

# FIRST FOCUS

## 2ND QUARTER GIVING

Thank you for faithfully giving in 2015 to the budgeted ministries of First Baptist. We have so much to be grateful for, and we have work to do to meet our budget goal. Before I share the need, I want you to know how your giving has already impacted the lives of our students this year.

In the 2015 budget, we provided transportation for our Youth Choir to go to New Orleans. Their theme of "Surrender" permeated their music, message, and ministry. On Wednesday morning, while eating breakfast at a McDonald's, a man spotted our choir dressed in their purple tour shirts. He invited them to sing an "unplanned" concert at Crossroads, a home for disabled adults. They surrendered their plans and touched lives of "the least of these" in a powerful way. After touring the WW2 museum in New Orleans, they received complementary tickets to see the present-day edition of the Andrews' Sisters on the anniversary of the D-Day invasion. Once again, they were invited to perform spontaneously. They offered an impromptu performance of Psalm 47 for the audience gathered to give thanks for our country.

In these two special ways, your giving has already had a great impact on our church and our mission projects. We need your help to meet our goal for this year. After a strong first quarter, exceeding all expectations, we've fallen behind in the second quarter. Here's how things compare to last year.

|      | Giving YTD  | Budget Needs YTD |
|------|-------------|------------------|
| 2014 | \$1,289,726 | \$1,347,936      |
| 2015 | \$1,270,949 | \$1,469,744      |



Our giving has just about caught up to last year's receipts, but our ministries are growing faster than last year's. I know you'll be faithful as you always are as the Lord provides. As we surrender to the Lord, I know he'll bless our efforts in surprising ways. Our Youth Choir has already shown us how. Please contact Chad Wilson in our finance office to get started. I'm looking forward to a great second half of 2015.

*Bill*

# THIS WEEK

## 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.



### Life Stories

*A well-known author and scholar William Lyon Phelps wrote that "a well-ordered life is like climbing a tower; the view halfway up is better than the view from the base, and it steadily becomes finer as the horizon expands".*

*Jane Bodiford has lived a well-ordered life and she has enjoyed the view of her climb through life from the very beginning.*

*Jane has been a member of our church for 43 years. She picked First Baptist after visiting several other churches in town, but settled on us because of our fine youth programs. Why has she stayed in Tallahassee and First Baptist Church for most of her life? "Because this is home to me", she says.*

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

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor  
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options  
10:00AM Haiti Mission Report, Fellowship Hall  
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary  
6:00PM Capital Chordsmen Concert, Sanctuary

### MONDAY, JULY 27

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

### TUESDAY, JULY 28

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

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 Youth Collide, CLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
6:00PM Adult Bible Study/Business Meeting, 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

### THURSDAY, JULY 30

### FRIDAY, JULY 31

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

# COMING SOON

## 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 next 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).

## FIRST LADIES

Ladies of all ages are invited for our last "Summer Supper" this year - Monday, August 10, at 6:30PM at Hopkins Eatery (1415 Market Street). These Summer Suppers are relaxed, Dutch-treat gatherings for the purpose of fun and fellowship, seeing old friends, and making new ones - a perfect time to invite a friend or neighbor! No reservations are needed. Arrive when you can and leave when you need to. Join us for good food, laughter, a word of encouragement, and door prizes! Contact Barbara Corven (bcorven@corveneng.com or 422.2902) if you have any questions.



*"ABRAHAM" by Charles R. Swindoll was donated to our Church Library in memory of Reese Langston by the Adult 3 SMBS class.*

## 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](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.

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 [lenoi@fbctlh.org](mailto:lenoi@fbctlh.org). All other requests are \$5, and can be made at the front desk or online at [fbctlh.org/contact](http://fbctlh.org/contact).

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

July 29 - Baked potato bar with steamed broccoli, cheese sauce, chili, bread, salad bar, and dessert

**FINANCIALS**

YTD budget: \$1,582,801  
Receipts 07/19: \$44,128  
YTD receipts: \$1,381,137

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Dave Westberry

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Richard Tudor
- 10AM Jeff Latimer
- 11AM Charles Lawson

**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, July 26

- 8AM Ben Hart
- 10AM John Schanbacher
- 11AM Mark Byler

Wednesday, July 29

- 6PM Lee Vickery

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| <b>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</b>  | 9:00AM  |
| <b>BIBLE STUDY</b>          | 10:00AM |
| <b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</b> | 11:15AM |

FINISHING FIRST  
BUT NOT  
WINNING

Mark 9:33-41