

FIRST FOCUS

A FIRST LOVE STORY

Carl and Brenda Forbes have had a rough year. These proud grandparents have been married for 21 years. Carl coaches rec football in Wakulla County and works at Wal-Mart. Brenda worked at Sam's until March. A stroke changed her life and theirs. She's been undergoing rehab from her home ever since. Now walking with a cane and confined primarily to a wheelchair, a stroke has not diminished Brenda's faith or her desire to serve and work. Brenda is still searching for a cure for this debilitating disease.

On Saturday, one of First Baptist's First Love teams gave her a little hope. Byron Folsom, Charlie Silcox, Randall Griffin, Eric Hoover, and John Rice traveled 30 miles and built a wheelchair ramp for



the Forbes family. This team, along with 250 other people, loved Tallahassee and the Big Bend. On Saturday, we shined the light of Jesus in assisted living centers and nonprofits, to homebound members, and to members of the larger body of Christ like the Forbes family.



Thank you First Baptist for being who you are. I'm grateful to Tom Perrin, Jr., Hannah Watt, and the First Love ministry group for their tireless efforts. And that's not all we celebrated from the weekend. Our church offered hope and heritage to our community. We gave thanks to God for 166 years of ministry, remembered those who have died in Christ this past year, and recognized Golden Members and Veterans.

On one weekend, we had the chance to say "Well done, good and faithful servants." This weekend, we get to say Thanks, again. Join us as we gather around the table for the Lord's Supper, share a thanksgiving offering, and vote on the 2016 budget. Through your work, there will be many more people like Brenda Forbes who need the light of First Baptist.

Bill

THIS WEEK

2016 BUDGET PRESENTATION

We will vote on the proposed 2016 budget in both Worship services on Sunday, November 15. Please mark your calendars to be there for this important piece of business in the life of our church family!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

On Sunday, November 15th, our church will receive a Thanksgiving Offering for all the blessings that God has given us through First Baptist. It's our way of saying, in a monetary way, "Thank you, Lord" for the good things that have happened this year. Give now online fbctlh.org/give or through the special "Thanksgiving Offering" envelope available through the church office or in the pews.

PASTOR'S CLASS

Join us immediately following the Contemporary Worship service on November 15 to get to know one another, get information about our various ministries, get plugged in, and get a free meal! The class is designed to inform you about the life of Christ, to connect you with other new members, to help you love Tallahassee, and to belong to the community of believers called First Baptist Church. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Hannah (x146 or hannah@fbctlh.org) for more information.

FIRST LADIES FALL SUPPER

Ladies of all ages are invited to join us a special Fall Edition of our First Ladies' "Suppers" on November 16th, at 6:30PM at Hopkins Eatery on Market Street! Our "Fall Supper" will provide a fun, relaxed break from all the busyness of the fall and prepare our hearts and minds for the holidays ahead. It's also a perfect time to invite a friend or neighbor! No reservations are needed.

Special Note: Please bring a non-perishable food item to help stock the pantry at ECHO during the holiday season! Questions? Contact Barbara Corven (BCorven@corveneng.com/850-422-2902) Hope to see you there!

THANKS+GIVING

All college students and young adults are invited to a time of thanks...and giving. Join us Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00PM. We'll provide the turkey and dressing. You bring a side dish or dessert, an empty shoebox, and gift items. There is no cost for the dinner, but you're encouraged to bring a \$7 donation to help cover the cost of shipping your shoebox. After dinner, we will pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Free childcare is available at the church until 8:30PM. Please RSVP & get more info at fbctlh.org/thanksandgiving.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room
10:30AM First Joy Choir, West Minister Oaks Healthcare
5:00PM First Brass, Adams 200
6:00PM Bells of Praise, Adams 211

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:30PM International ESL Class, Chason 2201

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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/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, NOVEMBER 19

9:30AM International ESL Class, Chason 2201

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

COMING SOON

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will collect all shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child project on Sunday, November 22! You will need a standard -sized shoebox, then determine if your gift will be for a boy or a girl, ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Fill the box with appropriate gifts for the child you've chosen, include a \$7 donation for shipping, and place a rubber band around each box. Then, you just need to bring them to church with you on November 22, and drop them off in the Sanctuary. For more information, check out fbctlh.org/shoebox.

HANGING OF THE GREEN

A Family Celebration of the Season! Don't miss this hall-decking, tree-trimming, carol-singing, wreath-lighting, smile-bringing service. Bring your family and invite your neighbors as we prepare our sanctuary and our hearts to worship the newborn King Sunday, November 29th, at 6:00PM.

WINTER FESTIVAL

This year as the Tallahassee community comes downtown on Saturday, December 5 to celebrate during the Winter Festival, and FBCTLH will have the opportunity to minister to those around us. Volunteers are needed for 1-hour shifts - as greeters and maintenance, in our hospitality room, or in our baby comfort room to help serve patrons of the festival. Sign up to volunteer at fbctlh.org/winterfestival. Contact Becky Liner (BLiner@jamesmadison.org) for more info.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR INMATES

We need 3,000 religious Christmas cards that include a meaningful Christian witness to give to the 1,000 inmates in the Leon County jail. Each inmate will be provided with three cards to send to family and friends, along with a tract telling them of God's gift of love to them. Collection boxes are in the College Avenue foyer, library, and the Welcome Center. PLEASE BRING YOUR CARDS BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3.

If you would like to place one or more poinsettias in our Sanctuary this Christmas season in memory or in honor of a loved one, the cost is \$9 per plant. Please return this form with your payment to the front desk. *Contact Lenoir (x201 or Lenoir@fbctlh.org) for more information.*

I would like _____ (number) poinsettias:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Your Name (giving the poinsettias) _____

Your Phone Number _____

SERVE

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of November, we will join the Children's Home in providing personal hygiene supplies: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste. 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.

Check out the 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

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

November 18 - chicken tenders fries, gravy, steamed veggie medley, biscuit, salad bar, dessert
KIDS CORNER: hot dog or hamburger, chips

FINANCIALS

YTD budget: \$2,543,787
Receipts 11/08: \$44,252
YTD receipts: \$2,197,631

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Mathew Jenije

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Tim Barry
- 10AM Dave Westberry
- 11AM Harold Brock

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 15

- 8AM Ben Hart
- 10AM Jeff Crew
- 11AM Keith Burnsed

Wednesday, November 18

- 6PM Wayne Connor

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

THANKSGIVING LEFTOVERS

John 6:4-15