

# FIRST FOCUS

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteering has never been easier, more effective, or as efficient at First Baptist. Thanks to the great work of Hannah Watt and our staff team, we have many simple ways for you to get involved to Think, Act, and Be like Jesus on the block and in the community. These one day, hands on events fit anyone's schedule and give you a great opportunity to make a huge difference.

Helping Hands is Saturday, October 24. This is your opportunity to freshen up the buildings and grounds. The Property and Maintenance Committee coordinates this effort. Just show up with your work clothes and a willing spirit that morning to dust, paint, or clean out a room.

First Love is Saturday, November 7. Tom Perrin, Jr. and the First Love ministry group coordinate this effort. Volunteer and project forms will be available in the Connect Center on Sunday, and you can sign up to volunteer online by simply going to our website and clicking on the links for First Love. There is something for everyone to do at First Love. This day helps us Love Tallahassee with our hands and feet, and many of these projects are assembled in our facilities.

Then.... looking ahead. Be ready for the Winter Festival and Ring in the Season. We'll be looking for people to greet and mingle with our downtown neighbors on December 5. This event begins at 2:00 p.m. and continues into the evening.

Our Christmas concert this year is called "Come Home for Christmas." Presented by our music ministry on Sunday evening, December 13, it's a great opportunity to invite friends to find a home at the manger with Jesus. Rehearsals have just begun; if you have talents in music, technical work, or drama, Penny can find a spot for you. Call our music office to get involved. Even if you're not on the platform, you're a part of the program. You can prepare now to come and worship the newborn King!

When you participate in these events, not only do you build the body of Christ, you meet other people in the body. Every person has a part to play; let's use our gifts together this fall. And if you have any questions, check with Hannah; and she'll get you connected. You don't have to be a member to volunteer. Let's involve everyone as we serve Jesus together.



# THIS WEEK

## RECEPTION FOR RHONDA SMITH

You are cordially invited to a reception in honor of Rhonda Smith and her 18 years of service as Minister to the Children of First Baptist Church. The festivities will take place on THIS SUNDAY in two stages. The first part of the reception will begin at 11:00am as SMBS is ending. Those who have attended traditional worship and Sunday School are encouraged to greet "Miss" Rhonda and enjoy the celebration at this time. We'll pause for a bit, then continue with the party at around 12:15 as the congregation exits the contemporary service. This event will be very child-friendly (of course!) and might even bring out the child in you! Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for Rhonda's faithful ministry to our children as we also look forward to exciting days ahead with her in the new role of Minister of Pastoral Community.

## GRIEFSHARE

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. This is a thirteen week series that incorporates the use of a facilitator, video, discussion and a workbook. Join us Sunday's from 3:00-4:30PM for our fall series. Contact Lindsey (lindsey@fbctlh.org) for more information.

## DIVORCECARE

Someone you know may be hurting. Make sure they know about DivorceCare, a weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. It incorporates the use of a facilitator, videos, discussion, and a workbook. Anyone may join the group at any time during the 12 weeks. We meet Wednesdays in Adams 315 from 6:00-7:30PM. Contact Lindsey (lindsey@fbctlh.org) for more information.

## AUDITIONS

The Drama Ministry will be holding auditions for the upcoming production, "It's All About The Lamb", on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM and Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 12:30 – 1:30 PM, in the chapel. We will be casting 1 male (age 40 – 50), 1 female (age 40 – 50), 1 teenage male, 1 teenage female, 1 female child and 1 female (age 50 – 70). For further information, please contact AmyLynn Harrington Smoot aharringtonsmoot@butler.legal.

## BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

Is God calling you to be a foster parent to one of the hundreds of children in need of foster homes in Florida? Are you ready to show God's love to these children? Florida Baptist Children's Homes has an opportunity for you! Start by joining us for an orientation. For more information contact Jennifer at Jennifer.Register@FBCHomes.org or call (850)878-1458.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Connect Center  
10:30AM First Joy Choir Rehearsal, Chason 2201  
5:00PM First Brass, Adams 200  
6:00PM Bells of Praise, Adams 211

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:30PM International ESL Class, Chason 2201

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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 Youth Praise Team, Adams 211  
7:00PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Chason 2201  
7:00PM Chamber Players Rehearsal, Adams 200  
7:15PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:15PM Veritas, Adams 317

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:30AM International ESL Class, Chason 2201

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

# COMING SOON

## INVITATION FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY

### The Music Ministry of First Baptist Church

cordially invites you to

**“Come Home for Christmas.”**

The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present our annual Christmas musical  
Sunday evening, December 13 at 6:00 pm

And we need you. If you sing, play an instrument, or are skilled in any aspect of stage/dramatic production, we would love for you to take part. You can sign up anytime in the next few weeks. Call or email Lenoir in the music office for more information. 222-5470, Ext. 201; lbrewer@fbctlh.org

## SHARING SNAPSHOTS AND MEMORIES

Join our FBC family and friends as we sort through decades of photos from the Children's Ministry. We'll organize them, create scrapbooks and make new memories in the process. You may even unearth treasured memories captured in photos to take home with you! All ages are invited on Friday, October 2 from 6:00-8:00PM and Saturday, October 3 from 8:30-12:00PM and 1:00-4:00PM. You may attend one or all of the sessions. Light meals will be served. Childcare will be provided upon request. RSVP to Joy Stein (joy@fbctlh.org).

## FIRST LOVE

We set aside a day each fall for our entire church to come together and serve our community. There is a place for you to use your gifts to serve others – by encouraging, sewing, praying, singing, constructing, and more! This fall we will gather as a church on Saturday, November 7 starting at 8:30AM. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, contact Hannah (hannah@fbctlh.org). You can sign up online (fbctlh.org/first-love) or in the connect center.

# SERVE

## FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of October, we will join the Children's Home in providing food pantry supplies: canned vegetables, fruits and soups and boxed food (pasta, rice, cereal). 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 [leinoir@fbctlh.org](mailto:leinoir@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**

September 30 - veggie bar: macaroni and cheese, steamed cabbage, butterpeas, fried okra, corn muffins, salad bar, dessert

**FINANCIALS**

YTD budget: \$2,091,558  
Receipts 09/20: \$54,713  
YTD receipts: \$1,809,600  
Winter Missions Offering: \$3,915.50

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Matthew Jenije

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Leon Cassels
- 10AM Harold Brock
- 11AM Terry Baker
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**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, September 27

- 8AM Jim Wheeler
- 10AM Lyle Ragans
- 11AM Erik Eikeland

Wednesday, September 30

- 6PM Charles Maynard

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

9:00AM

**BIBLE STUDY**

10:00AM

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

11:15AM

GOD  
LOVES  
THE  
WORLD

John 3:11-21