

# FIRST FOCUS

## LIVE THE GOSPEL

Winter connects and equips the body of Christ at First Baptist. Just as people flood local gymnasiums to get into physical shape, we have the chance to train our spiritual muscles together. We learn to do as Ephesians 4 instructs, “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” I want to invite you to be a part of two very special events (both designed to help us grow in our faith in Christ and share our faith with others): Equip Training for Season 2 of Life Groups on January 31, and Connections Weekend February 6-8.

This fall, 20 Life Groups have begun to sow seeds of the gospel throughout our community. They use everything from disc golf, regular golf, and musical talent to form relationships. They study the Bible, parenting books, and community resources. They meet because people have gone through a season of grief or because they live close to one another in neighborhoods. In other words, you can find a Life Group for every place, phase or pursuit in life. Season 2 begins February 1, and training for this second season is January 31 from 1:00-7:00PM. Cost is free, but you need to attend training in order to lead a new FBCTLH Life Group this spring. Life Groups not only reach the lives of the unreached, but they're building community among the participants. If you're hungry to know each other at a deeper level, and use the power of friendship to share your faith, Life Groups are for you. Register online ([fbctlh.org/lifegroups](http://fbctlh.org/lifegroups)) or in person by contacting Josh Hall ([josh@fbctlh.org](mailto:josh@fbctlh.org)).

The fourth annual Connections Weekend is February 6-8 with Dr. Scot McKnight, professor of New Testament at Northern Seminary in Lombard, Illinois. Dr. McKnight's book, *The King Jesus Gospel*, addresses one of the issues among churches today—sharing and living the gospel as believers. More than simply a plan of salvation, the gospel provides a compass to guide our daily decisions as God's people. This discipleship weekend will equip you and your household to deepen your faith and take the gospel into your home, work, and study. The early registration cost of \$5/student, \$10/person, and \$25/household's deadline is January 25. You can register online ([fbctlh.org/connections](http://fbctlh.org/connections)), in person, or by phone in the church office. After January 25, the cost increases by \$10 each. Dr. McKnight will also be preaching on Sunday, February 8.

Connections Weekend is so important to our church family. It's a churchwide retreat without ever leaving the building. We learn together as we learn more about each other. It's one of the few times all year where generations learn and grow from contact with each other. The meals are tremendous, and the conversations are powerful. Members who are already active in living the gospel in practical ways will lead our breakout sessions, showing us how the gospel addresses and impacts the struggles that each of us has in our world.

No matter whether you walk with cane or run a marathon, everyone can exercise the body of Christ. Let's join together as we shape our lives to live the gospel.



# THIS WEEK

## FIRST STEP

Are you new to FBCTLH, or maybe you've been a regular attender 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, January 18, at 10:15AM in the welcome center. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Singletary (hannah@fbctlh.org).

## YOUTH CHOIR REUNION

The Reunion Youth Choir will give a concert this Sunday evening, January 18, at 6:00PM in the sanctuary. The choir will be made up of choir members past and present who will be singing some of their favorite youth choir anthems. A love offering will be taken to offset the cost of this year's Youth Choir Mission Trip to New Orleans, LA.

## MENTORS NEEDED

Our partners at Sabal Palm Elementary School are in need of at least 10 new mentors for the rest of this school year. Children already have paperwork completed and are waiting on us to share love, commitment, and learning experiences with them. Please prayerfully consider giving one hour each week in this way, and encourage your friends and family to do the same!

Anyone who would like to become a mentor should fill out the Mentor Volunteer Form online at [leonschools.net](http://leonschools.net). The next step would be to attend the mandatory training session on Wednesday, January 21, from 10:00AM–12:00PM.

For more information, contact Rhonda (rhonda@fbctlh.org).

## Service Recordings

*If you can't be at FBCTLH on a Sunday morning, both worship services (9:00AM and 11:15AM) will be streaming live during their respective times each week.*

*For access, visit our website at [fbctlh.org/Sunday](http://fbctlh.org/Sunday).*

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

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  
3:00PM GriefShare, Adams 301  
6:00PM Youth Choir Reunion Concert, Sanctuary

### MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Church Office Closed

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

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, Fellowship Hall  
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 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, JANUARY 22

5:30PM First Brass Rehearsal, Adams 200

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

9:00AM-1:00PM CLC Open

# COMING SOON

## SENIOR ADULTS

Warm up your winter with good friends, food, and fellowship! Join us for the next Senior Adult Luncheon: Friday, January 30, at 12:00PM in the fellowship hall. The cost is still just \$5 per person. Please sign up in your SMBS class, or contact Lenoir (x201 or lenoir@fbctlh.org) for reservations.

## LIFE GROUPS: EQUIP

Life Groups at FBCTLH are “church where life happens” for our members who have a common place, pursuit, or phase of life with those outside our campus. Based on the life of the early church in Acts 2:41-47, we want everyone to be a part of one group that gathers off site with an outward focus that sees organic growth. Anyone who is interested in being in a Life Group should register to join us for a training session January 31 from 1:00 until 6:00PM - online at fbctlh.org/lifegroups or by using the form available in the connect center.

## CONNECTIONS WEEKEND

We hope you are able to join us for 2015's Connections Weekend. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Scot McKnight, a world-renowned speaker, writer, professor, and equipper of the Church. He is a recognized authority on the historical Jesus, early Christianity, and the New Testament. Mark your calendars for February 6-8 for a weekend of main sessions and breakouts on how the gospel affects different parts of your life. Registration now, online or in person. Check out fbctlh.org/connections for more information.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary on a Sunday morning in honor or in memory of a loved one or a special event, please let us know using the flower calendar in the Adams foyer (on the first floor, on the right as you exit the organ side of the sanctuary). Reserve your spot now! These flowers are then provided to the homebound each Monday morning with a visit and a note of encouragement. Thank you for participating in this ministry to our church family! For more information, contact Lenoir (x201 or lenoir@fbctlh.org).



*Dear Church Family,  
Our family would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all of the love, prayers, cards, visits, and thoughtful gestures that have been bestowed upon us for the past two years and during this time of bereavement.  
God bless each of you.*

*Pullen Family*

## SERVE

### FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of January, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **warm winter socks** - all sizes for boys and girls, ages 5 through 18. 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](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).

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**FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

January 21 - Chicken tetrazzini, steamed carrots, rolls, salad bar, and dessert  
*\*for kids: hot dog or pizza*

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Tom Perrin

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Jim Pitts
- 10AM Gerald Culbreth
- 11AM Bob Pullen

**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, January 18

- 8AM Ben Hart
- 10AM John Schanbacher
- 11AM Mark Byler

Wednesday, January 21

- 6PM Lee Vickery

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

9:00AM

**BIBLE STUDY**

10:00AM

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

11:15AM

# GUARD THEIR LIVES

Ezekiel 34:14-20; 36:26-28