

FIRST FOCUS

IMPRESSIONS

"You never get a second chance to make a _____. " If you said "first impression," you'd be partially right. Long before new families try to find a parking place downtown, they have an impression of our church. They've met one of our members in the neighborhood, heard about us through word of mouth, or visited our website. These are the church's front doors. We only get three times in the year when new and mostly unreached families are guaranteed to walk through our doors: Family Easter Celebration, Weekday Parent Orientation, and Vacation Bible School and Sports Camp.

Why are these so important in our lives? They're akin to the time you first meet people who could be a part of your family one day. You want them to have a favorable impression of you. They're just as nervous about meeting you, too. In the tension of those moments, lives are changed.

What makes these so important to us is the chance to share the gospel through our hospitality and hearts. We're a friendly church. Everyone knows that, but most people walking through the door are not just looking for friendliness. They want to know if someone here can be their friend through their lives. Easter, Weekday orientation, and VBS are the three strategic times for us.

One event has already passed, and it was a huge success. Next week, our Pastoral Staff and Weekday Committee are hosting the Weekday Parent Orientation Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Vacation Bible School is right around the corner. How can you help?

Let our Weekday teachers know how much you appreciate them. Debra Speights and her staff are doing an incredible job of ministering to these children and families.

Take and distribute VBS and Sports Camp brochures at the bus stop. Invite your neighbors. Offer to give them rides.

Send an email to 10 friends with a link to our VBS registration. There is a \$100 fee for Sports Camp. There is no charge for VBS. Ask them to forward the email to others and share the word.

Look around for U-Hauls. This summer, as new families move in, take them a casserole and offer a caring word about First Baptist.

You'll find plenty of resources and more ideas through Erin Westberry and Rhonda Smith's office. Let's extend the community of First Baptist into our city. Let these families know how great it is to be a part of the life of Christ on mission downtown. You never get a second chance to walk through our doors for the first time.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

FEED THE HOMELESS

Bring your filled grocery bag back to church THIS SUNDAY, May 11. There will be trucks in the Duval parking lot to take our offerings to ECHO that afternoon.

If you did not get a grocery bag with the shopping list attached, we would still love for you to participate! All you need to do is fill a paper bag with the following 3-day supply of food for 2 people:

- 1 - box cereal
- 3 - soup or Ramen noodles
- 1 - jar peanut butter
- 1 - can tuna
- 1 - can meat
- 4 - cans green vegetables
- 2 - cans fruit
- 1 - bag rice
- 1 - box mac & cheese

WOMEN ON MISSION

Women on Mission groups will meet this Tuesday, May 13 at 9:30AM. All women of the church are invited to attend. For more information, contact a group leader or WOM Coordinator Donna Heald (224.3940).

- Group 1: Patsy Faircloth and Gloria Dowden | Location: FBCTLH Conference Room | Program: Staff luncheon | Mission action: toilet paper for The Shelter
- Group 2: Glenda Verhine | Location: Second Harvest Food Bank, 110 Four Points Way | Program: Service project - wear comfortable clothing
- Group 3: Maurine Wagner | Location: Westminster Oaks Pool House | Program: Israel trip testimony with Dale and Diane Olsen

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 or in the welcome center.

This week we are celebrating Riley Mackenzie Youngman, born April 8. Parents are Jamie Bush and Andrew Youngman, and grandparents are Bobby and Michelle Bailey.



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 11

- 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, MAY 12

- 9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room

TUESDAY, MAY 13

- 5:30PM CLC Committee, Large Meeting Room
- 6:00PM Weekday Parent Orientation, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- 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 2nd Floor
- 5:00PM Weekday Committee, 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 Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary
- 6:00PM DivorceCare, Adams 315
- 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 200
- 7:15PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:15PM Young Adults Veritas, Adams 317

THURSDAY, MAY 15

- 5:30PM First Brass Rehearsal, Adams 200
- 6:00PM Weekday Parent Orientation, Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 16

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 9:00AM Young Adults - Tree to Tree Adventure, Tallahassee Museum
- 9:00AM CLC Gym - open until 1:00PM

COMING SOON

DIVORCECARE

Help spread the word! Someone you know may be hurting...make sure they know about DivorceCare, a weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. It incorporates the use of a facilitator, videos, discussion, and a workbook. Anyone may join the group at any time during the 12-week session. The next session at FBCTLH begins Wednesday, May 21 in Adams 315 from 6:00 until 7:30PM. Call Jenna (x107) or Vicki (x141) with questions or for more information.

MUSIC MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

STUMPED FOR A MOTHER'S DAY GIFT? Worry no more - the FBCTLH Music Ministry has compiled a cookbook of over 300 tested recipes from congregation members for an easy gift-giving solution. Specially priced at \$20—including tax—they can be found in the Music office on the Adams 2nd Floor or at the Welcome Desk. Just ask for "Heavenly Delights"!

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. 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) for more information.



I just can't believe we have just experienced the 14th year of the fundraiser for the music camp in northern Haiti. FBC has been so faithful to continue its interest and involvement for a long period of time. It has been difficult to explain—the concept of the juncture of music and leadership training—in a summer camp—in a 3rd world country. But it is now easy to see the result of our commitment to this mission project. I think this is God's gift to us—we can not often see results. We personally know many of these young Christian professionals. They attest to the fact that the camp which mentored, encouraged, and trained them is where they first realized their potential. They can show Christ in their lives and make a difference in their country. So I congratulate FBC in the years of support and hope it will continue far into the future.

*Thanks to all,
Janet Ray*

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of May, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **liquid dish and laundry detergent**. 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.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the fbctlh.org/Serve page for more ways to get involved now in serving in and through FBCTLH.

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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

May 14 - Chicken tetrazzini, steamed veggie medley, spiced apples, salad bar, rolls, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$933,186
Receipts 5/4: \$126,545
YTD receipts: \$957,672
Mother's Day Offering: \$1,307

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Lonnie Salimone

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Howard Rhodes
- 10AM John Schanbacher
- 11AM Lee Scarboro

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 11

- 8AM Tim Barry
- 10AM John Schanbacher
- 11AM Mark Byler

Wednesday, May 14

- 6PM Charles Maynard

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:00AM

BIBLE STUDY

10:00AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

11:15AM

PUTTING
God's Plan
INTO PLACE

Acts 5:38-6:1