

FIRST FOCUS

ARE WE WILLING TO FOLLOW HIM?

This Easter, we're focusing on the eyewitnesses around the cross. Everyone is an eyewitness to Jesus' work; are we willing to follow him? This month, let me suggest a few ways to do that at First Baptist.

Follow our Boston team and pray for them this week. Erin will be posting updates on our website at fbctlh.org/boston. If you're on Twitter or Facebook, the hashtag is #vermonstah. Pray for this group of 57 college students and sponsors that God will use them to bless these church plants in Charlestown and that they will have opportunities to show and share the gospel. They will be reporting to our church family in Bible study on March 18 and worship March 22.

Participate in worship. Join us each Thursday during Lent for worship with our downtown churches. We host March 12 at 12:10PM. Each Sunday, I'll be focusing on a different eyewitness to Jesus. During Holy Week, we invite you to join us for three events. On Good Friday, we will be offering silent, reflective Lord's Supper from 11:00AM until 5:00PM in the sanctuary. This service, called "Remember," is always a special time for our downtown business and legislative community. At 7:00PM, our Sanctuary Choir and drama will present the "Last Words From the Cross." We'll meditate on Jesus' seven last words from the cross. On Saturday, April 4, Rhonda will be leading the Family Easter Celebration in the CLC Gym from 10:30AM-12:00PM. It's a special time to tell families about the true meaning of the Easter season.

Invite a friend. For Easter on Sunday morning, invite a friend to join your for worship that day. Everyone likes to go to church on Easter Sunday. Why not invite someone to come with you? You see them throughout the week; now show them why Easter is so important to you. They will actually see and experience the power of the resurrection that morning here at First Baptist.

Practice having new faces in the house. Do you remember the 10-foot rule and the 5-minute rule? We used these last fall for promotion Sunday. Speak to anyone within 10 feet of you, and take 5 minutes after each event to speak those around you. Practice sitting in a different location in the sanctuary—in hopes that a guest takes your seat on Easter Sunday.

Volunteer to greet guests or care for children. We will need additional greeters and childcare workers at each hour on Easter Sunday. Please contact Hannah Singletary (hannah@fbctlh.org) if you can take a shift.

Pay attention to Jesus this season. He invites us to follow him all the way to the cross. Bring someone with you as you do.



THIS WEEK

BOSTON MISSION TRIP

57 college students, former college students, and future college students are on a spring break mission trip this week (March 6-14). Get prayer requests and updates on the trip at fbctlh.org/Boston.

YOUTH CHOIR DESSERT THEATRE

Each year, our Youth Choir presents a musical revue called Dessert Theatre. This year's show is "At the Movies" and is filled with solos, duets, ensembles, and dance numbers from movies across the generations. Please join us THIS SUNDAY afternoon, March 8, at 2:30PM in the CLC Gym (3rd Floor). The doors will open at 2:00PM.

The purpose of the show is to allow youth to have fun performing various musical numbers and to raise money to offset the cost of their annual Mission Trip. An offering will be taken, and you should also come prepared to bid on some excellent desserts donated by our FBCTLH family!

WOMEN ON MISSION

All WMU/WOM groups will meet this Tuesday, March 10, in the fellowship hall in observance of North American Missions Week of Prayer. A brunch will be served at no cost. The program will be an introduction to the WMU National Focus on PTSD. The brunch is open to all ladies of the church. Please contact Donna Heald (dheadtlh@centurylink.net or 224.3940) or a WOM group leader for more information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women of all ages are welcome to join us as we study *Fingerprints of God: Recognizing God's Touch on Your Life* by Jennifer Rothschild on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 until 7:00PM. This study will be led by Linda Smith and will take place in Adams 301. God's essential touch separates us from all other created beings. His touch warms, affirms, and guides us; it communicates value and self-esteem. This 7-week study teaches us to recognize six things we can experience because of God's touch: honor, intimacy, shelter, guidance, redemption, and refinement. Member books are \$11. Please contact Linda for more info (lbswcs@aol.com).

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Boston Mission Trip
8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
2:30PM Youth Choir Dessert Theatre, CLC Gym
3:00PM GriefShare, Adams 301

MONDAY, MARCH 9

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Boston Mission Trip
9:00AM North American Missions Brunch, Fellowship Hall
6:00PM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 1st Floor
6:30PM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Boston Mission Trip
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 Moms Connect, Adams Basement
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, MARCH 12

Boston Mission Trip in Vermont

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Boston Mission Trip in Vermont

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Boston Mission Trip returns

COMING SOON

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ATTENTION: All 3rd-5th graders - Sail the wide world of Tallahassee with Miss Rhonda on an unforgettable adventure from March 15 through 17. You will learn to Go F.I.S.H - have Fun In Serving Him - as you enjoy helping others and learn more about God's word. Please register with our Children's Ministry office (rhonda@fbctlh.org or x501).

CHURCH WORK DAY

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 21, for our "Helping Hands" work day around FBCTLH. We will need many hands to help clean up our campus and facilities so that we can be good stewards of our resources! There is something for everyone to do, from gardening/yard work to dusting to painting. We will begin at 8:00AM (with coffee!) and work until 12:00PM. See you there!

EASTER 2015

Jesus was under surveillance during the last week of his life. So many people watched, but few followed. Each one was an eyewitness to Jesus' last hours, but few obeyed him. According to Mark 14-16, eyewitnesses had four reactions to Jesus: watch, oppose, flee, or follow. What will your response be? Join us on Sundays at 9:00 or 11:15AM as we worship together. Invite your friends to join us for Easter Sunday! Check out fbctlh.org/Easter for more information.

Remember - Good Friday, April 3 // Spend some time remembering what Jesus Christ did for you on this day. Our sanctuary is open from 11:00AM until 5:00PM, and all are welcome to drop in and stay as long as you need for a time of personal reflection. We will provide a printed guide containing scripture, devotions, and prayer. You will also have the opportunity to take the Lord's Supper.

Last Words from the Cross - Good Friday, April 3 // Last words are very significant. Jesus spoke seven times from the cross; each "word" bears a vital message for His followers. This Good Friday, we will meditate together on Christ's words through scripture, reflection, and song. Invite your friends and join us at 7:00PM in the sanctuary.

Family Easter Celebration - Saturday, April 4 // Each year on the Saturday before Easter Sunday, we encourage families to consider the true meaning of Easter in a fun environment with a variety of crafts, games, and activities. We will meet from 10:30AM until 12:00PM in the CLC Gym.

If you would like to place one or more lilies in our sanctuary this Easter season in memory or in honor of a loved one, the cost is \$11 per plant. Please return this form with your payment to the front desk. Contact Lenoir (x201 or lenoir@fbctlh.org) for more information.

I would like _____ (number) plants:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Your Name (giving the poinsettias) _____

Your Phone Number _____



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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 lenoi@fbctlh.org. All other requests are \$5, and can be made at the front desk or online at fbctlh.org/contact.

PERIODICALS
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TALLAHASSEE
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FELLOWSHIP MEAL

March 11 - Veggie bar: macaroni & cheese, steamed cabbage, butterpeas, fried okra, corn muffins, salad bar, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$508,757
Receipts 03/01: \$62,097
YTD receipts: \$394,115

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Pat Brown

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Jeff Butts
- 10AM Leon Cassels
- 11AM Eric Palm

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 8

- 8AM Tim Barry
- 10AM Jim Croushorn
- 11AM Art Pitts

Wednesday, March 11

- 6PM Roy Story

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

FLEEING DISCIPLE: THE FUGITIVE

Mark 14:43-52