

# FIRST FOCUS

## **FAITHFULNESS AND GENEROSITY**

Thank you for giving during the second quarter of 2014. Because of your generosity, God has multiplied your gifts in tangible ways, filling the lives of children physically and spiritually.

When I wrote to you in April at the end of the first quarter, we were off to a slow start financially and slightly below our giving from last year. Now our giving has increased 6.7% from last year at this same time. This increase not only overcame our first quarter but has now given us solid footing in the summer. Thank you so much, and praise the Lord!

	<b>Received as of June 30</b>	<b>Budget Needs as of June 30</b>
2013	\$1,207,143	\$1,338,735
2014	\$1,289,726	\$1,464,684

Let me share just one example of the tangible ways your giving has touched lives. On June 7, the Youth Choir Tour was finishing their mission tour, and Vacation Bible School was about to begin. That same day, by giving to the operating budget, you provided 3,600 meals to hungry children in Leon County through a partnership called "A Full Summer." Over 120 FBC volunteers prepared meals for hungry children in Leon County Schools. It was a hands-on mission trip across the generations. One of those volunteers was Leah Larsen.

Leah is a 4th grader at Sealy Elementary. She's been very active in our church over the last few months and has a wonderful legacy here. Betty Lake is her great grandmother. On Mother's Day, she was baptized into the fellowship of First Baptist. "A Full Summer" was her first mission project since her baptism. She managed the funnel while bagging beans and rice. She served beside her friend, Sarah Grace Dodson; her mom, Jennifer; Sarah Grace's mother, Laurie; and Susan Stahl. On their team were also friends from our neighbors and partner church, St. John's Episcopal. Each team of 10-12 formed an assembly line to sack, bag, weigh, seal, and box various food items.

We partnered with Hope4Haiti, a local organization that normally prepares food for a third world country. What they regularly do internationally, they equipped us to do locally. Becky Liner from First Baptist and Laurye Messer from St. John's co-chaired the event. Second Harvest Food Bank distributes the meals to families in the county. Because half of children in public schools require meal assistance during the school year, this day multiplies quickly.

When Jesus fed over 5,000 hungry people in John 6, a little child brought 5 loaves and 2 fish. He brought the food to Jesus, and Jesus distributed the food. On this day, First Baptist, St. John's, and Hope4Haiti brought the food, Jesus blessed it, and disciples like Leah prepared the food for distribution. The miracle is multiplying in Leon County this summer.

# THIS WEEK

## FIRST STEP

Are you new to FBCTLH, or maybe you've been a regular attendee for the past few months? If so, please join us for our next "First Step" with Dr. Shiell to discuss what it means to be a member of our church family, and how to get plugged in here! We will meet THIS SUNDAY, July 20, at 10:15AM in the welcome center. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Singletary (hannah@fbctlh.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for "The Good Life" on Wednesdays at 6:00PM in Collide this summer. 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 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)

## NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Join Dr. Shiell for a new series in Adult Bible Study - "Change in the Cities: A Study of Acts 13-20." We will begin this Wednesday night at 6:00PM in the sanctuary. See how God's Spirit moves in the cities of the ancient world to build thriving communities.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JULY 20

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  
6:30PM Youth at Fun Station

### MONDAY, JULY 21

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip, Orlando  
9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room  
10:30AM First Joy Choir, Chason 2201  
6:00PM Deacons Meeting, Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAY, JULY 22

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip, Orlando

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip, Orlando  
11:00AM Senior Ladies' Bible Study, Large Meeting Room  
4:45PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall  
6:00PM Childcare, Duval 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Children's FUNiversity, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Youth Collide, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Adult Prayer and Bible Study, Sanctuary  
6:00PM DivorceCare, Adams 315  
6:45PM RAs and GAs, Duval 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, JULY 24

5:30PM First Brass Rehearsal, Adams 200

### FRIDAY, JULY 25

### SATURDAY, JULY 26

Haiti Mission Trip  
9:00AM CLC Gym - open until 1:00PM

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Because of your faithfulness, we'll be able to knock out several projects that are overdue. In the days ahead, our roof project will begin. We will be installing new gutters on the sanctuary as a part of this work. We have leased two new 15-passenger buses from Carpenter Bus Company in Nashville and traded in the old ones. They're already being put to use on the Builder's for Christ Trip and Fifth Grade trip. The cost to repair the old ones were exceeding the replacement costs. This is good stewardship and fits our current budget plan.

Your budget gifts make these and so many other ministries possible. Thank you for loving our church the way you love Tallahassee.



## COMING SOON

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The daughters of Leon & Joan Cassels would like to invite you to a reception in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Join us in the welcome center next Sunday, July 27, from 2:00 until 4:00PM. (No gifts, please!)

### YOUNG ADULT 1

We're gonna party like it's 1999 at our 80s movie night on Friday, August 8! Dress in your 80s attire—prizes will be awarded. Play authentic 80s arcade games, listen to classic 80s music, and top it all off by watching *The Goonies*. The free arcade will open at 6:00PM. Free pizza at 7:00, and the movie begins at 8:00. All activities are on the 2nd floor of the CLC. As always, invite your friends.

### RETIREMENT RECEPTION

You are cordially invited to a reception honoring Fran & Nancy Buhler upon Fran's retirement after 21 years of service here at FBCTLH! Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 24 at 4:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

## SERVE

### FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of July, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **everyday household items**, such as laundry detergent, dryer sheets, toilet paper, paper towels, and Clorox wipes. 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](http://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](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**

July 23 - BBQ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, salad bar, bread, and dessert  
*\*children's option: hot dog or chicken tenders*

**FINANCIALS**

YTD budget: \$1,451,623  
Receipts 7/13: \$51,715  
YTD receipts: \$1,396,658

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Denis Harelle

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Hugh Hauck
- 10AM Glen Hicks
- 11AM Richard Lee

**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, July 20

- 8AM Jim Wheeler
- 10AM John Schanbacher
- 11AM Mark Byler

Wednesday, July 23

- 6PM Lee Vickery

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

9:00AM

**BIBLE STUDY**

10:00AM

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

11:15AM

*Waiting for  
the Adoption  
to be Sealed*

Romans 8:12-25