

FIRST FOCUS

LOVING JESUS IN REAL LIFE

Each week during the “Love Jesus” series, we’re featuring examples of people in our church showing us the kind of love that 1 John describes and giving you an opportunity to respond. This kind of love moves with others into the dark places of our world. So often this love is not a warm and fuzzy feeling. Often the decisions we make overcome the natural feelings we have. Normally, we’d be scared of loving someone in the darkness, or we’d resist. Because Jesus found us on the Emmaus road, walked into a locked room full of disciples, and overcame the skepticism of Thomas, we decide to love the way he loved. It also helps to see some real life examples.

Last Sunday, we commissioned eight college students who are serving in summer missions and recognized graduates who are completing this chapter of their lives. Zach baptized two of these eight who not only made decisions to follow Christ but also are serving this summer in Jesus’s name.

- **Maggie Blanchard** - WinShape Camps in Mount Berry, GA
- **Omar Herrera** - FUGE Camps in Jackson, TN
- **Alexis Hickox** - Rick Coram Ministries and Powerlife Student Camps in Johnson City, TN and Winnsboro, SC
- **Luke Hinson** - FUGE Camps in Louisville, KY
- **Cara Mason** - Camp Crestridge in Ridgecrest, NC
- **Luke Smith** - WinShape Camps in Cleveland, GA
- **Nicole Tucker** - WinShape Camps in FL, GA, SC, NC, and VA
- **Becca Winch** - Camp Greystone in Zirconia, NC

Pray for these students, and contact our office if you need contact information to stay in touch over the summer.

Over the last year, Life Groups have become one way to express that resurrection love with unreached people. Christ’s love compels us to form friendships with brothers and sisters in Christ as well. Often those relationships are intentionally with people of different backgrounds—politically, culturally, and racially. We’ll take a look at one example this Sunday and hear about the new season of Life Groups beginning this fall. We have an opportunity to start Life Groups in apartment communities around Tallahassee. New leaders will be trained to meet their neighbors, host informal gatherings with the residents, and invite those interested to learn more about Jesus. Training begins Sunday afternoon May 17 from 12:30-3:30 (lunch included). If you’re interested in learning about this ministry, praying for these groups, or participating in this initiative, contact Josh Hall.

On Mother’s Day, May 10, we’ll baptize several people who have made decisions since Easter and meet one family that God called to grow through adoption. Lee and Kim Vickery heard God speaking in different ways, and this experience led them to someone from the Florida Baptist Children’s Home who was sitting just a few pews away in worship. The Vickerys will share their testimony in two parts in each service on May 10. It’s such a powerful story, we can’t fit it all into one service. Plan to worship in both services to hear about this special commitment to love. We will also receive our annual Mother’s Day offering for the Children’s Home.

May 17 is Senior High School Sunday where we’ll recognize and bless our high school graduates and their families. Sunday, May 24 is Pentecost, as we move with the Spirit into the love God has for us.

THIS WEEK

2015 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee at FBCTLH is responsible each year for Sunday Morning Bible Study leadership (2015-2016), and ministry group coordinators, church officers, and deacon candidates for 2016.

- Edem Ablordeppey
- Erik Eikeland
- Cindy Fernald
- Jon Getz
- Virginia Glass - Chair
- Jennifer Hendrix
- Joyce Jorgensen
- Paul Lambert
- Leon Sims

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. 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. Basketball or cheerleading camp takes place after VBS, from 12:00PM until 5:00PM. The cost is \$100 per child.

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).

Stewardship Testimony

The best reason to give for me is FREEDOM—It means NOT living how I was brought up living; clinging to money, afraid of giving anything, afraid of the future. It means not living with the same "poverty mentality", but with an "abundance" mentality. I have an overabundance and I GET to give even more. I am FREE not to worry about money. I get to trust God with it ALL. My money concerns are now God's responsibility. I obey Him and leave the rest in His hands. I am still amazed by all the miracles He brings about in my life.

*--Lindsey Panousis
read more at fbctlh.org/blog*

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 3

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, MAY 4

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Connect Center
10:30AM First Joy Choir Rehearsal, Chason 2201
6:00PM Sabal Palm Committee, Large Meeting Room
6:00PM Personnel Committee, Conference Room

TUESDAY, MAY 5

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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
7:00PM Endowment Committee, Large Meeting Room
7:15PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:15PM Young Adults Veritas, Adams 317

THURSDAY, MAY 7

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

FRIDAY, MAY 8

SATURDAY, MAY 9

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If you aren't involved already in showing resurrection love, sign up today for A Full Summer. Through a partnership with St. John's Episcopal and Second Harvest of the Big Bend, you can help prepare 60,000 meals for hungry families in Leon County. It happens on June 7 from 10:00-12:00 noon. Registration forms are available in Hannah Singletary's office, at the Connect Center, or on our website.

These are just a few powerful examples in our midst of what it means to love Jesus.



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).

SERVE

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of May, we will join the Children's Home in collecting paper napkins, paper plates, aluminum foil, and Saran Wrap. 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

May 6 - Plain or salsa baked chicken, yellow rice, green beans, salad bar, garlic bread, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$960,986
Receipts 04/26: \$28,064
YTD receipts: \$797,944

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Rigsby Jones

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Bob Pullen
- 10AM Carl Monson
- 11AM Jim Pitts

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 3

- 8AM Tim Barry
- 10AM John Schanbacher
- 11AM Mark Byler

Wednesday, May 6

- 6PM Lee Vickery

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

LOVE THAT FORMS FRIENDSHIPS

1 John 2:7-17