

FIRST FOCUS

WEEKDAY WEEK

Thank you for making the Week of Awareness possible. Media competitors WCTV and the Tallahassee Democrat partnered to shine a bright light into the darkness of underage substance abuse and drinking. Conversations publicly and privately are happening across our community to connect parents better to each other, change the behavior of adults and teenagers, and expose businesses that provide access to these substances. I'm so grateful to be a part of a church that cares enough about our community to admit that we have a problem. We don't point fingers but instead join hands with others to name a need, admit our problem, and work together for solutions. The resources we provided are available through the blog on our website or the websites of the media partners. I hope your neighborhood will host a conversation about these important matters. As Paul writes, our strength is made perfect in weakness. Today, we are a bit stronger together.

This project was made possible through a Life Group called the Non Group. You may have read about us in the newspaper. This group represents the kind of ministry that our church is doing to glorify Jesus Christ and to engage our community in the places, phases, and pursuits of life. Through this one and 20 other groups like it, we're able to be a part of larger community efforts for the common good. When we're able to help our community "choose life over death," we're gaining a platform to share about the one who created life from the beginning. Thanks be to God.

This Sunday at church, we kick off a week where we celebrate the work of our Weekday ministry. Each week, our staff works tirelessly to train 150 children in Jesus's name. When Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me," these people accepted Jesus's calling personally. This past Friday, 26 students from 7 countries "graduated" from our pre-K program and are certified and ready for Kindergarten. Scientists tell us that 90% of brain development happens before age 5. It's awesome to think that these children's brains are already being shaped by the gospel and sharing it with their friends and family members.

Please plan to join us for Weekday Family Night on Wednesday evening, June 3, from 5:00-7:00PM. We'll serve a special Wednesday evening meal for our church and Weekday. Weekday parents will be here for Open House. You'll have a chance to mingle with the families, check out the rooms that Weekday shares with our SMBS classes. Meet our Weekday staff, and thank them for their service. We'll join together in the sanctuary at 6:00PM for my message on parenting. Through the Week of Awareness and Weekday, you're reaching our community in Jesus' name.



THIS WEEK

DRAMA TEAM

This Sunday, May 31, we will host a Drama Drop-In after each of the morning services to connect (or reconnect!) with those interested in drama and worship enhancement at FBCTLH. Join Drama Team co-leaders AmyLynn Harrington Smoot and Bev DeMello in the Welcome Center 2nd Floor Café following the 9:00AM service and again after the 11:15AM service. Come by, grab a snack, and visit—no acting required—and hear about the many ways to use your artistic gifts and talents in our church and in the community.

WEEKDAY FAMILY NIGHT

Please plan to join us as we kick off the summer with a Weekday Family Night on Wednesday, June 3 at 5:00PM. We'll have a cookout with ice cream in the fellowship hall with Weekday families as our guests. Following supper, everyone is invited to a program in the sanctuary at 6:00PM.

YOUTH CHOIR MISSION TRIP

This week, our youth choir will be embarking upon their annual mission trip tour - this year, to New Orleans June 2-7. Follow along with their trip through our website and social media (@fbctlh), and be sure to join us in the sanctuary as we welcome them back for their home concert on Sunday, June 7, at 6:00PM in the sanctuary.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration is going on now for this summer's "Everest" VBS: June 15–19, from 9:00AM until 12:00PM. Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Camp is also available for \$100 per child in the afternoons from 12:00 until 5:00PM. Vacation Bible School is FREE, and for children 4 years old through the completion of 5th grade. Registration forms are available online at fbctlh.org/vbs or in the welcome center. Volunteers are also needed. For more information, please contact Rhonda (x501 or rhonda@fbctlh.org).

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 31

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options
10:00AM Drama Drop-In, Welcome Center 2nd Floor Café
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
12:15PM Drama Drop-In, Welcome Center 2nd Floor Café
12:15PM Haiti Mission Trip Meeting, Adams 317
3:00PM GriefShare, Adams 301

MONDAY, JUNE 1

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Connect Center
10:30AM First Joy Choir Rehearsal, Chason 2201
5:00PM First Brass, Adams 200

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

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 Business Meeting 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 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, JUNE 4

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

10:00AM GriefShare, Westminster Oaks

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

10:00AM A Full Summer, Rickards High School

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).

VBS FAMILY NIGHT

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a churchwide Vacation Bible School Family Night - Friday, June 19. The entire FBCTLH family is invited to join those who participated in VBS for an evening of sharing and fellowship, with a recap of the week's events. There will be an Upward Camp presentation in the CLC gym at 4:00PM, dinner at 4:45PM in the fellowship Hall, and a program at 6:00PM in the sanctuary.

Stewardship Testimony



When I started to grammar school at the age of seven, my mother gave me 10 pennies. She pointed out to me that the first penny belonged to God and I should put it in church. The second penny was to put in a jar she gave me to save. The other 8 pennies I could spend any way I wished. She never checked to see if I put a penny in church but I always did. (You could get penny candy back in those days so I was tempted.) As I grew up, my allowance went up with me to twenty cents, thirty cents, fifty cents, and eventually a dollar. That is how I learned to tithe; thanks to Mama.

I began coaching in college. I coached 57 years, and God increased my salary through 6 different jobs. I always felt it was God rewarding me for tithing. God is Good!

*--Coach Bobby Bowden
read more at fbctlh.org/blog*

SERVE

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of June, we will join the Children's Home in collecting summer snacks, such as individually wrapped snacks (peanut butter crackers, nuts, and fruit chews), and juice boxes. 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

June 3 - meat or veggie burgers with all the trimmings, baked beans, fries, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$1,187,101
Receipts 05/24: \$18,536
YTD receipts: \$996,131
Mother's Day Offering YTD: \$7,546

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Tolar Griffin

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Eris Wilson
- 10AM Larry Williams
- 11AM Sherman Wilhelm

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 31

- 8AM Tim Barry
- 10AM Lyle Ragans
- 11AM Erik Eikeland

Wednesday, June 3

- 6PM Charles Maynard

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

FAITH OF A FEW STRANGERS

Mark 2:1-12