

FIRST FOCUS

LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

This Saturday is the 13th annual First Love service day at First Baptist. I am so grateful to Tom Perrin, Jr., for his leadership of this project. He and his team have put in tireless hours checking on projects, arranging volunteers, and placing people in the right slots. This year is also Hannah Singletary's first year to work with First Love as our Director of Volunteer Engagement. She's done a fabulous job working as staff liaison to this group. There is so much work behind the scenes that takes place for one day. And it's all for one purpose—so that we can “love our neighbors as we love ourselves.”

First Love unites us as a church family across generations. Tom and his team intentionally arrange us so that we can serve with people who are either older or younger than we are. We don't just serve with people we know; we use this day to get to know people who attend another worship service or attend another Bible study group.

This day also impacts our community in an incredible ways. Volunteers move across our community to demonstrate God's love through good deeds. We share our faith through our hands and feet to agencies, individuals, and schools that need wheel chair ramps, food, flower beds, cleaning, and hospitality. We had approximately 20 new project requests, and we've reached out to some new people to assist us. This year, you might spot a few guests and non-church members among the volunteers. These folks not only have the skills we need to accomplish this good work, but they also have a desire to serve. Their talents, combined with our friendships, create a platform for us to introduce them to the life of Christ at First Baptist. We've intentionally reached out to invite them to serve with us. Life Groups have invited participants to serve with us, and college students will be with us who are not involved in a church in town. As important as the service we do for those in need will be the relationships we form with those who are serving.

As you make a difference in the community this weekend, know that you'll also have the opportunity to share about the Person whose made the greatest difference in you. Be open, aware, and available. You never know when a door might open. Please pray for our participants, project managers, and projects. On Sunday morning, we'll gather together to celebrate First Love during both morning worship services. We'll have testimonies and a message focused on a life on mission for Christ called, “Great Commandment Christians.”



WHAT'S HAPPENING

HAITI MISSION TRIP

This summer FBCTLH will send a mission team back to Gressier, Haiti. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry and/or joining our team, then come to an info meeting in the Adams Basement on Sunday, November 2 immediately following the contemporary worship service. Free lunch will be provided, so please RSVP on Facebook (or e-mail josh@fbctlh.org). Childcare will also be available.

2015 BUDGET

We will vote on the proposed 2015 budget in both worship services on Sunday, November 9. A discussion on the proposed budget will be Sunday, November 2 at 6:00PM in the sanctuary. Please mark your calendars to be there for this important piece of business in the life of our church family! You can find copies of the proposed budget in the connect center.

SENIOR ADULTS

You are cordially invited to our Fall Senior Adult Luncheon on Monday, November 3, at 12:00PM. We're trying out Monday instead of Friday this month, so re-program your thinking! The program will be music and testimony by Bill and Kelly Shiell and you won't want to miss this opportunity to get better acquainted with our pastor and his wife. Our meal will be the fabulous Thanksgiving luncheon Laurinda Norris is famous for! Begin your celebration of the season of gratitude in a special way with this wonderful time of food and fellowship. Call Lenoir Brewer (x201), or sign up in your SMBS class to secure your reservation. Cost for the luncheon is \$5.

During our Heritage Sunday worship service at 9:00AM on November 9, special recognition will be given to our Golden Members. If you have been a member of FBCTLH since 1964, or you have a cumulative total of 50 years membership, and your name is not listed below, please contact Vicki (x141).

- Maurice & Nell Barineau
- Juanita Cruce
- Bill & Betty Gardner
- Jerry Haywood
- Elna Sapp

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
3:00PM GriefShare, Adams 301
4:00PM American Sign Language Class, Conference Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room
6:30PM Newlywed Seminar, Cooke Home

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:00PM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 1st Floor
6:30PM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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 Church Business Meeting, 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 30

9:00AM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 1st Floor
9:30AM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201
5:30PM First Brass Rehearsal, Adams 200

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00AM-1:00PM CLC Open

WHAT'S HAPPENING

UPWARD BASKETBALL + CHEERLEADING

Registration is now open for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading leagues! Upward features separate leagues for boys and girls, Kindergarten (5 years) through 6th grade, and features equal teams, equal playing time, post-game awards, and much more! In Upward, not only do children learn about Jesus, but all participants have the opportunity to develop their character and self-esteem through healthy competition. Evaluations and orientations take place this November, practices begin in December, and games are January through March, 2015. The cost is \$80 for your first child, and \$40 for each additional child. To register your child, volunteer, or get more information, check out fbctlh.org/upward.

If you would like to place one or more poinsettias in our sanctuary this Christmas season in memory or in honor of a loved one, the cost is \$10 per plant. Please return this form with your payment to the front desk. *Contact Lenoir (222.5470 x201 or lenoir@fbctlh.org) for more information.*

I would like _____ (number) poinsettias:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Your Name (giving the lilies) _____

Your Phone Number _____

SERVE

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of October, 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.

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

October 29 - Veggie bar: mac & cheese, fried okra, steamed cabbage, butterpeas, corn muffins, roll, salad bar, and dessert
**for kids: pizza or hot dog with chips*

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$2,177,435
Receipts 10/19: \$33,187
YTD receipts: \$2,073,842

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Phil Cooper

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Al Eppinger
- 10AM Lee Gonzalez
- 11AM Bud Evans

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 26

- 8AM Ben Hart
- 10AM Jim Croushorn
- 11AM Art Pitts

Wednesday, October 29

- 6PM Roy Story

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

GREAT COMMANDMENT CHRISTIANS

Matthew 22:34-40