

FIRST FOCUS

THANK YOU, MARTY AND JANICE

Twenty years ago, Marty Smith came out of "retirement" to serve as our Minister to Internationals. As you know, Marty and Janice are unstoppable forces of God's love and grace. Their work to share the gospel with our community is unsurpassed. They brought all the energy and wisdom from a successful ministerial career pastoring churches and helped take our internationals ministry to great levels. So many people have volunteered, brought desserts, taught English, smiled, waved, and assisted with friends from across the world. With over 24 different countries represented in our program, many languages spoken, and non-Christians attending, we can truly say that Marty and Janice help us fulfill the great commission at our doorstep.

Marty shared with me a couple of months ago his desire to retire...again. He and Janice have graciously agreed to stay with our internationals ministry through September, when hopefully his successor will be announced. Obviously, no one person will be able to fill the Smiths' shoes; but we can follow in the footsteps of their legacy. Marty and Janice will remain in our church and continue to be as active as they can. Like so many of you, their grandchildren are calling, and we're so excited for them to be able to experience a chance to share even more memories with family.

I've asked John Rice to lead our search for a new Minister to Internationals. Marty and Janice will be leading a team to Lake Yale in September to be trained to minister to internationals. Now more than ever is a great time to get involved in this ministry. They've recently developed new relationships in the Sabal Palm Community, and I know that God continues to open doors to new groups of immigrants in our area. Pray for the one who comes behind Marty. Pray for God's direction as we continue this ministry and celebrate this Sunday with Marty. While Kelly and I are cheering on Parker at a swim meet, Marty will be preaching a powerful message you won't want to miss.

Thank you, Marty and Janice Smith. We love you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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" to discuss what it means to be a member of our church family, and how to get plugged in here! We will meet this Sunday at 10:15AM in the welcome center. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Watt (hannah@fbctlh.org).

HAITI MISSION TRIP

Follow our Haiti Mission Trip team while they are away this week (July 18-25) by using the link posted at fbctlh.org/haiti.

Everyone is invited to join us in the fellowship hall during SMBS (at 10:00AM) on Sunday, July 26, for the team's report of how God worked during the week!

FEED THE HOMELESS

This Sunday, July 19, we will be collecting full grocery bags as a part of our ongoing partnership with ECHO. If you missed last Sunday, the grocery list is below, and posted online at fbctlh.org/serve. You may also bring your filled bag to the FBCTLH office any time this week, before the 19th. Please consider how you can help those in need in our community.

- 1 - box cereal
- 3 - soup or Ramen noodles
- 1 - jar peanut butter
- 1 - can tuna
- 1 - can meat
- 4 - cans green vegetables
- 2 - cans fruit
- 1 - box spaghetti
- 1 - box mac & cheese

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Haiti Mission Trip
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, JULY 20

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

TUESDAY, JULY 21

Haiti Mission Trip

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Haiti Mission Trip
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 Collide, CLC 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, JULY 23

Haiti Mission Trip

FRIDAY, JULY 24

Haiti Mission Trip

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Haiti Mission Trip returns

COMING SOON

CAPITAL CHORDSMEN CONCERT

On Sunday, July 26, at 6:00PM, the FBCTLH Music Ministry is proud to host the Capital Chordsmen in concert. This group, well known in Tallahassee for their delightful barbershop harmonies, will be presenting, "Songs of America." We will be joined by many from our community for this salute to the music of our country and you will have the chance to meet and greet all of our guests at an old-fashioned "Ice Cream Social" following the concert. A love offering will be collected to help support this group's endeavors.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Operation Christmas Child has asked several local church partners to do a special "Christmas in July" shoebox collection. In addition to the regular list of suggested gifts to include and avoid, because of the intended recipients of these particular shoeboxes, OCC is also asking donors to avoid giving dolls or action figures, anything with pigs, and anything with a religious symbol or message. As always, OCC will include gospel material in the shoeboxes before they are distributed. FBCTLH can help by donating the content and shipping costs for 10 shoeboxes by Sunday, August 2. For clarity, no actual shoeboxes are needed—just the gift items to be packed later. We will have a large collection box in the connect center, and checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse. If you have any questions, please contact Lindsey Sheets (lindsey@fbctlh.org).

CONNECT WITH US online @fbctlh



SERVE

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of July, we will join the Children's Home in Ziploc bags - storage and freezer bags in quart or gallon size, and trash bags in 13-gallon or tall/strong kitchen size. 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.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TALLAHASSEE

108 West College Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301
850.222.5470 (phone) | 850.681.0488 (fax)
vol. 21 | issue no. 28 | week of July 19, 2015

PERIODICALS
POSTAGE PAID
TALLAHASSEE
FLORIDA

THE VISION NEWSLETTER

The Vision (USPS 662-400) is published weekly, except for Independence Day and Christmas, by First Baptist Church, 108 West College Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Periodicals postage paid at Tallahassee, FL.

All submissions are subject to editorial revision. Deadline for submissions is 10 days before Sunday publishing date.

For submissions, address corrections, or to unsubscribe, contact x132 or hello@fbctlh.org.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Vision, 108 West College Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

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

July 22 - Apricot glazed chicken, rice pilaf, green beans, salad bar, rolls, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$1,526,272
Receipts 07/12: \$66,059
YTD receipts: \$1,337,008

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Denis Harrelle

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Hugh Hauck
- 10AM Jeff Crew
- 11AM Phil Cooper

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 19

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

Wednesday, July 22

- 6PM Charles Maynard

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

*Rev. Marty Smith
preaching this
Sunday*

Mark 4:35