

# FIRST FOCUS

## INSIDE OUT

Words matter. For every generation, there is a speech that stands the test of time. For some Americans, it might be “The Gettysburg Address” or “I Have a Dream.” They become imbedded inside our minds and hearts, opening our eyes to a new way of living and stirring our lives to greater commitment.

For Christians, the Sermon on the Mount is Jesus’ speech that defines each generation of believers. If you want to know what a Christian strives to be and do, look no further than this speech. The Gospel of Matthew collects Jesus’ teachings into three chapters to train disciples living on mission for him. Matthew 5-7 isn’t everything Jesus taught, but it’s the best example for us in one speech of what he said and what we are to do right now. The Sermon on the Mount gives us a vision for life today and criteria for making decisions in the world. Like any good oration, the sermon holds up the mirror of Jesus’ words to our lives. It causes us to gaze deeply into our hearts and the lives of those around us. It elevates our perspective to a higher and more meaningful way of living. It shapes the character of disciples for generations.

This weekend, Matt Reynolds and our breakout session leaders will be teaching us how to “Live Sent,” to be missionaries in communities right here in Tallahassee. What kind of lifestyle choices do we need to make in order to live this way? The Sermon on the Mount tells us. Jesus’ message provides an alternative Way based on a life that “Seeks first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.” This higher level of righteousness means that disciples will be salt and light in a world of darkness. People live with their identity centered around who God in Christ created them to be. The Sermon tells us what it means to be fully human, to be blessed, and by so doing build our lives on the rock of Jesus Christ.

Beginning February 16, I want to invite you to hear, read, and study the Sermon from the “Inside Out.” To begin the series, I’ll be reciting the Sermon on the Mount from memory in both services. The word of God was first heard before it was read, and these chapters take about 20-25 minutes to perform. By listening together, it changes how we hear and imagine a new way of living. These words become like seeds watered by the spirit of God and sprouting forth like fruit in our lives.

Each Sunday from February 23–March 23, we’ll take a look at a different passage within the Sermon to give us a new vision of life focused on Christ and criteria for making decisions every day according to this vision. By committing to Jesus’ words, we pledge our allegiance to him as Lord.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill", located at the bottom right of the page.

# THIS WEEK

## CONNECTIONS WEEKEND RESOURCES

We have put together a small group of reading materials that may be helpful in learning to LIVE SENT. If you can't make it this weekend, or just want to supplement your notes, each is available for purchase at the front desk. All are available on Kindle as well. For more info, check out the display in the Connect Center.

## SESSIONS WITH MATTHEW

Everyone is invited to a new series in Adult Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 6:00PM. Dr. Shiell will be leading each session using his book, "Sessions With Matthew," available at the front desk.

## DRAMA AUDITIONS

Auditions for *The Living Last Supper* will be held this Sunday, February 9, from 12:00-1:30PM in Adams 200. *The Living Last Supper* will be presented the evening of Thursday, April 17. The cast calls for 13 men of varying ages. No prior acting experience is required! For more information, please call the Music office (x201).

## 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 and a new bonus show at 6:00PM! 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 are now available in the Welcome Center each Wednesday and Sunday.

## WOMEN ON MISSION

All ladies are invited to join us for the WMU/WOM February Mission Project; all groups will meet together this month.

**When:** Tuesday, February 11, 9:30-11:0AM

**Where:** Library at the Florida Baptist Children's Home (8415 Buck Lake Road)

We will be making Valentine goodie bags for the residents and hearing an update from an FBCH staff member. All supplies will be furnished for the bags. Call Beckie Maynard (539-5079) if you need additional information. If you would like to ride the church bus, call Linda Wheeler (877-4839).

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor  
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options  
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary  
5:30PM College Mission Trip Meeting, Adams Basement

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room  
10:30AM First Joy Choir, Chason 2201

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30AM WOM at Florida Baptist Children's Home  
5:30PM CLC Committee, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
6:30PM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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, FEBRUARY 13

9:00AM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
9:30AM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201  
5:30PM First Brass, Adams 200  
6:00PM Finance Committee, Conference Room

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:30PM Youth Choir Dessert Theatre, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:30PM Youth Choir Dessert Theatre, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## FIRST STEP

Are you new to First Baptist, or maybe you've been a regular attender for the past few months? If so, please join us Sunday, February 16, at 10:15AM in the Welcome Center to share a cup of coffee with our pastor, and discuss what it means to be a member at First Baptist. This informal gathering of guests and prospective members will give you a chance to discover ways to connect at FBCTLH.

## YOUNG ADULTS

Join us for Veritas on Wednesday nights through April 23 for a study through The Gospel of John. We meet in Adams 317 at 7:15PM. The Gospel of John was "written so that you may believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing you may have life in His name." We are spending three months walking through this special testimony of Jesus. Come prepared each week by reading the chapters below before the date on which we will discuss them. To get even more, read the passage several times during the week, preferably in more than one translation (e.g., NASB, ESV, HCSB, NIV).

## COLLEGE

We're looking for students who have 4 hours a week to help lead in a few key areas within our College Ministry on our leadership team! Interested? Check out the blog at [fsuchurch.com](http://fsuchurch.com) for more info & an application.

Will you be serving on mission this summer? Let us know where and with whom by emailing [sidney@fbctlh.org](mailto:sidney@fbctlh.org)—we would like to begin praying for you and those who you will come into contact with!

## SENIOR ADULTS

Join in the *February Festivities: Food, Fellowship, and Friends* - Friday, February 21, in the fellowship hall. Our luncheon will feature the FBC Chordsmen, and is still just \$5 per person. Please invite a *friend* to join you; reservations are required. Sign up in your SMBS class or call Kathy Lambert (x141).

## YOUTH

- Disciple Now Weekend is February 27 – March 2! Total cost is \$65
- Release Forms for 2014 are needed for all youth. Find them in the Connect Center and online at: [fbctlh.org/youth](http://fbctlh.org/youth)

## 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](mailto:lenoir@fbctlh.org)).

## SERVE

### FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of February, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **personal care items**, such as shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, and body lotion. 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](http://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).

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#### FELLOWSHIP MEAL

February 12 - Meat or veggie lasagna, steamed broccoli, salad bar, garlic bread, and dessert

#### FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$

Receipts 2/02: \$

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#### DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Ryan Stokes

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Daryle Gray
- 10AM Wayne Tedder
- 11AM Stan Sheppard

#### SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 9

- 8AM Steve Williams
- 10AM Jim Croushorn
- 11AM Art Pitts

Wednesday, February 12

- 6PM Roy Story

#### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:00AM

#### BIBLE STUDY

10:00AM

#### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

11:15AM

# CONNECTIONS WEEKEND

Guest Speaker, Matt Reynolds