

# FIRST FOCUS

## **LOVE TALLAHASSEE: GIVE GENEROUSLY**

When was the last time you had a picnic with 900 of your closest friends? In Mark 6, Jesus and his disciples gathered with over 5,000 people and fed a multitude with just a few loaves of bread. This Sunday, we're having an indoor picnic to see and experience all the ways that God is multiplying his work through your generosity.

The Welcome Center this Sunday will host a Ministry Budget Fair from 11:00AM–2:00PM. We're kicking off our stewardship emphasis "Love Tallahassee: Give Generously" and celebrating over 35 budgeted ministries of the church. These groups will be exhibiting on both floors of the welcome center, and a light picnic-style lunch will be available for you and your guests. Join us immediately following 10:00 SMBS classes or the 11:15 service.

Our ministry vision this year is ambitious. We just experienced a powerful Connections Weekend as we learned the gospel in a more meaningful way. I can't tell you how grateful I am to Josh Hall and his team for putting together this event. It's just one example of the way our budget is touching lives. Our budget goal is 10% higher than last year at \$3,037,203, but our needs are even greater. Here are just a few examples: We will be sending over 57 college students and sponsors to Boston to help plant a church and evangelize this city. We will be sending youth to New Orleans on mission and Youth Camp in Georgia. We're planning to add two floors to Vacation Bible School to reach more children and families for Christ. We plan to serve over 50,000 meals through A Full Summer in partnership with Second Harvest of the Big Bend. We are borrowing from our line of credit to repair the third floor Duval air conditioner for our young adult classes and budgeting to repay this loan in future budgets.

To do all this, we need your help. Your gifts to the budget meet these needs and so much more. Every gift counts this year in enormous ways. To get us started, I'll be preaching on the importance of the obedience and blessings of tithing compassionately. Our ministries will be showing and telling the ways God is working through them. Chad Wilson, our new director of financial operations, can assist you with setting up a regular plan of giving through our church office. He'll be in the Connections Center this Sunday; come by and meet him.

There's no better way to follow up a weekend on loving Jesus than recommitting to the kind of love that causes us to give sacrificially. I hope you'll be a part of this special emphasis. Giving is much more fun when we share it with those who have a heart for the gospel. See the impact this Sunday!



# THIS WEEK

## GENEROSITY FAIR

As a part of a special worship emphasis in February, mark your calendars for a Generosity Fair and snack luncheon THIS SUNDAY. 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!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Disciple Now Weekend begins this Thursday: February 19-22! The cost is \$65. Students, we hope you will join us and bring friends! For more information and forms, please visit [FBCDNow.com](http://FBCDNow.com).

We hope you will be praying for our students, leaders, and host families to have a transformational time together this weekend as they talk about how to make God a priority in their lives.

## 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 a mandatory training session:

- Tuesday, February 17 5:30-7:00PM
- Wednesday, February 25 1:00PM-3:00PM

For more information, contact Rhonda ([rhonda@fbctlh.org](mailto: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, FEBRUARY 15

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor  
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options  
11:00AM Generosity Fair, Welcome Center  
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary  
3:00PM GriefShare, Adams 301

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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, FEBRUARY 19

6:00PM Youth Disciple Now Kick-off, Fellowship Hall

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:45PM Youth Disciple Now Weekend, Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Youth Disciple Now Weekend

# COMING SOON

## 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."

## TOGETHER IN LENT: SHARING MIDDAY WORSHIP AND FOOD

In observance of the Season of Lent, four downtown churches will come together to share worship and a simple meal. Each event will begin with a brief worship service, followed by a simple lunch prepared by the host church. The host churches are St. John's Episcopal, Trinity United Methodist, FBCTLH, and First Presbyterian. Leaders of worship will be pastors Bill Shiell, Dave Killeen, Tony Fotsch and Brant Copeland. All are welcome for both worship and lunch.

There will be no charge for the meal, but diners will be given the opportunity to contribute to "Operation I.D.," a ministry to people living with homelessness operated by the Renaissance Community Center. "Operation I.D." helps people secure birth certificates and other documents required to obtain a state-issued identification card.

Here is the schedule for the series:

- February 26 at Trinity United Methodist; Guest Speaker - Bill Shiell
- March 5 at First Presbyterian; Guest Speaker - Dave Killeen
- March 12 at FBCTLH; Guest Speaker - Brant Copeland
- March 19 at St. John's; Guest Speaker - Tony Fotsch

## 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

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

VBS this year will be June 15-17. We need a lot of people from our church family who are able to lead groups of children, teach Bible stories, or lead recreation. Mark your calendars now and be praying about how you can be involved! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rhonda (rhonda@fbctlh.org or x510).

### 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.



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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**

February 18 - Grilled chicken strips, linguine, marinara sauce, steamed veggie medley, bread sticks, salad bar, and dessert

**FINANCIALS**

YTD budget: \$339,172  
Receipts 02/08: \$48,381  
YTD receipts: \$237,228

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Hugh Hauck

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Larry Williams
- 10AM Sherman Wilhelm
- 11AM Jim Chorey

**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, February 15

- 8AM Ben Hart
- 10AM Lyle Ragans
- 11AM Erik Eikeland

Wednesday, February 18

- 6PM Charles Maynard

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

# The Hole in our Gospel

Mark 6:30-44