

# FIRST FOCUS

## LESSONS FROM DESSERT THEATRE

After hours of rehearsals and four great performances, our youth choir and an exhausted director can relax. It was a great weekend for First Baptist on so many fronts, and our house is still humming "Taylor the Latte Boy." I learned a few lessons from our students to share with you.

1. **Generations can learn from each other's music.** The students sang a "something for everyone" program and reminded us a bit about our own musical tastes. Our students appreciated that variety and showed us how to sing it well. They united to sing across grades and school lines. Our church is about as varied in musical tastes as Delilah, Kenny Rogers, and NPR. We sing together, "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" on Sunday mornings each week. We have much to learn from each other if we'll take the opportunity.
2. **Find where you fit.** Each student had a part to play. They played it well, not perfectly. Some were out of their comfort zone, but their leaders found a way to fit each person into a part that brought out their strengths. No one person can do everything, but everyone can do something. Your thing doesn't even need to be the perfect something. Simply by trying and serving, you contribute to the sound. God honors that, and you don't have to be anyone other than the person God has created you to be.
3. **Give someone your raw material.** I heard a few students sing this weekend who sang better than they ever had. "They have it in them," but someone brought their talents out of them. Pam Cooke and her team knew how to coach and coax sounds out of young people. Everyone needs a person in their life that can take what is inside them and bring out the best offering they can give. We not only need to do the Christian life together, but we also need experts. We need training and direction. That requires humility.
4. **Little things matter.** Back stage and the back of the Quad were beehives of action. Costume changes, technical calls, food distribution, desserts, you name it. So much goes into a program that you never see. Work on the small things in your life. Those details that only God can see really count.
5. **Tell your friends what matters in your life.** As I greeted our guests, I realized about half the room came because someone personally invited them. Many of them have no church home but were drawn by the invitation and enthusiasm of the performers. Let Jesus matter to you, and you'll invite people. Our students are some of our best evangelists.

I'm grateful to you for coming and giving. We have a talented church and an incredible staff. Give thanks to God for a wonderful weekend. I'm ready to learn more.



# THIS WEEK

## 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).

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).

## YOUTH DISCIPLE NOW WEEKEND

Thursday, February 27 kicks off Disciple Now Weekend for our middle and high school students here at FBCTLH! This is a weekend that is centered around small group discipleship through prayer, worship, recreation, Bible study, and more. Please be in prayer for both our students, leaders, and host homes as they learn about becoming "empowered to change the world"!

## 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](mailto:sidney@fbctlh.org)— we would like to begin praying for you and those who you will come into contact with!

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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 24

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room  
10:30AM First Joy Choir at Centerpointe  
6:00PM Deacons Meeting

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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 Church Business Meeting 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 27

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 Youth DNow Kick-Off, Fellowship Hall

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Youth Disciple Now Weekend

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Youth Disciple Now Weekend

# 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).

## NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER

March 2–9 is the North American Missions Week of Prayer. Prayer guides will be available in morning worship services on March 2. The Women on Mission Week of Prayer luncheon will be March 3 at noon. The program will include Lance Beauchamp, FSU BCM campus minister, who will speak on the challenges and opportunities of college ministry, and reports on FBC mission outreach. The cost is \$6, and reservations can be made through WOM Group leaders or WMU/WOM Coordinator, Donna Heald. The deadline for reservations is February 23. Please pray for missionaries working with people groups in North America, and consider how you might support their work financially. Giving envelopes are available in the connect center.

## 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, please mark your calendar: the annual fundraiser to support the camp will be on March 22 at Janet Ray's home. More details will be forthcoming!

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Save the date for **Covered**: a one-day Women's Conference featuring Jennifer Kennedy Dean. She is the author of numerous books, studies, and magazine articles specializing in prayer and spiritual formation. Her book, *Heart's Cry*, is a primary resource for National Day of Prayer. Her book, *Live a Praying Life*, has been called a flagship work on prayer. Jennifer speaks all over the country calling God's people to discover the difference between "a prayer life" and "a praying life." For more information and a registration form, check out [fbctlh.org/women](http://fbctlh.org/women), or pick up one of the brochures available around the FBCTLH campus. Invite your friends!

## 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.

### 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 26 - breakfast for dinner: grits, eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, juice, coffee, biscuits, and dessert

**FINANCIALS**

YTD budget: \$362,906

Receipts 2/16: \$52,065

YTD receipts: \$335,975

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Eris Wilson

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Jimmie Callaway
- 10AM Ray Young
- 11AM Seth Ablordeppey

**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, February 23

- 8AM Ben Hart
- 10AM Lyle Ragan
- 11AM Erik Eikeland

Wednesday, February 26

- 6PM Charles Maynard

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

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

# INSIDE OUT

Matthew 6:22