

FIRST FOCUS

INVESTING

Thank you for investing in First Baptist during the first quarter of 2015. We've had a tremendous response to the generosity emphasis in February. Because you have given so faithfully, and folks have begun to give regularly, we can praise the Lord this quarter for his abundant blessings. Our giving to the budget rose over 13% from this same time last year. Because we normally start the first of the year slowly, this year's exceptional giving is surely an added blessing from the Lord.

	YTD Budget Receipts	YTD Budget Needs
2015	653,171	759,301
2014	576,966	732,342

There are so many stories that we could tell from this quarter about how your giving has touched lives for Christ. Let's go back to January. On MLK weekend, over 70 current and former Youth Choir members from the last 15 years gathered to reunite. Former member and now-Jacksonville resident Justin Sorrell said in the article in the Tallahassee Democrat, "As a high schooler, Youth Choir gave me a sense of belonging, confidence through performing, and a firm foundation for my faith. I came back not only to show my gratitude and demonstrate the lasting impact Youth Choir has had in my life, but also to drink deeply again of the spirit of faith, friendship, and unity it continues to offer."

A weekend that revived great memories is also a living reality in our midst. This quarter through Dessert Theatre and Disciple Now, our youth, parents, volunteers, and staff have had a powerful impact on us. Through the Boston Mission Trip, our college students have carried the light of Christ to hearts that have been iced over by more than just the cold weather of winter. Through your generosity, you have made these kinds of ministries—and so much more—a reality.

This quarter, we've already begun construction on the new air conditioning system for the third floor of Duval. Even though this project will last through the summer, the work of our property committee and staff together will make it possible for us to reach more people through our facilities. I'm grateful to them for their service and assistance throughout this process. We're already preparing to build on a tremendous Easter Sunday as we expand Vacation Bible School and Sports Camp this summer.

Through your gifts both large and small, you're making an impact as we Love Jesus together. Thank you for your support.



Bill

THIS WEEK

SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER

THIS SUNDAY at 11:10AM or 12:20PM

Everyone's invited to come support our mission trip to Haiti this July...and enjoy a spaghetti lunch while you're at it. For early worshipers, we'll have lunch ready in the fellowship hall when your SMBS ends at 11:10AM. For late worshipers, you can just walk downstairs to the fellowship hall after the service at 12:20PM. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased at the door. To-go plates are also available. Contact Josh (josh@fbctlh.org) if you have any questions.

CRESCENDO CONCERT

"Crescendo" is a worship concert led by our college students in music ministry. In music, to crescendo means to grow in volume, in loudness. We are blessed with many college students who join our church family and specifically, our music ministry, during the time that they are in Tallahassee. It is our prayer and intent that while they are at FBCTLH, they will grow in knowledge and relationship to our Lord Jesus Christ, and in service to His kingdom.

Crescendo, then, is a metaphor for our college music ministry. This concert offers an opportunity for our students to grow and to use their gifts and talents to serve both Christ and this church. You will be amazed and inspired by these students. Don't miss out on this opportunity to affirm and support them as family - THIS SUNDAY at 7:00PM. A love offering will be taken in support of the college music ministry and the Youth Choir Mission Trip this June.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options
11:10AM Spaghetti Lunch Early Seating, Fellowship Hall
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
12:20PM Spaghetti Lunch Late Seating, Fellowship Hall
3:00PM GriefShare, Adams 301
7:00PM Crescendo Concert, Sanctuary

MONDAY, APRIL 27

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Connect Center
10:30AM First Joy Choir, Wakulla Correctional

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

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 Preschool Class, Duval 1st Floor
6:00PM Elementary Music & Missions, Duval 2nd Floor
6:00PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Adams 211
6:00PM Adult Prayer and Bible Study, Sanctuary
6:00PM DivorceCare, Adams 315
6:00PM Moms Connect, Adams Basement
6:00PM Women's Bible Study, Adams 301
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, APRIL 30

9:00AM Childcare for Internationals, Duval 1st Floor
9:30AM Internationals English Classes, Chason 2201

FRIDAY, MAY 1

SATURDAY, MAY 2

COMING SOON

A FULL SUMMER

We would love for you to get involved with this June's "A Full Summer." FBCTLH is partnering with St. John's Episcopal Church to provide funds and volunteers needed to pack meals for the hungry in our area. Many children in the Big Bend community who depend on free or reduced-price school lunches during the school year do not have a reliable source of food during the summer. Meals prepared at "A Full Summer" will be distributed by Second Harvest of the Big Bend to children and families in our community.

You can participate by volunteering to pack meals during "A Full Summer" on June 6 from 10:00AM until 12:00PM at Rickards High School. Registration forms are available in your SMBS classes. You can also participate by donating money to provide the food supplies required. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church, with "A Full Summer" in the memo line. For more information, please contact Becky Liner (beckyliner@comcast.net).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration is going on now for this summer's "Everest" Vacation Bible School: June 15-19, from 9:00AM until 12:00PM. It will be a great week that you do not want to miss! Vacation Bible School is FREE, and for children 4 years old through completion of 5th grade. Through Bible stories, music, recreation, crafts, and snacks, children will learn how to conquer challenges with God's mighty power. Registration forms are available online at fbctlh.org/vbs or in the welcome center.

Also available during VBS week is our basketball and cheerleading camp. Camp is open to boys and girls who have completed Kindergarten through 5th Grade. We strive to insure that every child is a winner by sharing the love of Jesus with each player, participant, coach, referee, and family member. We want to help every child grow as Jesus did—spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially. Every child will learn to develop character, an understanding of sportsmanship, and a respect for authority in any situation, on and off the court. Basketball or cheerleading camp takes place after VBS, from 12:00PM until 5:00PM. The cost is \$100 per child until June 3.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! We would love for you to be involved with Vacation Bible School this year, and you can sign up to help out by turning in the volunteer form, also available in the welcome center. For more information, please contact the Children's Ministry office (x501 or rhonda@fbctlh.org).

SERVE

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of April, we will join the Children's Home in collecting **cleaning supplies**, such as Clorox wipes, bathroom cleaners, window cleaners, and paper towels. 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

April 29 - Ham, macaroni & cheese, field peas, salad bar, rolls, and dessert

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Jack Nix

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Howard Rhodes
- 10AM Tom Perrin, Sr.
- 11AM Lorne Shackelford

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 26

- 8AM Lorne Shackelford
- 10AM Lyle Ragans
- 11AM Erik Eikeland

Wednesday, April 29

- 6PM Charles Maynard

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:00AM

BIBLE STUDY

10:00AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

11:15AM

ENGAGE THE WORLD WITH BOLD LOVE

1 John 5:7-21