

FIRST FOCUS

PLAYING WITH PURPOSE

Each Saturday in January and February, the CLC is filled with players, coaches, parents, and officials playing with a purpose. They are a part of our Upward Basketball and Cheerleading ministry. Through a partnership with Tallahassee First Church of the Nazarene, Upward provides 182 children an opportunity to play this season.

Upward occupies a unique space locally. Players are rewarded as much for their character as their skills. They receive stars for demonstrating service and Christlikeness. Coaches, fans, and officials are encouraged to teach through the timeouts. Everyone has equal playing time, and halftime includes a devotional. Coaches encourage players to be at church on Sunday mornings.

The games and the cheerleading still include plenty of competitiveness. Parents and coaches still have opinions; Dads wish the officials would "call it both ways"; but in the big picture, we're here to compete for the ultimate prize: the goal of the call of God in Christ Jesus.

So how are we doing on that count? Edem Ablordeppey, our director of the program, reports the participants are divided into 22 basketball teams and 1 cheer squad. There are 8 teams in the kindergarten to 1st grade division, 8 teams in the 2nd and 3rd grade division and 6 teams in the 4th to 6th grade division.

There are 40 Coaches and Assistants (36 for basketball and 4 for cheerleading), 3 of whom are non-FBC guys who participate in league ball on Monday nights. FBC utilizes 12 referees, and 6 of these are non-FBC guys who participate in league ball on Monday nights. Four of them are clock/scoreboard operators. Fifty of these children indicate they do not have a church home in Tallahassee.

I am so grateful to Edem and our CLC committee for taking the reins of this ministry. With nearly 27% of participants unchurched, it's a great opportunity to tell and live the gospel as families on mission. Rhonda Smith will also be inviting these families to participate in our sports camp following Vacation Bible School in June.

Please join us Tuesday evening, March 11, at 6:30PM. in the sanctuary for the Upward Basketball awards ceremony. You'll have a chance to meet a lot of new faces, thank the staff and volunteers, touch lives, and to experience something that we do in our house most every day. We have fun.



THIS WEEK

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 this Sunday. The 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. 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.

FAITH, FOOD, FRIDAY

This Friday, March 7, at FBCTLH, Dr. Shiell and “The God Squad” will continue the Faith, Food, Friday season with a discussion on **Gender and Faith**. The program will begin at noon in the fellowship hall, with lunch available beginning at 11:30AM. All Faith, Food, Friday forums are free and open to the public. Lunch is \$8 if you RSVP by Tuesday, March 4, and \$10 with a late reservation or at the door - all lunches are paid in cash or check at the door, or you may bring your own lunch. For a menu, more information, and to RSVP, go online to wiki.tothevillagesquare.org/x/QYDf, call 850.590.6646, or e-mail fff@tothevillagesquare.org.

WALK FOR LIFE

A Women’s Pregnancy Center’s 19th Annual Walk for Life will be Saturday, March 8, at our new location - the Tallahassee Automobile Museum - at 8:30AM. Help the center raise funds so they can continue sharing the good news of Christ’s forgiveness and the hope of a bright future with women and men facing crisis pregnancies. You can go to joinwalkforlife.com to register, create your own webpage, or sponsor another walker. Call 297.1174 or text 296.2770 for more info.

YOUNG ADULT MEN

Join our guys’ group - Saturdays at 7:00AM at Bradfordville Chick-fil-A (Bannerman). We’re going through the book “Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth” by Richard Foster. Please come out even if you can’t stay the whole time. If you are coming please let Daryle Gray (darylegray@hotmail.com) know.

Bad location for you? We encourage you to start or find a men’s group in your area.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Youth Disciple Now Weekend
North American Missions Week of Prayer
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 Safe Church Training, Duval 209
5:30PM College Mission Trip Meeting, Adams Basement

MONDAY, MARCH 3

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room
10:30AM First Joy Choir, Chason 2201
12:00PM Week of Prayer Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
6:00PM Personnel Committee, Conference Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

6:00PM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 2nd Floor
6:30PM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201
6:00PM Property Committee, Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

4:45PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
5:00PM Youth Snack Rack, CLC 2nd Floor
5:30PM Safe Church Training, Duval 209
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 Adult 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, MARCH 6

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

College Mission Trip to Boston
12:00PM Faith, Food, Friday, Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

COMING SOON

SINGLE FOCUS (40+) AND xADULTS (55+)

The approaching change of seasons will be observed in the "Spring Greening" luncheon at Maclay Gardens on March 15. The Dining Shelter capacity is limited to 150 – sorry, no exceptions, so please make your reservation/payment by Wednesday, March 11, with Sharon Cawthorne at the front desk or Jenna Young (x107). The price for the lunch reservation is \$10.00. The meal will be prepared by Sonny's Catering and served at noon. The activities will start at 10:00AM. Park entrance fee and tour of the gardens is in addition to the cost for lunch.

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

Please join us for *Covered – A One-Day Conference for Women with Jennifer Kennedy Dean* at FBCTLH from 9:00AM until 3:00PM on Saturday, April 5! Jennifer is a well-known author of numerous books, studies, and magazine articles specializing in prayer and spiritual formation. She speaks all over the country calling God's people to discover the difference between "a prayer life" and "a praying life", and we are so excited to bring her to Tallahassee. Some of you have participated in one of Jennifer's Bible studies, which include *Live a Praying Life*. The conference will include this outstanding speaker, great music, a continental breakfast, and a sit-down lunch...and, of course, fellowship, inspiration, and fun! The cost is \$35 (\$50 after March 26). Registration is now open! Look for brochures and registration forms in your SMBS class, in the connect center, in the welcome center, at the front desk, and at fbctlh.org/covered!

For more information please contact Barbara Corven (bcorven@corveneng.com or 850.422.2902). Invite your friends and family and DON'T MISS IT!

SERVE

HOPE COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

The FBCTLH family on mission has the opportunity to assist three homeless mothers expecting babies in late March by providing them with the essentials every newborn needs, which they transition to permanent housing. These mothers are residents of the HOPE Community, which provides a safe living environment for 6 months while residents become self-sufficient. You can help by bringing unwrapped gifts to the church office THIS SUNDAY, March 2 (requested needs available online at fbctlh.org/serve), or contributing toward the purchase of car seats and strollers - checks payable to FBCTLH with "Hope Babies" in the memo line. If you are interested in helping to host a baby shower for these moms at HOPE Community on Saturday, March 8, please RSVP to Jennifer Hendrix (hendrixbama@yahoo.com). For more information, please see fbctlh.org/serve.

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of March, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **cleaning supplies** for the kitchen, bathroom, glass, and wood. 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.

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

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 lenoir@fbctlh.org. All other requests are \$5, and can be made at the front desk or online at fbctlh.org/contact.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

March 5 - grilled chicken breast, bow tie pasta, alfredo sauce, steamed broccoli, salad bar, rolls, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$414,750

Receipts 2/23: \$34,272

YTD receipts: \$370,247

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Tim Barry

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Terry Baker
- 10AM Harold Brock
- 11AM Jim Barger

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 2

- 8AM Jim Wheeler
- 10AM John Schanbacher
- 11AM Erik Eikeland

Wednesday, March 5

- 6PM Lee Vickery

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
BIBLE STUDY
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AWARDS

Matthew 5:1-12