

FIRST FOCUS

A LETTER FROM ASSOCIATE PASTOR, REV. FRAN BUHLER:

IT'S TIME

"Aging," they say, "is the meringue on the pie of life," so "it's time" for me to enjoy it. After discussion with our Pastor, Deacons, and staff, I will retire the end of August, 2014. (For those of you already in the meringue, that's this year!)

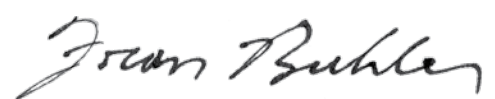
Since Dr. Shiell's arrival, I have enjoyed – and been blessed – by our partnership in ministry. Working with Bill has been exciting and rewarding. I've enjoyed serving under his leadership, witnessing God's blessing in our church.

My deep appreciation list includes:

1. The First Baptist Faithful (and former Pastor Doug Dortch) for the opportunity to serve as associate pastor, to know the kindness and thoughtfulness of FBC members. Many of the most faithful Christ-followers I have known anywhere in my life are right here in this church.
2. FBC's Deacon Leadership, working with 21 outstanding Chairmen. I especially credit the steady interim leadership of former Deacon Chairs Wayne Nesmith and Dennis Jorgensen, also every Finance Committee and Nominating Committee Chair.
3. Our Sunday Morning Bible Study Directors, Teachers, and leaders – 150 strong – who serve so faithfully, our 8AM groups and our 10AM groups. My appreciation includes the leadership years of Al Eppinger and Richard Tudor in our Bible study ministry.
4. We treasure our time with all FBC Pastoral and Support staff, a genuine group we enjoy. I am especially grateful to Paula Clayton whose 15 years of faithful fingerprints can be found on everything generated from my office.

Nancy and I marvel at the love and care of this church. After our 1979 auto accident, following lengthy hospital stays, our Sunday School class brought meals to our home for 9 months during Nancy's long recovery, when our sons were 13, 11, and 8. Moving here twice from Washington, DC, we and our sons chose FBC's Youth ministry under Mark Wilbanks and Clint Purvis, and FBC worship under Dr. McMillan. We chaperoned youth camps and ski trips, we taught Sunday School. FBC ordained me first as a deacon and later as a minister, honoring my call to ministry and my seminary preparation years ago. We raised our sons here. We raised our Ebenezer, "our stone of help", here. We shall always be grateful for First Baptist Church of Tallahassee.

As for the future, I'll spend more time in the Nancy Buhler Fan Club, enjoy family fun and travel, and knock out a couple of books, my personal Kingdom Assignments: "The Grief Letter", and "The Dream-Choosing Challenge in a Dream-Chasing World". But we will be "munching the meringue" every day! Worshipping at FBC, challenged by Bill Shiell's sermons, inspired by our unmatched Sanctuary Choir and First Joy Choir, and the best Praise Team in town!


ASSOCIATE PASTOR

THIS WEEK

COLLEGE MISSION TRIP

Please be in prayer this week for our college students and leaders on their mission trip to Boston. They will be ministering alongside Coram Deo Community Church, a new church plant in Charlestown, MA. To follow along with what they're doing, please check out the "our blog" page at fsuchurch.com.

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.

SINGLE FOCUS (40+) AND ADULTS (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 and tour of the gardens fees are in addition to the cost for lunch.



*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your loving support in attending all four Youth Choir Dessert Theatre shows! We are extremely grateful for your participation in the silent auctions and offerings taken. We are pleased to announce that we were able to raise \$7,000 to help offset the cost of this summer's mission trip to Tennessee. You have made a difference in the lives of these youth!*

--Pam Cooke

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Daylight Saving Time Begins
College Mission 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

MONDAY, MARCH 10

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

College Mission Trip
6:00PM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 2nd Floor
6:30PM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201
6:30PM Upward Sports Awards Ceremony, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

College Mission Trip
4:45PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
5:00PM Youth Snack Rack, CLC 2nd Floor
6:00PM Weekday Committee, Chason Large Meeting Room
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 13

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

College Mission Trip

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

College Mission Trip returns
10:00AM SingleFocus and Adults 55+, Maclay Gardens
9:00AM Young Adult Work Day, Florida Baptist Children's Home

COMING SOON

LOVE FIRST

Come help us with a little spring cleaning! Our next Love First work day is scheduled for Saturday, March 22. We will meet in the welcome center at 8:00AM for a fellowship time and then have some fun while serving around our church campus to prepare for Springtime Tallahassee and Easter! There is no need to sign up ahead of time, but if you need childcare, please contact Rhonda (rhonda@fbctlh.org). If you would like to work outside, please plan to bring any yard tools you may have, and some work gloves.

SPRINGTIME TALLAHASSEE VOLUNTEERS

The City of Tallahassee's annual Springtime Tallahassee festival will be here before you know it - this year, on Saturday, March 29. We will once again be inviting patrons of the festival to make use of our facilities, but we need your help to serve the community! Please go online to fbctlh.org/serve and click the "Learn More" button for Springtime Tallahassee to volunteer for a 1-hour shift that Saturday. If you need help registering online, please contact Sharon at the front desk and she will register on your behalf. We hope you will also plan to hang out with our community downtown that day and show them that FBCTLH Loves Tallahassee!

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

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 12 - ham, macaroni & cheese, steamed cabbage, corn muffins, salad bar, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$66,593
Receipts 3/02: \$54,013
YTD receipts: \$424,260
Spring Missions as of 3/02: \$1,854

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day - Darrell Thompson

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Jeff Butts
- 10AM Leon Cassels
- 11AM Nate Adams

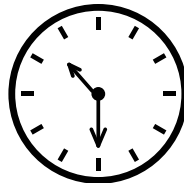
SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 9

- 8AM Steve Williams
- 10AM Jeff Crew
- 11AM Lorne Shackelford

Wednesday, March 12

- 6PM Wayne Connor



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
BEGINS THIS SUNDAY
--SPRING FORWARD--**

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

**A LIFE FULFILLED
IN CHRIST**

Matthew 5:17-20