

# FIRST FOCUS

## **RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR MARTY AND JANICE SMITH**

Two weeks ago, we celebrated Rhonda Smith's new role as Minister of Pastoral Community. On Sunday, October 25, I want to invite you to join me for a reception honoring Marty and Janice Smith's ministry at First Baptist.

For twenty years, this "retired" ministerial couple have shepherded our internationals work throughout the community. They have led people to Jesus and mentored hundreds of lives. At the most recent training at the Florida Baptist Literacy Missions conference at Lake Yale, Marty and Janice received the Lillian Isaacs Ladle Award. This award is named in memory of Dr. Lillian Isaacs who pioneered literacy missions for Southern Baptists. As the award states, "Miss Lillian" is still remembered for the inspiration she provided to so many here at First Baptist and around the world. The ladle represents the service that was exhibited by Miss Lillian by serving up her famous soup while serving others through literacy missions and sharing the gospel of Christ.

On October 25, we will recognize Marty and Janice with a reception held in their honor in the Welcome Center. The reception begins at 11:15AM; a brief program starts at 12:30PM. Please join us as we give thanks for twenty years of ministry.

On an interim basis, Jordan Mallory is coordinating the work of our internationals classes and continuing Marty and Janice's faithful service. John Rice and I are interviewing candidates to be the permanent Minister of Internationals. We hope to be able to recommend someone to the personnel committee by the first of the year.

Our children's minister search committee continues to receive many resumes for this staff position as well, and we hope to begin follow up interviews with potential candidates very soon. Please join me in thanking Cindy Fernald and a great crew of volunteers and staff who are working hard in children's ministry. We will continue to keep you posted on this important position.

Thank you for stepping up your work in so many areas of our church. We are blessed by your involvement and input as we seek God's direction in these important roles.



# THIS WEEK

## WOMEN ON MISSION

Women on Mission groups will meet on Tuesday, October 13. All women of the church are invited to attend. For more information, contact WMU/WOM Coordinator, Donna Heald (224.3940).

- Group 1: Patsy Faircloth and Gloria Dowden | Time: 9:30AM | Location: Second Harvest of the Big Bend, 4446 Entrepot Blvd. | Program: Tour the new facility and do a mission action project. Call Linda Wheeler to ride the bus.
- Group 2: Glenda Verhine | Time: 9:30AM | Location: Tallahassee Chapter, American Red Cross, 1115 Easterwood Drive (next to the Humane Society) | Program: Tour the new facility and learn about volunteer opportunities, do a mission project.
- Group 3: International - Maurine Wagner | Time: 9:30AM | Location: Westminster Oaks Pool House | Program: "Holy Land Highlights"

## 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.

## UPWARD BASKETBALL + CHEERLEADING

Registration is now open for Upward basketball and cheerleading! Upward offers various leagues for boys and girls, Kindergarten (5 years) through 6th grade, and features equal teams, equal playing time, post-game awards, and much more! Evaluations and orientations begin in October, practices begin the first week of December, and games are January-March, 2016. The cost is \$85 per child with a discounted rate of \$65 for an additional sibling and \$45 for a second sibling. To register your child, volunteer, or get more information, check out fbctlh.org/upward.

## HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands day this year is October 24th from 8AM-12PM. Helping Hands provides a time for everyone to clean, repair, replace, and refresh the facilities. You don't need to be a carpenter or a painter to be a part of this special day. You just need a hand and a heart and a helpful attitude. Get ready for a great season of ministry by doing as Ecclesiastes 9:10 suggests: "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." Come lend a hand to Week-day, the CLC, and the full FBCTLH campus. For more information, contact Hannah Watt (hannah@fbctlh.org).

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 6:30PM International ESL Class, Chason 2201

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 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

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 9:30AM International ESL Class, Chason 2201

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

# COMING SOON

## **FIRST STEP**

Please join us NEXT SUNDAY at 10:15AM in the Welcome Center to meet our pastor, Dr. Bill Shiell, and to discuss what it means to be a member at First Baptist. This informal gathering of guests and new members will give you a chance to discover ways to connect at FBCTLH. If you've been a regular but have not taken that first step of membership, this is your opportunity to do so! For more information, contact Hannah Watt ([hannah@fbctlh.org](mailto:hannah@fbctlh.org)).

