# FIRST FOCUS

## **GO ON SPEAKING**

According to Acts 18, Corinth was a thriving capital of commerce and industry based on business, sports, and religion. There was only one thing missing: a church committed to working with the city. The people credited for the spiritual turnaround in Corinth are usually Paul, Priscilla, Aquilla, and Apollos. Corinth had two very large ports and about 650,000 people capable of handling their needs, giving them a place to live. Fellow Jews needed a place of refuge beyond the borders of the emperor's paranoia.

When Paul arrived, he didn't have two denarii to rub together. He found some fellow artisans to work with, but their business ties, commercial interests, and even ethnic heritage was not enough to change hearts. Paul used every connection in the world to try to get people to listen to him, and nothing worked. In a rage, he shook off his clothes and dashed home.

That's when God revealed what was really needed—people that were with the city. A man named Tituius Justus opened his house to Paul; and Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, converted. The next night God spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city."

Our community of Tallahassee is bustling and vibrant. Downtown is filled with commerce, government, restaurants, and campuses. Now more than ever, what is really needed is a church that loves the city. The past two weeks you've demonstrated that kind of love to Tallahassee. Through the Weekday graduation, Bill Glass ministry, the Youth Choir tour, Vacation Bible School, Sports Camp, and A Full Summer, we've experienced two weeks of ministry that makes our city such a good place in God's eyes. You've given life, ministry, and vitality in such a way that no other institution can do. I'm thrilled with the response of our community, and I'm so grateful to you for your work and tireless efforts.

Aquila, Priscilla, Paul, Titius Justus, and Crispus, all had a common goal. They kept talking to each other, brainstorming, working, struggling, and God revealing. We have something incredible to share, and I hope you keep talking about it. Don't be afraid; God has many people at work in our city.

# THIS WEEK

## 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!

## **CHILDREN'S FUNIVERSITY**

Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30PM this summer for Arts in Action as we learn more about the Bible stories of "David vs. Goliath" and "Jesus Calming the Storm" through art, dance, drama, and music. For more information, contact Rhonda (rhonda@fbctlh.org).

#### SINGERS WANTED

Out of school for the summer? In between projects? Looking for a new challenge? Come sing with the Sanctuary Choir for the summer! We'll be on a lighter rehearsal schedule and with many regulars out on vacation, we could use your help! We rehearse Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM in Chason 2201. We would love to add your voice to our song!

#### SABAL PALM PARTNERSHIP EVALUATION

As many of you know, FBCTLH partnered with Sabal Palm Elementary School during the past school year. We hope to get your feedback on this partnership from this past year and get your thoughts about moving forward. In less than a minute you can help shape the future of this project. Please take a moment share with us by visiting fbctlh.org/children and participating in the short survey available there. We are excited to hear your thoughts.

#### **CALENDAR** SUNDAY, JUNE 22

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 2:30PM Bells of Praise Rehearsal, Adams 211 6:00PM Turbo Groups (Place & Phase), CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

#### MONDAY, JUNE 23

Youth Camp at Toccoa Falls 9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room 10:30AM First Joy Choir, Chason 2201

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 24

Youth Camp at Toccoa Falls

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

Youth Camp at Toccoa Falls 11:00AM Senior Ladies' Bible Study, Large Meeting Room 4:45PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall 6:00PM Childcare, Duval 1st Floor 6:00PM Children's FUNiversity, Duval 2nd Floor 6:00PM Church Business Meeting, Sanctuary 6:00PM DivorceCare, Adams 315 6:00PM Turbo Groups (Pursuit), Adams Basement 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, JUNE 26

Youth Camp at Toccoa Falls 5:30PM First Brass Rehearsal, Adams 200

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 Youth Camp at Toccoa Falls

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Youth Camp at Toccoa Falls 9:00AM CLC Gym - open until 1:00PM

# COMING SOON

## YOUNG ADULT GUYS

Hey fellas, do you have plans for lunch? You do now! Join other guys-single and married-as we get together for lunch at 11:30AM on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. This is a great time to invite a friend or a coworker! Our next lunch is Wednesday, July 2 at Five Guys Burgers and Fries (1872 Thomasville Road). See you then!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for "The Good Life" on Wednesdays this summer during Collide! People sometimes seem to see the book of Proverbs as a candy–like a quick, tasty treat. But there is a chewy nougat of wisdom inside every verse that can provide a full, spiritual meal. This summer we are going to unwrap several lessons that will lead you to a diet of spiritual health that will help you have a better life.

Every week after Collide, there will be a special fellowship activity! Make sure to join us!

- July 2 Heart | Crenshaw Bowling (FREE)
- July 9 Choices | Burger Fi (\$10)
- July 16 Friendship | IMAX Theater to see "The Amazing Spiderman" in 3D (\$10)
- July 23 Words | Dodgeball and pizza bring your outfit and A-game! (FREE)
- July 30 Wealth | Buffalo Wild Wings (\$10)
- August 6 Addiction | Barberitos Burritos (\$10)
- August 13 Wisdom | Red Elephant (\$10)

#### SINGLE ADULTS

All single adults (40+) are invited to join us for our summer In-Home Sunday Night Talk Series! Facilitated by Jenna Young (jenna@fbctlh.org), we are reading "The Art of Neighboring" by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon. Our next meeting will be July 13 at the home of Virginia Glass from 5:00 until 7:00PM. Our dinner theme this month is salad and veggies! Please RSVP to Vicki (vicki@fbctlh.org) if you're coming, and for directions.

#### **FIRST LADIES SUMMER SUPPERS**

It's that time again! Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for our annual First Ladies "Summer Suppers"–mark your calendars for the second Monday of each summer month. Our next gathering is on July 14 at 6:30PM at Hopkins Eatery (1415 Market Street). Our "Summer Suppers" are relaxed, Dutch-treat gatherings for the purpose of fun and fellowship, seeing old friends, and making new ones–the perfect time to invite a friend or neighbor! No reservations are needed. Arrive when you can and leave when you need to. Join us for good food, laughter, a word of encouragement, and door prizes! Please contact Barbara Corven (bcorven@corveneng.com or 850.422.2902) if you have questions.

#### FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of June, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **individually-wrapped summer snacks**, such as peanut butter crackers, fruit chews, mixed nuts, and juice boxes. 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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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**

June 25 - Handmade hamburgers with buns, fries, steamed broccoli, salad bar, and dessert

#### FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$1,244,249 Receipts 6/15: \$35,551 YTD receipts: \$1,213,838

#### **DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Jeff Butts

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Nate Adams
- 10AM Leon Cassels
- 11AM Pat Brown

#### **SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, June 22

- 8AM Jim Wheeler
- 10AM John Schanbacher
- 11AM Lorne Shackleford

Wednesday, June 25

6PM Wayne Connor

# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP BIBLE STUDY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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



Acts 3:16-21

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