

# FIRST FOCUS

## **CHARTER FOR THE COMMON WAY**

This Sunday I begin a new sermon and worship series: "Charter for the Common Way." I'll be preaching through Acts 1-12 and highlighting the characteristics of Christian community in the book. In order to follow Christ's command to share the gospel from "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth" (Acts 1:8), he empowered them by the Holy Spirit to be a community. In other words, to reach the community they became an outward-focused community. To share the gospel with their neighbors, they had to be a neighbor. To get people to come to church, they had to be the church.

The characteristics are summarized for us in Acts 2:41-47. Each one is based on the Greek word for "common": *koine*. They are found throughout the book of Acts:

1. Persistent people from all phases of life
2. Provisions submitted to someone else's authority
3. Place of work and life
4. Person of Jesus Christ
5. Pressure from insiders and outsiders
6. Pursuit of common interests
7. Power from the Holy Spirit
8. Performance of the message
9. Promise of Jesus' imminent return

As God formed them into the community, the gospel spread from the temple, to neighborhoods and workplaces, and across the world. This Sunday night at 6:00PM, we'll celebrate the evidence of that work happening already in our midst. We will commission over 20 missionaries from First Baptist who will be serving in some kind of Christian mission, camp, or adventure. They will be going from Southeast Asia to Turkey to Rome (Georgia), and beyond. We'll commission our First Baptist mission groups to East Tennessee, Virginia, and Haiti traveling this summer and announce the leadership ministry group planning Life Groups. We will be sharing in ways that you can be involved in one-day projects such as "A Full Summer" on Saturday, June 7 and blessing our VBS and camp leadership as they prepare for an exciting week in June. We will be receiving a special missions offering to assist these projects in the year. You don't want to miss this powerful service.

To love Tallahassee, we must be empowered by the Spirit to love one another in the same way the early church was. Let's come together on the Way.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## 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 at 10:15AM in the welcome center to discuss what it means to be a member at FBCTLH, and how to get plugged in here!

## FEED THE HOMELESS

We need volunteers for ECHO "Feed the Homeless" at First Presbyterian Church this Sunday, April 27, at 11:30AM. To help or if you have questions, please contact Eric Hoover at (590.4997).

## HAITI MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

**Spaghetti Lunch - THIS SUNDAY 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) if you have any questions.

## LIVING SENT

Join us this Sunday night at 6:00PM as we commission summer missionaries in Tallahassee and around the world! We will hear stories from groups and individuals going out to live sent this summer, celebrate together, and pray for each other. You don't want to miss it! We will also take an offering that will support summer missions, as well as fellowship together afterward. *Please bring your best store-bought dessert to the potluck reception.*

## 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).

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor  
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options  
11:10AM Haiti Mission Trip Fundraiser, Fellowship Hall  
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary  
12:20PM Haiti Mission Trip Fundraiser, Fellowship Hall  
12:30PM SingleFocus Lunch, Virginia Glass' Home  
6:00PM Living Sent Commissioning Service, Sanctuary

### MONDAY, APRIL 28

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room  
10:30AM First Joy Choir, AWAY  
6:00PM Deacons Meeting, Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAY, APRIL 29

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

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 Church Business Meeting and Bible Study, Sanctuary  
6:00PM DivorceCare, Adams 315  
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, MAY 1

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, MAY 2

12:00PM Senior Adult Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY, MAY 3

8:50AM Youth - Guys' Golf Outing, Cross Creek Golf Course  
5:00PM Youth - Mother/Daughter Kentucky Derby Party,  
Jan Smith's Home

# COMING SOON

## **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.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Registration is going on now for this summer's "Weird Animals" Vacation Bible School. VBS is 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)).

## **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. Contact Becky Liner ([beckyliner@comcast.net](mailto:beckyliner@comcast.net)) for more information.



*Dear First Baptist Family,*

*I want to apologize to those of you who purchased a Boston Butt and it was burned. I would like to return a small reimbursement to you for my error. I think there were about 20-25 of them which were burned. If you will get with Sidney in the College Ministry and give her your name, I will get in touch with you. Sorry it happened.*

*Love in Christ,  
John Chafin*



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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 [lenoi@fbctlh.org](mailto:lenoi@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 30 - meat or veggie lasagna, steamed broccoli, bread, salad bar, and dessert

**FINANCIALS**

YTD budget: \$829,499  
Receipts 4/20: \$38,364  
YTD receipts: \$718,697

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Jack Nix

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Roger Merriam
- 10AM Carl Monson
- 11AM Mark Milner

**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, April 27

- 8AM Jim Wheeler
- 10AM Brent Daniel
- 11AM Eric Palm

Wednesday, April 30

- 6PM Wesley Head

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

9:00AM

**BIBLE STUDY**

10:00AM

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

11:15AM

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Acts 2:41-3:10