## **YOUTH HAYRIDE**

Join us for a hayride, s'mores, and more on Sunday, October 18th! We will meet at 5:00 in the Stein Mart parking lot to head to the Beal Farm in Monticello. Email Claire Aguda ([claire@fbctlh.org](mailto:claire@fbctlh.org)) for more information.

## **A CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY FOR MARTY AND JANICE SMITH**

The International Ministry invites you to Celebrate and Honor the Ministry of Marty and Janice Smith. Heaven only knows the impact on the Kingdom this couple has had in the lives of people as they have served their Master in this community. Join us for a retirement reception in their honor on Sunday, October 25th starting at 11:15AM, with the program starting after the Contemporary service in the Welcome Center at approximately 12:30PM. For more information, contact Jordan Mallory ([jmallory@fbctlh.org](mailto:jmallory@fbctlh.org)).

## **REPORT FOR THE LONGEST TABLE** by George Borders

I truly believe that October 4, 2015 will be remembered as an historic day in Tallahassee. On this date the first, and as far as I can discern the only event of its kind ever held anywhere took place on Park Street in our fair city; The Longest Table. On this evening a very representative cross section of our community including folks from different religions, backgrounds, cultures, economic stations, ethnicities and politics came together for dinner in the park. A set of tables placed end to end and covering over three hundred feet, a football field, was set up right in the middle of Park street and some 500 wonderful people sat down and broke bread together. At this time of increasing conflict, brokenness and tragedy across the global community in big cities and small towns, in schools, theaters, churches and other gathering places, our city leaders pulled together over 500 individuals to start the process of building mutual understanding and respect and the beginning of a process to insure that our fair city will not be the scene of another of these tragedies. It is just a first step in the right direction at reconciliation, respect and understanding on the part of a very diverse community. I had the privilege of meeting and eating with students from FAMU, FSU, TCC, pastors and educators from the area, carpenters, brick masons, homemakers, shopkeepers, butchers, bakers and candlestick makers. All of those in attendance had the goals of meeting and making new friends, breaking down barriers and building relationships that can make our community a better place to raise our kids and grandkids. I am so very glad I had the privilege of attending this ground breaking event. More events will be following to make sure Tallahassee is a safe and very special place to call home. I was not the only person from First Baptist to be there but I am proud of my church for wanting to participate in such a wonderful event. It was the kind of place and event that Jesus would have been right at home.

## **GOLDEN MEMBER RECOGNITION**

On November 8th during our Heritage Sunday worship service, special recognition will be given to our Golden Members (see list below). If you joined the church in 1965 (or you have a total of 50 years of membership) and your name is not listed below, please contact Joy Stein (x131).

Tillie Allen, Betty Carlton, Gerald Culbreth, Martha Foster, Clay Mason, Ed & Vi Mason, Emily Rhodes, V.L. Whittier, and Nena Young

## **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.

### **ECHO BAGS**

Please return the your filled ECHO bags as soon as possible. The bags can be dropped off in the Connect Center or at the Front Desk.



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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**

October 14 - fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad bar, rolls, banana pudding

**FINANCIALS**

YTD budget: \$2,261,144  
Receipts 10/04: \$41,962  
YTD receipts: \$1,938,311  
Missions Offering: \$5,695.50

**DEACON SCHEDULE**

Deacon of the Day – Jim Chorey

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Chip Beal
- 10AM Jim Cooke
- 11AM Phil Cooper

**SECURITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, October 11

- 8AM Tim Barry
- 10AM Jeff Crew
- 11AM Keith Burnsed

Wednesday, October 14

- 6PM Wayne Connor

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

# THE SECOND WIND

1 Corinthians 9:24-27