

FIRST FOCUS

THANK YOU, STEVE WOFFORD

Fourteen years ago, the Lord smiled on First Baptist when Steve Wofford became our Church Administrator. He has guided us through the Great Recession of 2008, taken on the CLC and other projects, and guided homeless people personally through times of great crisis. Jane and he have been instrumental in establishing a Christian sorority and a fraternity at FSU, and Steve has been very active serving in the community, especially with The Shelter Board. Every person at First Baptist has commented on Steve's servant heart and ministry mindset.

Steve has accepted a call to be the Church Administrator at First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Lauderdale. Steve will complete his ministry here at First Baptist the week of October 12 and will begin his work in Ft. Lauderdale October 20. I will miss Steve's insight, wisdom, and work ethic. He is a wealth of knowledge and information about our church and has been a big reason for the success of First Baptist over the years. Most people who have served on committees realize the many hours that Steve works on our campus to keep the "trains running on time." Steve has demonstrated to all of us what it means to be a servant leader.

John Rice begins his ministry with us on October 5. He will be assuming Steve's roles in the interim and helping us appoint staff to cover these bases. We are blessed with a great finance committee and many capable folks in our custodial, weekday, and CLC staff. We are so blessed with hard working people who serve First Baptist. They are ready and prepared to continue the good work that is happening at FBC.

Please join me for a reception in honor of Steve Wofford on October 12 in Fellowship Hall at 11:00AM following SMBS and at 12:15PM following the Contemporary Worship Service. We will have a chance to bless Steve and Jane as they follow God's leadership in South Florida. Please be praying for the Woffords and First Baptist in the days to come.



THIS WEEK

FEED THE HOMELESS

This Sunday, October 5, we will be handing out grocery bags for a food collection as a part of our ongoing partnership with ECHO. We will collect the filled bags next Sunday, October 12. If you are away from us either weekend, the grocery list is below, and posted online at fbctlh.org/serve. You may also bring your filled bag to the FBCTLH office any time before the 12th. Please consider how you can help those in need in our community.

- 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 - box spaghetti
- 1 - box mac & cheese

GRIEFSHARE

We are beginning a GriefShare group for help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. This is a thirteen-week series that incorporates the use of a facilitator, video, discussion and a workbook. The introduction starts Sunday, October 5 at 3:00PM in Adams 305. The following twelve sessions will be at the same time and the locations will be announced. Call Vicki (x141) for information and locations.

FAITH, FOOD, FRIDAY

We have an exciting season planned for Faith, Food, Friday. Join us at FBCTLH in the fellowship hall on October 10 to kick off the season as we delve into the contrarian notion that maybe we should be talking about the challenging issues that surround faith in America after all! With faith (or lack thereof) used too often as a political tool, the public square could probably stand a change of pace. Whoever you are, whatever your beliefs, bring an open mind, an open heart (and an appetite) for what we hope will be a continuing conversation that defies the biases we seem to have against each other.

RSVP through fbctlh.org/events/faith-food-friday.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options
10:00AM New Members Brunch, Fellowship Hall
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
3:00PM GriefShare, Adams 301
4:00PM American Sign Language Class, Conference Room
6:00PM Youth Life Group, CLC Game Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

First Joy Choir "Mainely Music" Tour
9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room
6:00PM Sabal Palm Committee, Large Meeting Room
6:00PM Personnel Committee, Conference Room
6:30PM Newlywed Seminar, Cooke Home

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

First Joy Choir "Mainely Music" Tour
6:00PM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 1st Floor
6:30PM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

First Joy Choir "Mainely Music" Tour
9:30AM Women's Bible Study, Gardner Home
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 Music & Missions, Duval 2nd Floor
6:00PM Youth Choir, Adams 211
6:00PM Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary
6:00PM DivorceCare, Adams 315
6:00PM Women's Bible Study, Adams 301
6:45PM RAs and GAs, Duval 2nd Floor
7:00PM Youth Collide, CLC 2nd Floor
7:00PM Christmas 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, OCTOBER 9

First Joy Choir "Mainely Music" Tour
9:00AM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 1st Floor
9:30AM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201
5:30PM First Brass Rehearsal, Adams 200
5:30PM First Love Committee, Conference Room
6:00PM Finance Committee, Conference Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

First Joy Choir "Mainely Music" Tour
11:30AM Faith, Food, Friday, Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

First Joy Choir "Mainely Music" Tour
9:00AM CLC Gym - open until 1:00PM

COMING SOON

WOMEN ON MISSION

Women on Mission groups will meet on Tuesday, October 14. 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 | Time: 9:00AM | Location: ECHO - sorting groceries
- **Group 2:** Glenda Verhine | Time: 9:00AM | Location: 1525 Kuhlacres Drive | Program: Tanya Wilkins from Life Connectors, a ministry mentoring foster children
- **Group 3:** Maurine Wagner | Time: 9:30AM - refreshments, 10:00 - program | Location: Westminster Oaks Pool House Program: "Visiting the Holy City"

FIRST LOVE

Our annual First Love community missions day is October 25, from 8:30AM until 5:00PM! We invite you to join our church family and other volunteers as we come together and serve our city. There is a place for you to use your gifts - sewing, praying, singing, constructing, and more. Register online at fbctlh.org/firstlove or by using the forms available in the connect center this week to mark projects that interest you. Our First Love committee will match you to a project team based on needs and registration order, and your team leader will contact you to let you know where you've been assigned. A free bagged lunch is provided to all participants, and free childcare is also available.



*Dear First Baptist Church,
Our hearts are still overwhelmed by the celebration we shared after 21 years of pastoral ministry with you. Your warmth and generosity are always genuine. So many good memories and every phase of the day was thoughtful and personal. We enjoyed each moment from start to finish.*

We especially appreciate the thoughtful planning and coordination of the entire Retirement Committee and their volunteers, under the thoughtful leadership of Linda Frohock.

At a time when we felt we should be thanking the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee for our career "dream come true" in ministry, you were showing appreciation to us. What a wonderful day!

For the opportunity and the privilege to serve with two outstanding Pastors, the committed staff, plus the good and faithful Deacons and members of FBCTLH, we simply "thank you," even as we give thanks and praise to God in Christ Jesus.

*We love you all.
Fran and Nancy Buhler*

SERVE

SABAL PALM

Our partners at Sabal Palm Elementary School need volunteers for this school year, as well as some new donations; everyone can participate! If you are willing to help, please see the list of needs in your SMBS class, online at fbctlh.org/serve, or contact Rhonda (rhonda@fbctlh.org or x501).

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of September, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **small backpack items**, such as Chapstick, hand sanitizers, tissue packs, journals/pens, and hairbrushes/combs. 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.



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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

October 8 - Hand-patted hamburger with all the trimmings, fries, green beans, and dessert *for kids: hot dog with chips

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$2,021,904
Receipts 9/28: \$29,657
YTD receipts: \$1,926,748
Winter Missions Offering: \$

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Jim Davis

Deacons of the Week

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

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 5

- 8AM Jim Wheeler
- 10AM Lyle Ragans
- 11AM Erik Eikeland

Wednesday, October 8

- 6PM Charles Maynard

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

A VISION FOR JESUS' FOLLOWERS

Matthew 16:24-17:9