

FIRST FOCUS

STRATEGIC PLAN

For 166 years, our church has been a lighthouse on the hill for our community and the world. This Sunday, I want to share a vision to reach people for Jesus over the next 5 years. Our Strategic Planning Committee has been working hard to compile the suggestions from our church, assess our current opportunities, and focus our attention through the year 2020. We've received input from over 400 people from youth to senior adults, and I'm excited to share this message with you. We have prayed, planned, prepared, and worked together on a document that I think will challenge us and equip us to carry out God's work. It will only be possible to accomplish these goals with God's help, direction, and resources.

Our vision proposal is based off the experiences that Paul had in Corinth when he arrived in Acts 18. He discovered a city much different from any other he had ever been a part of. A Roman colony, primarily regarded for prestigious athletics and high-achieving citizens, Corinth desperately needed a gospel of grace and hope. While struggling to gain a foothold in the city, Paul assembled a team of men and women, religious leaders and converts, house churches and tentmakers to work, disciple, connect, and lead to strengthen their home and impact their city. Things were not easy for the Corinthians. As you know, Paul wrote multiple letters back to these people encouraging them and strengthening them. But he was motivated by a vision: "Don't be afraid, but speak, and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, for there are many in this city who are my people" (Acts 18:10).

I would like to invite you to hear the full proposal during our business meeting on Wednesday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We'll discuss and vote on this document in the business meeting on Wednesday, September 30. We're also hosting "coffee and conversations" with me in the month of September to discuss the vision. If you'd like to host or participate in these receptions, please contact John Rice.

Would you also pray now for people to take part in the goals and objectives to accomplish the vision? We will need everyone's help-- personally, spiritually, financially-- to get involved in implementing the vision. One immediate opportunity will happen this fall. Beginning September 13, our church will study what it means to be faithful disciples: to "Think, Act, and Be Like Jesus." Our SMBS teachers and I will be teaching through our core beliefs, practices, and fruit of the Christian life. This 10-week series will be one of our objectives as we seek to accomplish the goal of faithful discipleship.

It's a great season to be a part of First Baptist Church. I am blessed to be your pastor and to share this ministry with you. Pray for this process as we see God's work in our midst.



THIS WEEK

DEACON NOMINATIONS

In August, the Nomination Committee will begin the process of selecting deacons for the upcoming year. The committee requests the names of men you recommend for this important servant role. Your recommendations may be submitted via the drop boxes in the connect center or College Avenue foyer, or via the website at fbctlh.org. Forms may be picked up starting August 2 and must be returned by August 16.

COFFEE CHAT

Join the Search Committee for our next Children's Minister this Sunday for a coffee chat! Stop by the 2nd floor in the Duval building between 9:45-11:15AM for a meet and greet with the committee.

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 THIS SUNDAY. 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).

SABAL PALM BACK TO SCHOOL

Please join us in collecting backpacks and school supplies for the students at Sabal Palm Elementary! There are two ways in which you can help.

1. Adopt a Student – you can purchase a gender-neutral backpack and fill it with the supplies on the supply list found at the front desk.
2. Bring Individual Supplies – you can purchase an extra pack of pencils, crayons, markers, paper, etc. in order to help us fill more backpacks.

There will be collection bins on each floor of the children's ministry through August 5 for you to drop off the supplies you have purchased. Please contact Gloria Dowden at (850) 514-3467 with any questions.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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, AUGUST 3

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Active Deacons:

