

# FIRST FOCUS

## THE INTEGRATED LIFE

At some point along the Way, we recognize that our calendars and occupations try to compartmentalize our lives.

- Sunday and Wednesday - church
- Monday–Friday - work
- Saturday - family

We're taught to set strong boundaries, keep family away from work, and give ourselves time to relax. At times, there are good reasons for this rationale. Eventually, however, a compartmentalized mindset leads to fragmentation and damages our witness.

After a few years of trying to fit my life into several different boxes, I had to admit something. I could spend a lot of energy trying to keep everything separate, or I could admit I am just one person. I'm planted in one family, with a church, life, and home that run seamlessly together. Sometimes it's crazy and unmanageable, but most of the time it's a lot of fun to do life and share life with people all the time.

This past Saturday at Connections weekend, Matt and Margaret Reynolds explored the power of the integrated life. It starts by sitting with the people you love the most, inviting them to share your mission for God, and then doing life together where you live, worship, and work. While the adults were learning the same concept, Kelly Shiell challenged our kids to Live Sent at home, school, and play. Kids seem to grasp this concept easier. They don't manage calendars and jobs yet to segment them. Their parents schedule them, but they don't. A few of them have "school friends" or "church friends," but many of them integrate their relationships seamlessly.

When adults start the process, we discover this is really how Christ made us. We don't have to go from one group to another playing different roles. We share the person Christ has made us to be as we travel down the many pathways of life. In Matthew 5-7, when Jesus sat with his disciples on a mountain to explain how to live as an obedient community, he gave them a vision of this life of integrity. This is how God created you—a person who can live the Way of Christ every place you go. It's the blessed life built on the foundation of Christ.

As Mary Sarton writes, the goal is to become yourself:

*"Now I become myself. It's taken  
Time, many years and places....  
My work, my love, my time, my face  
Gathered into one intense  
Gesture of growing like a plant.  
As slowly as the ripening fruit  
Fertile, detached, and always spent,  
Falls but does not exhaust the root....  
O, in this single hour I live  
All of myself and do not move.  
I, the pursued, who madly ran,  
Stand still, stand still, and stop the sun!"*



# THIS WEEK

## YOUTH CHOIR DESSERT THEATRE

Thank you so much for your overwhelming response to our shows - THIS WEEKEND, Friday through Sunday! We added a fourth performance, and all 4 shows are currently sold out! **If you received tickets that you no longer plan to use, please return to the music office as soon as possible.** If you are in need of tickets, please call (x201) to be placed on a waiting list. As tickets become available, we will contact you!

If you have a specialty dessert that you would like to donate for auction, please contact Amy Baker (aebaker215@comcast.net).

## 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 THIS 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.

## 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.

## 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).

## 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).

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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  
2:00PM Youth Choir Dessert Theatre, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
5:30PM College Mission Trip Meeting, Gaskin Home  
6:00PM Youth Choir Dessert Theatre, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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 20

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, FEBRUARY 21

12:00PM Senior Adult Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

# COMING SOON

## YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult 1 is preparing and serving a meal for the hungry and homeless at The Shelter Friday, February 21. We start cooking in the FBCTLH kitchen around 5:30, take the meal to The Shelter and serve it, then come back and finish cleaning up usually by 8:30PM. If you would like to join this quarterly effort, let Natalee Harrison (harrisonn1@leonschools.net) or Josh (josh@fbctlh.org) know.

All ladies are invited to a Ladies' Gathering at the home of Stephanie Pichard on Friday, February 28, at 7:00PM. Lynn Milner will bring a word of encouragement and we will enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshment. For more information, contact Kerri Pearce (kerrip33@gmail.com).

## 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 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—we would like to begin praying for you and those who you will come into contact with!

## 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

## HAITI MUSIC CAMP

If you are interested in being involved or getting more information about the leadership/music camp at the Christian University of Northern Haiti, we have two weekends for you to put on your calendar: February 22-23, and March 22. Dr. Louima Lilite is a graduate of the music camp and will be available to talk with those who would like more information on Saturday, February 22. On Sunday, February 23, he will provide special music and a brief testimony in both worship services - you won't want to miss it! The annual fundraiser to support the camp will be on March 22 at the home of Janet Ray. More details will be forthcoming!

## 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).

## 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 page for more ways to get involved now in serving in and through FBCTLH.

### FIRST LOVE

Mark your calendars now and save the date for First Love 2014: Saturday, October 25. Don't miss it as we take "the church" to Tallahassee.



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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 [lenoir@fbctlh.org](mailto:lenoir@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**

February 19 - taco salad bar: meat, taco chips, cheese sauce, black bean/corn medley, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, olives, jalapeños, sour cream, and dessert

**FINANCIALS**

YTD budget: \$311,062  
Receipts 2/09: \$71,584  
YTD receipts: \$283,909

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Dennis Jorgensen

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Larry Williams
- 10AM Sherman Wilhelm
- 11AM Jim Chorey

**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, February 16

- 8AM Tim Barry
- 10AM Brent Daniel
- 11AM Eric Palm

Wednesday, February 19

- 6PM Wesley Head

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

9:00AM

**BIBLE STUDY**

10:00AM

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

11:15AM



*The Sermon on the Mount*