

FIRST FOCUS

BUDGET BUSINESS

On Sunday evening at 6:00PM, our Finance Committee will recommend our 2015 Budget to you to be adopted on November 9. Our deacons have already heard this budget presentation, and our staff are eager for you to hear this report.

Our vision for 2015 is to use our resources so that people will Come to Faith in Jesus, Grow in Christ as Lord, and Share their Faith with others. To do that, we are using our budget to baptize people in Jesus' name, launch and sustain approximately 40 Life Groups, train people to grow at Connections Weekend, teach people to share their faith on mission, reach people with the gospel through Word and Deed, and to remove our dependence on the "rainy day" fund for the purposes of operating expenses.

Inside the budget, you will find several new items. In the missions budget, we have asked for new resources for Love Tallahassee, an initiative that funds the outreach and mission projects and training for Life Groups. We are asking for resources for a Strategic Planning Process. The last full strategic plan that we adopted dates back to 1991. It's been a long time since we've assessed where we are and where God is calling us to in the next 3-5 years. The budget allocates resources for an outside consultant to assist us with our process. We are also increasing our debt service to accommodate the needed repairs we are making to the sound system and other projects we foresee on the horizon. We're requesting resources to transport students on the Youth Choir Tour charter bus. On paper, we've been dependent on the rainy day fund to balance our budget. In 2013, we did not need to use this fund. Our giving far exceeded our budget expenses. We expect the same to be the case in 2014, but we did apply the rainy day fund on paper in our budget planning. We did not do so with the 2015 budget plan.

To pay for these ministries and priorities, we are asking for our church family to increase our giving to the budget in tithes and offerings by approximately 10% in 2015. We think this is a reasonable, conservative request considering our church's current financial resources. This past year, God has continued to bless our church financially. Our giving has increased over 16% in the past 12 months, a combined 26% over the past 24 months. This year's budget goal is approximately 10% higher than last year's budget in tithes and offerings but only increases our spending by 3%. The difference between the two figures is because we will no longer be using the rainy day fund for budget planning purposes.

I am so grateful to the Chairman of Finance Committee, Bill Gardner, John Rice, Vicki Bitton, Amy Parks, and Erin Westberry for their assistance in preparing these documents. I look forward to seeing you Sunday evening as we discuss these ministries.



THIS WEEK

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 this 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 this 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 this 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
- Jerri Haywood
- Linda Teague
- Elna Sapp

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
12:30PM Haiti Info Meeting, Adams Basement
3:00PM GriefShare, Adams 301
4:00PM American Sign Language Class, Conference Room
6:00PM Budget Discussion, Sanctuary

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room
10:30AM First Joy Choir, Chason 2201
12:00PM Senior Adult Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
6:30PM Newlywed Seminar, Cooke Home

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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, NOVEMBER 6

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00AM-1:00PM CLC Open

COMING SOON

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 Tuesday, November 3, Friday, November 7, and Saturday, November 8. 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 info, check out fbctlh.org/upward.

WOMEN ON MISSION

WOM Groups will meet on Tuesday, November 11, as follows. All the women of the church are invited to attend a group.

- **Group 1** - Patsy Faircloth and Gloria Dowden, facilitators | Location: Gloria Dowden's home, 9:30AM | Mission Action: care packages for The Shelter
- **Group 2** - Glenda Verhine, facilitator | Location: A Woman's Pregnancy Center, 919 W. Pensacola St., 10:00AM | Mission Action: baby supplies
- **Group 3** - Maurine Wagner, facilitator | Location: Westminster Oaks Pool House, 9:30AM | Program: TBA

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 (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 November, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **non-perishable pantry items**, such as boxed or bagged foods, canned foods, instant meals, and powdered drinks. 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

November 5 - Meat or veggie lasagna, steamed broccoli, garlic bread, salad bar, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$2,229,279
Receipts 10/26: \$32,170
YTD receipts: \$2,106,013

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Darrell Thompson

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Glen Hicks
- 10AM Hugh Hauck
- 11AM Denis Harrelle

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 2

- 8AM Jim Wheeler
- 10AM Brent Daniel
- 11AM Eric Palm

Wednesday, November 5

- 6PM Wesley Head

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

WORKING WITHOUT ENVIOUS EYES

Matthew 19:30-20:16