

FIRST FOCUS

GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY

God has richly blessed our church again throughout 2014. The spirit in the rooms Sunday was just one example of our church's excitement about proclaiming the gospel. Thank you for participating in the Vision Sessions last Sunday. Over 200 people provided great feedback to our committee. The discussions were positive, engaging, and multi-generational. If you were not able to join us Sunday, please respond to the 7 questions (published in last week's Vision); and drop them in the box in the connect center by February 8.

Another very noticeable sign of God's work is the continued increase in budget giving. Thanks to you, our giving increased over 7% in 2014, and our income exceeded our 2014 budget by 3%. Historically, this is a record year for First Baptist. In 2006, we gave a record of \$2,738,387. In 2014, we have exceeded that amount and gave \$2,794,133. Our endowment giving in 2014 also increased by \$142,000, and the Fran and Nancy Buhler endowment is now fully funded, exceeding our goal of \$25,000. Thank you for all of these—and many more—ways you have given.

Whether your gift was large or small, God used each one to multiply its impact in our community. We have been able to fulfill all of our ministry goals for 2014. We are on solid financial footing in 2015. We did not need to draw from our rainy day fund in 2014, and we have been able to move forward with repairs to the facilities such as the roof, sound, and Duval Air conditioner. We will provide a full report of all of our ministry areas for 2014—Weekday, CLC, Food Service, and the Church budget—at our business meeting on January 28 at 6:00PM.

We have some new faces in the office, and I hope you will stop by and meet these folks. Chad Wilson is our new Director of Financial Operations. He has a strong business background and has served as a business administrator in another local congregation. He's proficient with Shelby and is already making a huge difference. Leigh Byrne oversees our contribution statements, and we are so grateful for the volunteers who count offerings and serve on our Finance Committee.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, February 15. We'll be hosting our first-ever Generosity Fair in the welcome center. Over 35 ministries that are funded through your budget giving will display their work. Come and share a light lunch from 11:00AM-1:00PM, mingle with our staff and volunteers, and see how God is multiplying these resources in Tallahassee and around the world to proclaim the gospel. It takes your generosity for God's work to grow. Thank you for sharing the good news.



THIS WEEK

CONNECTIONS WEEKEND

We hope you're registered to join us for this year's Connections Weekend - beginning this Friday, February 6. This year we will be focusing on how to learn, love, and live the gospel in every facet of our lives. Get more information and register now at fbctlh.org/connections.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women of all ages are invited to join the FBCTLH First Ladies' Team and women from all around the Big Bend for the **Fresh Grounded Faith** conference featuring Jennifer Rothschild, Stormie Omartian, and Meredith Andrews on April 24th and 25th at Thomasville Road Baptist Church (Friday 7:00–9:30PM; Saturday 9:00AM–12:30PM). We will have a limited number of tickets on sale in the welcome center this Wednesday evening, February 4, from 5:00PM until 7:30PM, and on Sunday, February 8, after both services. Tickets are \$34. Visit FreshGroundedFaith.com to find out more about this nationally known conference coming to our area.

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. The next step would be to attend a mandatory training session:

- Friday, February 6 10:00AM-12:00PM
- Thursday, February 12 1:00PM-3:00PM
- Tuesday, February 17 5:30-7:00PM
- Wednesday, February 25 1:00PM-3:00PM

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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options
10:00AM New Member Brunch, Fellowship Hall
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
3:00PM GriefShare, Adams 301

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Connect Center
10:30AM First Joy Choir Rehearsal, Chason 2201

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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 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 2nd Floor
7:00PM Youth Collide, CLC 2nd 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, FEBRUARY 5

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

5:30PM Connections Weekend

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00AM Connections Weekend

COMING SOON

WOMEN ON MISSION

All Women on Mission Groups will meet together for our February Mission Project.

When: Tuesday, February 10, 9:30-11:00AM

Where: Florida Baptist Children's Home library (8415 Buck Lake Road). We will be making Valentine goodie bags for the residents (all supplies provided) and hearing an update from a member of the FBCH staff. Call Beckie Maynard (539.5079) if you need additional information. If you need a ride, please call Linda Wheeler (877.4839).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Disciple Now Weekend is coming soon: February 19-22! The cost is \$55. For more information and forms, please visit FBCDNOW.com.

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).

SERVE

HOPE BABY SHOWER

We have another opportunity to assist two homeless mothers expecting baby boys by providing them with newborn essentials while they transition to permanent housing. One mother is a resident at HOPE (Housing Opportunities and Personal Empowerment) Community, which provides a safe living environment while residents become self-sufficient. The second mother is a resident at Home Plate, a rental subsidy program with support for individuals with long-term history of homelessness. Your generous support provides a testament of God's love to these families! You and/or your FBCTLH group may help in 3 ways: provide unwrapped gifts and bring to the church office, contribute funds towards the purchase of a car seat or stroller, and/or attend and coordinate the reception for the mothers at HOPE Community. For more information, please visit fbctlh.org/serve.

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of February, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **shaving cream, razors, body lotion, deodorant, and shampoo** for boys and girls. 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

February 4 - Fried or baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad bar, biscuit, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$226,114
Receipts 01/25: \$36,660
YTD receipts: \$136,701

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Bob Snyder

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Charlie Silcox
- 10AM Bill Smith
- 11AM Steve Williams

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 1

- 8AM Lorne Shackelford
- 10AM Jim Croushorn
- 11AM Art Pitts

Wednesday, February 4

- 6PM Roy Story

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

What the Other Boats Know

Mark 4:35-52