

# FIRST FOCUS

## **GRADUATE SUNDAY**

This Sunday, we congratulate the high school class of 2014 and their families. They graduate from five schools over the next two weeks and will attend eight different colleges this fall. What they have received from their church family is a degree that will last an eternity.

First Baptist unites people across our community through children's and youth ministries that shape their faith, a youth choir that serves through music, and families that love the Lord. These families have given their lives to serve downtown and to share together. There is something special about being able to eat in the Snack Rack on Wednesday nights with Sharon, rehearse music with Pam Cooke, and study the Bible with Todd Smith. You have enjoyed dessert theaters, baptized children into the family of God, and sent them out to camps and mission trips in Jesus' name. They enjoy the company of college students who care about their lives and senior adults who speak to them by name, taking them under wing. It takes a multi-generational church family to nurture the faith in students. I am so grateful that we have all of those elements here at First Baptist.

Thank you, church family, for pouring into the lives of these students. From nursery workers to camp counselors, you have changed diapers, clothed, fed, evangelized, and given financially so that these teenagers can mature into followers of Christ. It's not easy work, but it's one of the highest callings we have. I am so grateful to our staff for their tireless efforts behind the scenes to minister to these families.

Because of your work, they are equipped for the next chapter of life. We don't know where God will call them to serve and worship. We do know that you have shared the story of Jesus and prepared them for the great adventure of faith that lies ahead. As I read the book of Acts, this is precisely what John Mark's family did for him in Acts 12. Long before he went out on mission with Paul and Barnabas, John Mark overheard a prayer meeting when Peter was imprisoned. The people around him explained faith through word and deed.

Church family, don't miss out on your role in this process. Join us Sunday as we celebrate together the next step for these lives. We still have work to do.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a distinct "B" and "I" followed by a stylized "ll".

# 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!

## TALLAHASSEE BOYS CHOIR CONCERT

Please join us this Sunday, May 18, in the sanctuary at 6:00PM and support this amazing group of young men who have represented our city all over the world. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be taken. We will also have a reception following the concert in the fellowship hall, sponsored by our Music Ministry and local businesses.

## SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

You're invited to join us for a special suicide prevention workshop during the regular Adult Bible Study time on Wednesday evenings for the next two weeks.

- Part 1 - May 21 from 6:00 until 7:30PM - Josh Hall
- Part 2 - May 28 from 6:30 until 7:00PM (following the business meeting) - Bill Shiell

We will meet in the sanctuary each week.

## 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 ensure 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.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MAY 18

Senior Adults to Branson, MO  
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  
12:15PM HS Seniors & Families Luncheon, Fellowship Hall  
4:30PM Turbo Groups, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Tallahassee Boys Choir Concert, Sanctuary

### MONDAY, MAY 19

Senior Adults in Branson, MO  
9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room  
6:00PM Deacons Meeting, Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAY, MAY 20

Senior Adults in Branson, MO

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Senior Adults in Branson, MO  
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 Suicide Prevention Workshop, 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 22

Senior Adults in Branson, MO  
5:30PM First Brass Rehearsal, Adams 200

### FRIDAY, MAY 23

Senior Adults in Branson, MO  
10:00AM Weekday Graduation, Sanctuary

### SATURDAY, MAY 24

Senior Adults return from Branson, MO  
9:00AM CLC Gym - open until 1:00PM  
6:30PM YA Pool Party, Trousdale Activity Pool

# 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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor or at the front 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'm extremely grateful for the Christian love and support expressed to me during my recent surgery. All the prayers, phone calls, visits, flowers and meals are so deeply appreciated.*

*In Christian love,  
Peggy Lawson*

## 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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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).

## MORE OPPORTUNITIES

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

**SERVE**



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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

May 21 - Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic bread, salad bar, and dessert

#### FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$985,030  
Receipts 5/11: \$57,587  
YTD receipts: \$1,015,259  
Mother's Day Offering: \$5,370

#### DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Charlie Silcox

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Jim Pitts
- 10AM Bob Pullen
- 11AM Ryan Stokes

#### SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 18

- 8AM Ben Hart
- 10AM John Schanbacher
- 11AM Lorne Shackleford

Wednesday, May 21

- 6PM Wayne Connor

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
BIBLE STUDY  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

9:00AM  
10:00AM  
11:15AM

**CHRIST  
CHANGES**  
*Community*

Acts 1:9-26