

# FIRST FOCUS

## **BETWEEN TWO WALLS**

Our generation lives between two walls: the construction of the Berlin Wall and the West Bank Wall in Israel. One fell 25 years ago this Sunday. Families and friends reunited after years of separation, war, and communism. Another was built over eight years ago and still divides families and friends because of terrorism, war, and ethnic hatred. I've had the privilege of seeing both walls in my lifetime. In college, I saw the remains of the Berlin Wall just a couple of years after the reunification of Germany. I've taken groups to see the West Bank Wall in Israel. I feel a connection to both because of the memories I share and the hope that I have for the people they affect. Though the causes of division run deep, only one Person offers the hope our world needs. As Paul said in Ephesians 2, Jesus Christ broke down the dividing walls between us. Only he offers forgiveness, hope, and justice to a world awaiting his unity and freedom.

This Sunday we worship our Savior who is alive and well in faithful households and teaches us how to parent and grandparent future generations in Jesus' name. Sunday marks a special day in the life of our church. It's the 165th anniversary of the founding of First Baptist. We pause in worship to remember the lives of loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord, recognize our newest cohort of Golden Members (50 years or more of membership), and give thanks to God for our church's heritage.

We look no further than anniversaries like this Sunday to remind ourselves of the mission ever before us in Tallahassee. Derrick Johnson once wrote the lyrics to a song that still reminds me of our responsibility:

*"Many were the saints who've gone before us,  
Who fought the fight no matter what the cost.  
And even though much has changed, the cause is the same  
God's truth will live on, if we have kept the faith.  
From generation to generation, we must pass along the plan of God's salvation.  
Let us raise the torch of holiness until it's seen by every nation.  
From the young to the old, God's faithfulness unfolds  
From generation to generation."*



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## 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: Sharing God's Love

## FAITH, FOOD, FRIDAY

Join us at FBCTLH in the fellowship hall on November 14 as Dr. Shiell and "The God Squad" continue Faith, Food, Friday! The program begins at noon, with lunch available beginning at 11:30AM. This month's topic is "When God Talks Back." All FFF forums are free and open to the public, so invite your friends! Lunch is \$8 with an early RSVP, and \$10 with a late reservation or at the door. You are also welcome to bring your own lunch. RSVP through [fbctlh.org/faith-food-friday](http://fbctlh.org/faith-food-friday).

## THANKS+GIVING

All college students and young adults are invited to a time of thanks...and giving. Join us Wednesday, November 19, at 7:00PM. Think of this as a warm-up for your Thanksgiving dinner. We'll provide the turkey and dressing. You bring a side dish or dessert, an empty shoebox, and gift items. There is no cost for the dinner, but you're encouraged to bring a \$7 donation to help cover the cost of shipping your shoebox. After dinner, we will pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Free childcare is available at the church until 8:30PM. Please RSVP and get more info at [fbctlh.org/thanksandgiving](http://fbctlh.org/thanksandgiving).

## PASTOR'S CLASS

Have you joined FBCTLH in the past two years but never attended our Pastor's Class? Your opportunity is coming up on November 16. Join us immediately following the contemporary worship service to get to know one another, get information about our various ministries, get plugged in, and get a free meal! The class is designed to inform you about the life of Christ, to connect you with other new members, to help you love Tallahassee, and to belong to the community of believers called First Baptist Church. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Hannah (x145 or [hannah@fbctlh.org](mailto:hannah@fbctlh.org)) to RSVP on or before November 10.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 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, NOVEMBER 10

- 9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room
- 10:30AM First Joy Choir, Chason 2201
- 6:30PM Newlywed Seminar, Cooke Home
- 6:30PM SMBS Leadership Meeting, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- Women on Mission Meetings
- 6:00PM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- 6:30PM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- 6:00PM Children's Music & Missions, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 6:00PM Youth Choir, Adams 211
- 6:00PM Adult Prayer and Bible Study, Sanctuary
- 6:00PM DivorceCare, Adams 315
- 6:00PM Women's Bible Study, Adams 301
- 6:45PM RAs and GAs, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 7:00PM Youth Collide, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 13

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

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 11:30AM Faith, Food, Friday, Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 9:00AM-1:00PM CLC Open

# COMING SOON

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will collect all shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child project on Sunday, November 23! You will need a standard -sized shoebox, then determine if your gift will be for a boy or a girl, ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Fill the box with appropriate gifts for the child you've chosen, include a \$7 donation for shipping, and place a rubber band around each box. Then, you just need to bring them to church with you on November 23, and drop them off in the Sanctuary. For more information, check out [fbctlh.org/shoebox](http://fbctlh.org/shoebox).

