

FIRST FOCUS

UPDATES ON THE YOUNG FAMILY

Last Thursday, Jenna Young shared with me that she is planning to retire from ministry so that she can better care for her husband Ray and his needs. As many of you know, Ray's health has been declining over the last few weeks. Despite several trips to the doctor, his condition is still a mystery—a cause of multiple undiagnosed issues surrounding his kidneys.

I have been friends with the Young family for over 40 years; her son Britt and I are both graduates of Truett Seminary. I understand how difficult this decision is for them. Jenna has served twice on our staff, most recently in the last two years as Minister of Pastoral Care, Senior Adults, and Single Focus. She has excelled in her calling personally and professionally. As I shared with her, she is like the "Bridge over Troubled Water" for many people in our community. She has brought many prodigals to faith and trust in Jesus and connected so many individuals into the life of our church. I will dearly miss her encouragement, service, and support in these past years.

At her request, we will not be honoring her with a reception. She and Ray plan to return to the life of our church family as, Lord willing, Ray's health improves. In her retirement letter, she writes, "Over 30 years ago I first sensed God's calling for my life to be dedicated to ministry. Over the years, this calling has led me to serve in different capacities and in different venues that have stretched me, helped me grow, and helped mold me into the person I am today. For these past two years, it has been a joy and privilege to serve many different groups within our church. It is with great appreciation, sincere thankfulness, and genuine belief that the best of years of First Baptist Tallahassee are still to come."

I've asked John Rice to lead us as we fill the roles in the interim that Jenna played in our church. Senior Adults, Pastoral Care, and Single Focus ministries are vitally important in the life our church. Someone of Jenna's caliber and capacity is not quickly replaced without prayer and discernment. Our staff, in consultation with the personnel committee, will be reviewing this position, assessing our current ministry needs, and making plans for the future. Please pray as we seek God's direction. Even more urgently, please continue to pray for Ray's health to improve and for Jenna as his primary caregiver. Surround them with your cards and emails of support and concern in the days to come.

I look forward to connecting with you, our church body, together this weekend. See you Friday evening!



THIS WEEK

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 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.

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).

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:

- 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).

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:30AM Women on Mission, Florida Baptist Children's Home
6:00PM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 1st Floor
6:30PM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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 12

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

COMING SOON

GENEROSITY FAIR

As a part of a special worship emphasis in February, mark your calendars for a Generosity Fair and snack luncheon on Sunday, February 15. You will have an opportunity to see how your faithful giving to the FBCTLH budget impacts people involved in our church body, in Tallahassee, and around the world. Don't miss it!

LEADERSHIP BANQUET

You are invited to our Leadership Generosity Banquet on Monday evening, February 23. We will begin with a reception at 6:00PM in the welcome center, followed by the banquet in fellowship hall from 6:30-8:00PM. Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to Amy Parks (amy@fbctlh.org or x121) by February 11 if you would like to attend.

Our speaker will be Dr. Elmira Mangum, President of Florida A&M University. Prior to moving to Tallahassee, she was the Vice President for Planning and Budget at Cornell University and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Ithaca, New York. Our theme for the banquet is Love Tallahassee: Give Generously. Dr. Mangum's address will be "Why the Church Matters to Me."

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

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 11 - Baked pork chops, rice, gravy, okra/corn/tomato medley, green beans, corn muffins, salad bar, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$282,643
Receipts 02/01: \$46,758
YTD receipts: \$188,847

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Ryan Stokes

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Daryle Gray
- 10AM Wayne Tedder
- 11AM Rigsby Jones

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 8

- 8AM Tim Barry
- 10AM Brent Daniel
- 11AM Eric Palm

Wednesday, February 11

- 6PM Jim English

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

CONNECTIONS WEEKEND

Dr. Scot McKnight, Guest Speaker