

FIRST FOCUS

TRUSTING GOD THROUGH CRISIS

Where do you turn for wisdom during times of change and tension? The Bible offers several examples, but one of the best books to read is 1 Samuel. This book records the Israelite transition politically, relationally, and spiritually. God's people moved from a tribal system to a monarchy and encountered tremendous difficulties along the way. Their leaders Eli, Samuel, Saul, and David struggled as much as the people did to make sense of their world. The people complained through the leadership changes from judges, to priests, to prophets, and then a king.

Along the way, however, they learned to trust the same God who brought them out of Egypt, invited them to worship on Mt. Sinai, and stayed with them as they settled the land. As they obeyed God's voice, they grew to trust him more as their world changed. God used the crises to renew the people's faith in him, and he continually forgave, redeemed, and called them to bear witness to God alone.

As our world continues to change, we trust in the constant support of a loving God who calls us to remain loyal to him. Our study of 1 Samuel on Wednesday nights will remind us why and call us to learn from the Israelites' success and failure. Our times are no more challenging than those of 1 Samuel. By turning to God's word, we discover wisdom and insight to help us obey today. Join us each Wednesday night at 6 p.m. for this summer Bible study series.

- **June 17: Trusting God through Crisis: A Study of 1 Samuel**
1 Samuel challenges us to trust in God as the true King of our lives during times of crisis, change, and renewal. We take a look at the big picture of this fascinating book of the Old Testament
- **June 24: A Tale of Two Families (1 Samuel 1-2)**
Eli's family and Hannah's Family provide two different ways to respond to God during crisis
- **July 1: When People Disappoint You (1 Samuel 8:1-22)**
The word people comes from the Greek word "polis." It's also the root word for "political." A group of organized people often disappoint us, especially our leaders. How do we trust God when people disappoint us?
- **July 8: When Following God's Leadership is Difficult (1 Samuel 13:1-14)**
No sooner has Saul been anointed king than he's already trying to take matters into his own hands; and Samuel is not very helpful either. How do we trust God and follow his leadership without triangulating our leaders?
- **July 15: Competition for Trust in God (1 Samuel 16-17)**
God intervenes in the downward spiral of Saul by raising up an unlikely successor, but it takes a battle for control of the crops for people to trust in the true God.
- **July 22: Friendship for Facing the Giants (1 Samuel 20:35-42)**
When the going gets tough, the tough make friends with their rivals. At least that's how it was for David and Jonathan. What lessons can be learned from the unlikeliest of friends?
- **July 29: Saving Yourself from Yourself (1 Samuel 25:18-31)**
David learns wisdom while waiting to become king. What can be avoided and learned while we wait?



THIS WEEK



Vacation Bible School *Monday-Friday 9am-12pm*

Every day this week, hundreds of kids ages 4 through 11 in groups of various ages will participate in our VBS. The theme is Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. Every morning, children will gather with their "climbing crew" in the sanctuary for the "Base Camp Sing and Play," which introduces the day. Throughout the day, each crew will rotate through the imagination station (hands-on interaction), glacier games (recreation), mountaintop treats (snacks), kidvid cinema (missions), and Bible expeditions (bringing the Bible story of the day to life). The Bible points for each day are listed below so you can be praying for the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of those in attendance.

- Monday - God has the power to provide.
- Tuesday - God has the power to comfort.
- Wednesday - God has the power to heal.
- Thursday - God has the power to forgive.
- Friday - God has the power to love us forever.

We hope everyone will join us for a churchwide VBS Family Night - THIS 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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary

MONDAY, JUNE 15

9:00AM Vacation Bible School
9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Connect Center
10:30AM First Joy Choir Rehearsal, Chason 2201
12:00PM Upward Camp
5:00PM First Brass, Adams 200

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

9:00AM Vacation Bible School
12:00PM Upward Camp

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

9:00AM Vacation Bible School
9:30AM Women's Bible Study, Gardner Home
11:00AM Senior Ladies' Bible Study, Large Meeting Room
12:00PM Upward Camp
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 Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary
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 18

9:00AM Vacation Bible School
12:00PM Upward Camp

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

9:00AM Vacation Bible School
12:00PM Upward Camp
4:00PM VBS Family Night

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

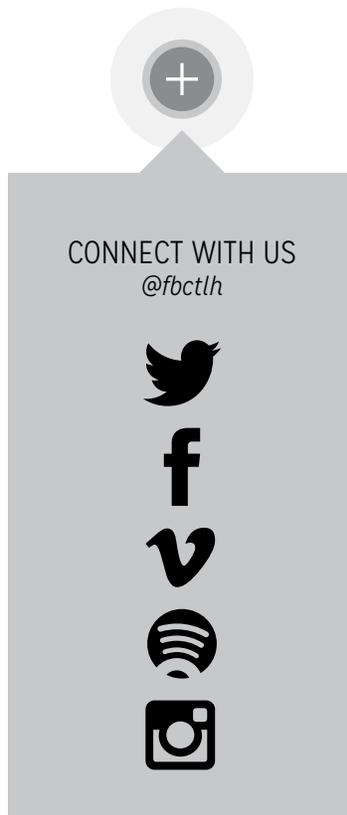
WHAT'S HAPPENING

COED/CAREER BIBLE STUDY

Does work sometimes seem like God's punishment for man? Did you know that the Hebrew word for "work" in the Old Testament also means "worship" and "serve"? Join us on Sundays at 10:00AM in the small conference room (near the front desk) for our new Rick Warren study, *Christians in the Workplace—Equipping You to Live Out Your Faith at Work*. For more information, contact Bev DeMello (228.9357) or Jim Chorey (jpchorey@comcast.net).

FIRST STEP

Are you new to FBCTLH, or maybe you've been a regular attender for the past few months? If so, please join us for our next "First Step" with Dr. Shiell to discuss what it means to be a member of our church family, and how to get plugged in here! We will meet Sunday, June 21, at 10:15AM in the welcome center. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah (hannah@fbctlh.org).



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 17 - Baked pork chops, rice, okra/corn/tomato medley, corn muffins, salad bar, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$1,300,158
Receipts 06/07: \$66,975
YTD receipts: \$1,134,192

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Terry Baker

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Tim Barry
- 10AM Matthew Jenije
- 11AM Eric Palm

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 14

- 8AM Jim Wheeler
- 10AM Jeff Crew
- 11AM Keith Burnsed

Wednesday, June 17

- 6PM Wayne Connor

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

JESUS' MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE

Mark 9:1-13