

FIRST FOCUS

PRAYER AND HOSPITALITY

When I walked into the conference room to defend my dissertation at Baylor, one of my professors, Dr. Charles Talbert, was the first to arrive. He greeted me in his usual, professional manner. We engaged in the usual nervous smalltalk that most intimidated graduate students have with biblical scholars known worldwide. I asked him how his church was doing. At the time, he attended a growing, thriving church in the heart of Waco. His response caught me by surprise: "Things are going very well; we really need a prayer ministry."

Throughout his career, Dr. Talbert has been known for his depth of commitment to Christ as much as his scholarship. His commitment to the academy has always been in service to the church. I guess I was shocked because I thought I was the one who needed the prayers; I was about to be on the hot seat in front of him. He disarmed me with his warm and caring manner. He was as concerned about his church's success (and mine) as much as his work.

Saturday, April 5 is our Women's Conference called "Covered." Jennifer Kennedy Dean, who wrote the "Live a Praying Life" Bible study some of our ladies have participated in recently, will be speaking teaching on the truths of scripture. Just as God has blessed our church in these days, so our prayer lives need even greater attention and focus. Next Wednesday, March 26, is the early registration deadline for the conference. I hope you'll plan to come and bring a friend.

Saturday, March 29 is our annual open-door invitation to the community called "Springtime Tallahassee." So many people experience First Baptist hospitality for the first time simply by checking out our building each spring. If you have not registered, please do so by using the email link sent earlier this month. If you do not have access to email, you can always call Sharon Cawthorne at the church office.

In the midst of a busy season, these two events remind us of the importance of prayer and hospitality. Without the two, our church cannot thrive. Because of the blessings and success of these past months, just as Dr. Talbert taught, we really need both. And I'm still very grateful for his example that day, as well as the passing grade.



THIS WEEK

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, March 23, 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.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

This is your last week to register early for *Covered – A One-Day Conference for Women with Jennifer Kennedy Dean* at FBCTLH from 9:00AM until 3:00PM on Saturday, April 5! The cost is \$35 now, but is \$50 after this Wednesday, March 26. 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!

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.

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

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

A new Wednesday morning (9:30-11:30AM) Bible study begins this week on March 26 at Betty Gardner's home. We will begin a new 7-week series on *Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus* by Lisa Harper. Please contact Patsy Faircloth (ptfaircloth1946@comcast.net) if you plan to attend, or need more information!

SPRINGTIME TALLAHASSEE

We need your help to serve the community this Saturday, March 29! 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!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

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

MONDAY, MARCH 24

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room
10:30AM First Joy Choir - CANCELLED

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

11:00AM Senior Ladies Bible Study, Welcome Center
4:45PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
5:00PM Youth Snack Rack, CLC 2nd Floor
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 Church Business Meeting and 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 27

9:00AM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 2nd Floor
9:30AM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201
5:30PM First Brass, Adams 200
7:00PM Security Training, Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

10:00AM Springtime Tallahassee Hospitality

COMING SOON

WOMEN ON MISSION GROUPS

Each Women on Mission group meets monthly for various service programs and projects. All FBCTLH ladies are invited to participate! Contact a group leader or Donna Heald (dhealdtlh@centurylink.net) for more information about joining a group.

The next meetings for Women on Mission groups will be **Tuesday, April 8 at 9:30AM**

- Group 1 – led by Patsy Faircloth and Gloria Dowden | Location: Second Harvest Food Bank, 110 Four Points Way
Program: donate canned goods and sort for a service project
- Group 2 – led by Glenda Verhine | Location: Ronald McDonald House, 712 East 7th Avenue | Program: serve brunch to clients
- Group 3 – led by Maurine Wagner | Location: Westminster Oaks Pool House | Program: TBD

CRESCENDO CONCERT

“Crescendo” is a worship concert led by our college students in music ministry. In music, to *crescendo* means to grow in volume, in strength. We are blessed with many college students who join our church family and specifically, our music ministry, during the time that they are in Tallahassee. This concert offers an opportunity for our students to use their gifts and talents to serve both Christ and this church. You will be amazed and inspired by these students. Don't miss out on this opportunity to support them as family - Sunday, March 30, at 6:00PM in the sanctuary.



CELEBRATE!

Donnie and Sam Colwell have a new granddaughter! Journey Wren Horn was born in Tampa on March 6 to Shannon and Adam Horn.

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 26 - fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad bar, biscuits, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$570,281
Receipts 3/16: \$26,994
YTD receipts: \$505,304
Spring Missions as of 3/16: \$5,509

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Cecil Davis

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM James Craig
- 10AM Jim Davis
- 11AM Richard Duley

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 23

- 8AM Ben Hart
- 10AM Brent Daniel
- 11AM Eric Palm

Wednesday, March 26

- 6PM Wesley Head

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

USING GOOD JUDGMENT
WITHOUT BECOMING
JUDGMENTAL

Matthew 7:1-12