Wednesday, January 29.

YOUTH

- 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

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

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 leonor@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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TALLAHASSEE
FLORIDA

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

January 29 - meat or veggie lasagna, steamed broccoli, bread, salad bar, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$155,531
Receipts 1/19: \$26,624
YTD receipts: \$105,008

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Howard Rhodes

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM John Schanbacher
- 10AM Lee Scarboro
- 11AM Lonnie Salimone

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 26

- 8AM Ben Hart
- 10AM John Schanbacher
- 11AM Mark Byler

Wednesday, January 29

- 6PM Lee Vickery

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

Zach Allen, College Minister

**CHANGES IN
LATITUDE
CHANGES IN
ATTITUDE**

Colossians 3:1-11