

# FIRST FOCUS

## **NEIGHBORING**

It seems like every week when I open the paper or watch the news, I'm catching First Baptist in action around the community. These surprises come in all shapes and sizes. Each one shares out of a heart of love for Christ.

With the successful completion of the Montgomery House, Gary and J.C. Montgomery are the proud owners of a renovated home and ministry center in the Griffin Heights neighborhood. They are positioned right in the neighborhood because of First Baptist.

On March 8, several ladies coordinated a baby shower for three single moms who live at the Hope Community, a transitional housing ministry through Big Bend Homeless Coalition. This project began with a simple request from Hope Community, and our women pulled this project together in less than a month. Folks are still writing notes to these women in the Connect Center, and we have many more opportunities to come to touch these single moms in Jesus' name.

Music therapy graduate student, and our own music intern, Anna Marie Friars coordinated and implemented A Night at the Opera with our ministry partner, The Shelter. Through the resources of many First Baptist people, and the help of Larry Kung, these homeless friends spent an elegant night sharing beautiful music with beautiful people on March 31.

Marty Smith shared with our staff recently about a blind Christian woman who called wanting resources to share her faith with a Vietnamese manicurist. Marty had a simple suggestion. Even though she could not read the materials to her friend, the manicurist could read to her after she finished painting her nails. Marty sent the materials to the Christian woman, and she's sharing her faith while getting a manicure.

The Easter season puts community into Love Tallahassee. We can't leave the empty tomb alone; we can and must go together. These four are just a few examples where you are sharing Christ's love with our neighbors. I'm proud of you, and can't wait to see you on the other side of the empty tomb on Sunday. Happy Easter!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

Come eat free lunch with us this Easter Sunday, downstairs in the fellowship hall after the 11:15 worship service. All we need is for you to bring a dessert and friends—hope to see you there!

## HOMEBOUND VISITATION

We need your help! We will be delivering Easter lilies to the homebound this Monday morning, April 21 at 9:00AM. Because of the volume of deliveries, we would love to have additional volunteers! Please contact Jenna for more information (x107).

## RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Recordings of the Sunday Night Sing concert featuring the FBC Chordsmen and local gospel bluegrass band, Way Up, are now ready for you to order! You may place by calling the music office (x201). CDs are \$5 each.

You may also order recordings on our website at [fbctlh.org/contact](http://fbctlh.org/contact) - just choose "Audio/video request" as the reason for contact, and tell us what you're looking for!

## YOUTH CHOIR FUNDRAISING

There are youth who would like to work to earn money toward their youth choir mission trip this June. If you have hard work, house work, or need a babysitter and would like to help out one of our youth, please call Amy Baker (671.3754 or 284.3754) to set up a time and date.

## A FULL SUMMER

We would love for you to get involved with this June's "A Full Summer." FBCTLH is partnering with St. John's Episcopal Church to provide funds and volunteers needed to pack meals for the hungry in our area. Many children in the Big Bend community who depend on free or reduced-price school lunches during the school year do not have a reliable source of food during the summer. Meals prepared at "A Full Summer" will be distributed by Second Harvest of the Big Bend to children and families in our community.

You can participate by volunteering to pack meals during "A Full Summer" on June 7 from 10:00AM until 12:00PM at the Lincoln High School cafeteria. Registration forms are available in your Sunday Morning Bible Study classes. You can also participate by donating money to provide the food supplies required. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church, with "A Full Summer" in the memo line. For more information, please contact Becky Liner ([beckyliner@comcast.net](mailto:beckyliner@comcast.net)).

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor  
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options  
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary  
12:30PM College Easter Lunch, Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY, APRIL 21

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

9:30AM Ladies' Bible Study, Gardner Home  
11:00AM Senior Ladies Bible Study, Welcome Center  
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 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 200  
7:15PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:15PM Young Adults Veritas, Adams 317

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

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

### FRIDAY, APRIL 25

### SATURDAY, APRIL 26

9:00AM Children's Workers' Planning Meeting, Duval 209

# COMING SOON

## **HAITI MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER**

Spaghetti Lunch - Sunday, April 27 at 11:10AM or 12:20PM

Everyone's invited to come support our mission trip to Haiti this July...and enjoy a spaghetti lunch while you're at it. For early worshipers, we'll have lunch ready in the fellowship hall when your SMBS ends at 11:10AM. For late worshipers, you can just walk downstairs to the fellowship hall after the service at 12:20PM. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased through the church office or one of our mission-trippers. Contact Zach ([zach@fbctlh.org](mailto:zach@fbctlh.org)) if you have any questions.

## **BUILDERS FOR CHRIST**

This summer's Builders For Christ construction project will be to assist the members of the Harvest Fellowship Baptist Church in Smithfield, VA move from their meeting place in a local elementary school to a new building, which you can help construct. Our work week will be July 14-18 (plus travel time). For more information about Harvest Fellowship, check out their website ([4theharvest.org](http://4theharvest.org)).

To learn more about your possible role in this project, plan to attend our informational meeting on Sunday, May 4 at 4:30-6:00PM in Chason 2201 (directly opposite the staircase on the 2nd floor of the welcome center). Please call Richard Tudor (386.5424) with any questions.

## **ADULTS (55+)**

Join us for lunch - Friday, May 2 at 12:00PM in the fellowship hall. Rhonda Smith and volunteers who have served at Sabal Palm Elementary School this year will share their experiences with us! The cost is \$5 per person. Please RSVP by April 27 by signing up in your SMBS class or by calling Vicki at FBCTLH (x141).

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Registration is going on now for this summer's "Weird Animals" Vacation Bible School - June 9-13, from 9:00AM until 12:00PM. It will be a great week that you do not want to miss! Vacation Bible School is FREE, and for children 4 years old through completion of 5th grade. Through Bible stories, music, recreation, crafts, and snacks, children will learn about the one-of-a-kind love Jesus gives. Registration forms are available online at [fbctlh.org/children](http://fbctlh.org/children) or in the welcome center.

Also available during VBS week is our basketball and cheerleading camp. Camp is open to boys and girls who have completed Kindergarten through 5th Grade. We strive to insure that every child is a winner by sharing the love of Jesus with each player, participant, coach, referee, and family member. We want to help every child grow as Jesus did - spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially. Every child will learn to develop character, an understanding of sportsmanship, and a respect for authority in any situation, on and off the court. Basketball or cheerleading camp takes place after VBS, from 12:00PM until 5:00PM. The cost is \$100 per child until June 2. Late registrations are \$125.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** We would love for you to be involved with Vacation Bible School this year, and you can sign up to help out by turning in the volunteer form, also available in the welcome center. For more information, please contact the Children's Ministry office (x501 or [rhonda@fbctlh.org](mailto:rhonda@fbctlh.org)).



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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**

April 23 - apricot-glazed chicken, wild rice pilaf, steamed carrots, rolls, salad bar, and dessert

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Richard Lee

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Clay Mason
- 10AM Charles Maynard
- 11AM

**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, April 20

- 8AM Ben Hart
- 10AM Jim Croushorn
- 11AM Art Pitts

Wednesday, April 23

- 6PM Charles Maynard

<b>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</b>	9:00AM
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	10:00AM
<b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</b>	11:15AM

*Surprise Ending*

Matthew 28:1-10