- Adams, Dr. Nathan (15)
- Baker, Terry (17)
- Barry, Sr. Tim (16)
- Beal, Chip (18)
- Borders, George (18)
- Brock, Jr. Harold (16)
- Brown, Pat (17)
- Butts, Jeff (15)
- Cassels, Leon (16)
- Chorey, Jim (17)
- Cooke, IV James (15)
- Cooper, Phillip (16)
- Craig, James (17)
- Culbreth, Gerald (18)
- Duley, Richard (15)
- Eikeland, Erik (18)
- Eppinger, Al (17)
- Evans, Bud (15)
- Folsom, Bryon (18)
- Gardner, Bill (18)
- Gaskins, Keith (18)
- Gonzalez, Lee (17)
- Gray, Daryle (15)
- Griffin, Tolar (18)
- Harrelle, Denis (17)
- Hauck, Hugh (17)
- Jenije, Matthew (18)
- Jones, Rigsby (18)
- Lambert, Paul (18)
- Latimer, Jeff (15)
- Lawson, Charles (17)
- Lee, Richard (16)
- Link, Tom (15)
- Maynard, Charles (17)
- Merriam, Roger (15)
- Monson, Carl (15)
- Nix, Jack (16)
- Palm, Eric (18)
- Perrin, Sr. Tom (16)
- Pitts, Dr. James (15)
- Pullen, Bob (17)
- Rhodes, Howard (17)
- Salimone, Lonnie (16)
- Scarboro, Jr. Lee (16)
- Schanbacher, John (16)
- Shackelford, Lorne (18)
- Silcox, Charles (17)
- Smith, Bill (16)
- Snyder, Bob (16)
- Stokes, Ryan (17)
- Tedder, Wayne (16)
- Thompson, Sr. Darrell(15)
- Tudor, Richard (16)
- Vickery, Lee (18)
- Westberry, Dave (17)
- Wilhelm, Sherman (15)
- Williams, Larry (16)
- Williams, Steve (18)
- Wilson, Eris (15)

2016 Deacon Nominations

The deadline for submissions is

SUNDAY, August 16, 2015

In August, the Nominating Committee begins the process of deacon nominations for the upcoming year. The Committee request the names of men you recommend for this important servant role. The qualifications for this position are listed below.

Deacon recommendations may be submitted in drop boxes in the Connect Center or the College Avenue foyer or submitted via the website (fbctlh.org/deacon_nomination).

Biblical Qualifications (see by-laws)

Acts 6: 3-8 "... reverent, honest report, full of the Holy Ghost, full of wisdom, full of faith..."

I Timothy 3: 8-13 "...not double tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre, grave, holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience, proved (tested) as to ability, being found blameless (no charge of wrong-doing can be brought against him), the husband of one wife, ruling his own house well..."

First Baptist Qualifications (see by-laws)

- Support the entire Church program
- Attend every regular service of the church as far as may be practical
- Support with membership in and presence at organizational functions
- Tithe income through the church
- A consistent personal witness to the unsaved, committed to a faithful prayer life
- A Member of this church for at least one year

Deacon Responsibilities

- Attendance at deacons' meetings and related functions
- Service on church committees
- Visitation of prospects and guests
- Other functions as needed to carry out the mission of the church

Individual for Nomination: _____

Reason for Nomination: _____

List any leadership, service skills and Spiritual gifts you see: _____

Please speak to the nominee's character: _____

Please use the back of this form if you need additional room.

Your name: _____ (required)

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

2015 Nominating Committee

- Virginia Glass, Chair
- Edem Ablordeppey
- Erik Eikeland
- Cindy Fernald
- Jon Getz
- Jennifer Hendrix
- Joyce Jorgensen
- Paul Lambert
- Leon Sims

Staff Liaison: John Rice

All nominations will be considered, but a nomination does not mean selection.



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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 lenoi@fbctlh.org. All other requests are \$5, and can be made at the front desk or online at fbctlh.org/contact.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

August 5 - BBQ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, salad bar, garlic toast, and dessert

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$1,639,329
Receipts 07/19: \$38,900
YTD receipts: \$1,420,036

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Tom Link

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Erik Eikeland
- 10AM Charles Maynard
- 11AM Richard Lee

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 2

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

Wednesday, August 5

- 6PM Wayne Connor

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:00AM

BIBLE STUDY

10:00AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

11:15AM

A VISION TO REACH PEOPLE FOR JESUS

Acts 18:1-11