Once again you may let the FBCTLH handbell choir, Bells of Praise, do the work of shopping, filling and wrapping your shoebox for you. In our continuing plan to fund the maintenance and renewal of the church's handbell equipment, we will completely prepare a box for you, donate the \$7 handling fee, and deliver it to the sanctuary on collection day. Cost per box is \$35. Call Lenoir (x201) to reserve yours now! We are limiting the number we prepare this year so please call early!

## WINTER FESTIVAL

This year as the Tallahassee community comes downtown on Saturday, December 6 to celebrate during the Winter Festival, FBCTLH will have the opportunity to minister to those around us. Volunteers are needed for 1-hour shifts - as greeters and maintenance, in our hospitality room, or in our baby comfort room to help serve patrons of the festival. Please sign up to volunteer online at [fbctlh.org/winterfestival](http://fbctlh.org/winterfestival). Contact Becky Liner ([bliner@jamesmadison.org](mailto:bliner@jamesmadison.org)) for more info.

# SERVE

## COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS

From now until December 24, we'll be receiving and distributing many things across our community. Please get involved by noting the opportunities below:

- The Florida Baptist Children's home is collecting non-perishable pantry items in November, and laundry detergent in December. 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.
- Shoebox Sunday for Operation Christmas Child is November 23. Deliver your completed shoeboxes to FBCTLH that morning. For more information, check out [fbctlh.org/shoebox](http://fbctlh.org/shoebox).
- We are the host site for the Cold Night Shelter for the homeless, now through Christmas Day. Sign up to assist by contacting [hannah@fbctlh.org](mailto:hannah@fbctlh.org). Drop off industrial strength blankets (Army/Navy style) to the CLC to be used in this ministry.
- We will be delivering poinsettias to homebound members on Monday, December 1, at 9:00AM. Please contact [jenna@fbctlh.org](mailto:jenna@fbctlh.org) to assist.
- Donate new, appropriate Christmas cards (not addressed or sealed) to the connect center by December 7. These will be used by prisoners in the Leon County jail to send to their loved ones.
- Sabal Palm Elementary needs gently used and new coats and jackets for from now until December 12. Please bring your donations to Children's Ministry. For more information, contact [rhonda@fbctlh.org](mailto:rhonda@fbctlh.org).
- We will not be providing showers for the homeless on Christmas Day this year; we are hosting the Cold Night Shelter that evening. We encourage you to support the work of the Grace Mission's Christmas program on December 23. They're in need of used and new socks, underwear, blankets, coats, sweatshirts, t-shirts. Please deliver them directly to Grace Mission (303 West Brevard St, Tallahassee, FL 32301).
- As always, we will have requests for individuals and families in need in our church, Sabal Palm, and community. Contact [hannah@fbctlh.org](mailto:hannah@fbctlh.org) if you or your SMBS class or Life Group would like to adopt one of these families for Christmas gifts or a Christmas basket.

## 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**

November 12 - Baked pork chops, rice, gravy, okra/corn/tomato medley or green beans, corn muffins, and dessert

**FINANCIALS**

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

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Nate Adams

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Charles Lawson
- 10AM Jim Cooke
- 11AM Richard Tudor

**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, November 9

- 8AM Lorne Shackelford
- 10AM Lyle Ragans
- 11AM Erik Eikeland

Wednesday, November 12

- 6PM Charles Maynard

<b>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</b>	9:00AM
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	10:00AM
<b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</b>	11:15AM

# BLINDLY PARENTING AND GRANDPARENTING

Matthew 19:13-15; 20:17-34