

# FIRST FOCUS

## **MINISTER OF PASTORAL COMMUNITY**

At the business meeting June 24, our Personnel Committee will be recommending Rhonda Smith to be our new Minister of Pastoral Community. Rhonda has served faithfully for 18 years as our Minister of Children. Although she did not seek this new position, she was open to the Spirit's leadership when the search committee approached her about the position. I am delighted that she has accepted. Upon approval by the church, she will complete her work as Minister of Children on July 5. After a brief sabbatical, she will begin her new role as Minister of Pastoral Community on August 2.

The Minister of Pastoral Community is a new position for our church. It's a full time role that works with the following age groups: Senior Adults ages 70+ and Single Adults ages 40+, churchwide adult discipleship groups, homebound, and pastoral care. She will also serve as a staff liaison and resource person for women's ministries, Senior adult ministry, WOM, WMU, the prayer ministry, and any future men's ministries. As a staff liaison, she will be the reference point in the office when these ministries are coordinating events with staff, communicating to our church and community, and needing resources. John Rice and Rhonda will share a new administrative assistant who will also serve these areas of ministry and be a contact person in the office for ministry needs. That seems like a big job, and it is. This position will stretch us as a church, but I feel confident that Rhonda is up to the task.

Please join me in thanking our search team who has led this process. They have worked diligently and prayerfully to make this decision. Please thank John Rice for his leadership as our Interim Minister of Senior Adults and SingleFocus. Going forward, as John hands the Minister of Pastoral Community reigns to Rhonda, he will continue to serve married adults ages 40-69 as part of his role as Executive Pastor. All age groups in our church will have a Pastoral Staff member that works with them to fulfill God's vision for our church.

Rhonda is leaving the children's ministry in good hands. We already have an excellent team of volunteers and staff that worked each day to share the gospel with children families. Debra Speights leads a fantastic Weekday Ministry. In the interim, Cindy Fernald will be the Volunteer Coordinator of the children's ministry. Sarah Latimer is chairing our search for a new Minister of Children. Please pray for these folks as we cover many bases to prepare for a new school year. Following Bible School, we will continue the Wednesday night programs uninterrupted throughout the summer.

We are blessed to have so many capable, qualified, and called people to serve on our Pastoral Staff. I look forward to following God's leadership as we seek his will in our children's ministries.



# THIS WEEK

## 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).



### Life Stories

*At First Baptist, Frances has worked in Women on Missions for 6 years, taught in the Young Marrieds department, and also middle school kids. She has also been the nursery coordinator in another church and taught in G.A.'s. Now, Frances visits and delivers flowers to our home bound church members on Monday mornings. These days Frances also serves as Church Clerk, charged with taking minutes in Church business meetings.*

*She thinks the greatest change in society has been the lack of kindness and gentleness and that the world of electronics is causing isolation.*

*She has learned at First Baptist to increase her prayer life and to find her talents. She feels she learned "the Love of God" at our church.*

*Frances Henry, a Christian teacher in the halls of our Florida schools, dedicated to mirroring the Love of God and the belief in Jesus Christ.*

read more at [fbctlh.org/blog](http://fbctlh.org/blog)

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JUNE 21

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

### MONDAY, JUNE 22

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 23

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

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 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Preschool Class, Duval 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Elementary Music & Missions, Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 25

### FRIDAY, JUNE 26

### SATURDAY, JUNE 27

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## **RECOMMENDATION FOR THE MINISTER OF PASTORAL COMMUNITY from the Search Committee - Eric Palm, Chairman**

Wayne Nesmith, Chair of the FBC Personnel Committee, appointed the search committee for the newly created position of "Minister of Pastoral Community". The search committee consisted of Glenda Thompson, Bob Pullen, Linda Teague with myself (Eric Palm) as chair. This position ministers mainly to two large populations in our church, our most experienced adults (adults over the age of 70) and the older singles group (over the age of 40). In addition this position will have responsibility for other ministry groups.

Our search committee felt that having a listening session with the folks in our church in those two largest target groups would be a very effective way to get input from the members of our church who would be most affected by this new minister. We developed a survey that we used during that listening session and also distributed that survey to Sunday School Classes that have members in these areas.

Our listening session and the surveys we received were extremely informative as many people gave us details about the characteristics and abilities that they felt were most important in their next minister. Words like caring, empathetic, organized, and experienced were used to characterize their ideal next minister.

With this well-developed sense of what our church was looking for, our search committee reviewed the resumes submitted and subsequently interviewed candidates for this position. Through this process it became clear that one of our candidates most clearly matched the desires and needs of our church. Our committee unanimously chose Rhonda Smith to fill the position of "Minister of Pastoral Community." We are delighted that Rhonda also felt the Lord leading in this direction, and we are excited to see what God does through Rhonda's leadership in this area.

## 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](http://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](http://fbctlh.org/sermons)

Our Traditional Worship service is broadcast on Comcast Channel 21 at 11:00AM each Sunday.

Contact x215 or [lee@fbctlh.org](mailto:lee@fbctlh.org) with questions.

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**FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

June 24 - Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad bar, and dessert

**FINANCIALS**

YTD budget: \$1,300,158  
Receipts 06/14: \$70,673  
YTD receipts: \$1,137,890

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Nate Adams

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Leon Cassels
- 10AM Jeff Butts
- 11AM Pat Brown

**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, June 21

- 8AM Lorne Shackelford
- 10AM Jim Croushorn
- 11AM Art Pitts

Wednesday, June 24

- 6PM Roy Story

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

9:00AM

**BIBLE STUDY**

10:00AM

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

11:15AM

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Mark 9:9-32