

FIRST FOCUS

WE LOVE WEEKDAY

Let the little children come to me, and forbid them not; for such is the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus said these words, he spoke to busy disciples trying to keep him away from children. The instructions still challenge us today. Our church has a tremendous ministry with parents and children of unreached families in communities. Each morning bright and early, they line up along Duval Street, drop off on their way to work, and pick up each evening. Most of us see them only on Wednesdays as we pass by. They are the Weekday families and staff who are part of our ministry at First Baptist.

This week marks the ceremonial end to the Weekday school year. Although students attend year-round, on Friday, we graduate another class prepared for Kindergarten. This year 22 students graduate from our program. We have 151 currently enrolled, taught, and loved by 47 staff members. Of the families that participate in our program, 49 of them indicate no church involvement. That's over half of Weekday families with no church home.



There are churches who would beg to have 10 unchurched families visit in the year. Each day, nearly fifty drive, drop, and participate in the life of First Baptist. Many of the mothers work within walking distance of our church. I'm grateful for a staff and Weekday committee who understand this challenge and opportunity at our doorstep. Last week, our pastoral staff hosted Weekday orientation for each of these families. They saw a wonderful display of ministry opportunities, were invited to be a part of Vacation Bible School, and networked with our team. This Friday, we'll participate in commencement ceremonies together. Each Wednesday night, our deacons rotate responsibilities to assist Weekday families with pickup during the busiest times of our ministry week on campus. If you follow our financial reports closely enough, you also know that Weekday consistently meets their budget and is a good steward of the financial resources of our church.

You're always invited to drop by for a tour and meet our teachers. They love to have guests, and they are eager to involve FBC volunteers. Just check with Rhonda Smith and Debra Speights ahead of time to arrange a visit. In the meantime, pray for this ministry and the people involved. We will be reaching out specifically to these families for VBS, sports camp, and our fall kickoff. Demonstrate your love for Tallahassee with love for our Weekday families and staff.

Bill

THIS WEEK

SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Do you feel able to notice and help someone who may be suicidal? Join us on Wednesday, May 28, as Dr. Shiell leads a discussion about what the Bible says about suicide and how to help a neighbor in crisis. We will meet from 6:30-7:00PM (after business meeting 6:00-6:30). Mark your calendars now and invite anyone who may benefit. This will be part 2 of a 2-part series, and if you miss either evening, recordings are available. To order a DVD, please contact Lee Shell (lee@fbctlh.org).

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. Also available during VBS week is our basketball and cheerleading camp. Basketball or cheerleading camp takes place after VBS, from 12:00PM until 5:00PM. The cost is \$100 per child until June 2.

CHILDCARE WORKERS - TRAINING

If you are a volunteer for Vacation Bible School or involved in shepherding any of our children on a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening, you must attend a SafeChurch training class. We have three available options coming soon (all will meet in Duval 209):

- THIS WEDNESDAY, May 28 - 6:00-7:00PM
- Sunday, June 8 - 9:00-10:00AM
- Sunday, June 8 - 11:00AM-12:00PM

Also, all Preschool and Elementary "Zoo Crew" Leaders for Vacation Bible School need to attend training on Wednesday, June 4 from 6:00-7:30PM. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda (rhonda@fbctlh.org)

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 25

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 26

Church office closed for Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 27

6:30PM SMBS Leadership Meeting, CLC 2nd Floor

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

9:30AM Ladies' Bible Study, Gardner Home
11:00AM Senior Ladies Bible Study, Welcome Center
4:45PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
6:00PM Childcare, Duval 1st Floor
6:00PM Children's Choir, Duval 2nd Floor
6:00PM Church Business Meeting, Sanctuary
6:30PM Suicide Prevention Workshop - Part 2, Sanctuary
6:00PM Turbo Groups (Pursuit), Allen Home
6:00PM DivorceCare, Adams 315
6:00PM SafeChurch Training, Duval 209
6:45PM RAs and GAs, Duval 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 29

5:30PM First Brass Rehearsal, Adams 200

FRIDAY, MAY 30

6:00PM Bill Glass Day of Champions Training

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Bill Glass Day of Champions
9:00AM CLC Gym - open until 1:00PM

COMING SOON

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 is available online at fbctlh.org/serve, or by using the forms at the front desk or in SMBS 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, contact Becky Liner (beckyliner@comcast.net).

FBCTLH STAFF CHANGES

Amy Parks begins as the new administrative assistant for Dr. Shiell on June 2. A native of Ft. Myers, Amy and her husband Michael have three children. Joyce Barnes retired May 20. We are so grateful to Joyce for her six years of service to First Baptist. Paula Clayton will be handling prayer requests and the prayer list on Wednesday nights. Vicki Bitton will be handling administrative needs for personnel and finance committees.

We also welcome Hannah Singletary to our staff June 2 as the new Director of Volunteer Engagement. Hannah's responsibilities include working with our guests and members, greeters and ushers, First Step, the New Member Brunch, and the Pastor's Class. She will be contacting guests, involving members into the life of our church, and coordinating volunteers across all areas of our church's ministries. Hannah is a native of Crestview, Florida, and is active in our college ministry.



The following books have been placed in our church library in memory of Ken Boutwell's father, Kenneth Boutwell, Sr., by the Fellowship Class:

- [You'll Get Through This: Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times](#) by Max Lucado
- [Becoming Myself: Embracing God's Dream of You](#) by Stasi Eldredge

SERVE

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.



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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 28 - Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, green beans, rolls, salad bar, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$1,036,874
Receipts 5/18: \$27,039
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Mother's Day Offering: \$6,665

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Roy Story

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Daryle Gray
- 10AM Bill Smith
- 11AM Wayne Tedder

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 25

- 8AM Jim Wheeler
- 10AM Jim Croushorn
- 11AM Art Pitts

Wednesday, May 28

- 6PM Roy Story

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

THE PRISON OF PRESSURE

Acts 12:11-19