

FIRST FOCUS

STRONG HOMES

In Luke 8:20, Jesus' biological family interrupted his teaching. "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." Jesus replied by describing a strong Christian home: "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it." On February 5-7, for our annual Connections Weekend, our church will be strengthening homes the way Jesus told us to do.

Families face challenges like never before to follow and pursue Jesus. There has never been a greater opportunity, however, than to identify with Jesus and apply his way to our households. Whether, single, married, divorced, or widowed, every person has a household that can reach others for Christ. Our church is comprised of people from all walks of life who have discovered the grace and truth of Jesus as they've dealt with difficulty. This weekend gives us a chance to learn from each other, from God's word, and from experts in their field.

Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Chap Clark from Fuller Seminary. Chap is a nationally known researcher and teacher in the areas of adolescent and parent issues. His book *Sticky Church* has equipped generations across the country to strengthen the family and encourage caring adults to take an active role in the lives of younger adults. To complement Chap's teaching, Josh Hall has enlisted First Baptist persons and friends to equip our households. Just take a look at this great lineup of workshops.

- aging with grace
- dealing with grief
- help for families in crisis
- dealing with divorce
- ministry with an empty nest
- parenting your grandkids
- parenting your parents
- intergenerational connections
- personal financial planning
- how to share your faith
- help for victims of human trafficking
- what I wish my parents knew
- what I wish my teen knew
- exploring vocational ministry
- communication in relationships
- dating and waiting
- strengthening your marriage
- adoption and foster care
- how to "Dad"
- family Bible study and prayer
- family mission projects
- local resources for parents
- parenting teens with technology
- racial reconciliation with families

Register today by visiting our website. If you don't have access to the internet, call our church office or drop by the connect center. We'll be happy to handle the registration process for you. Invite your friends from the community to join us. This conference is open to anyone. Through this training, we hope that you'll be ready for life's family interruptions.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Beginning January 13th – The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer - All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you. But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. The Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

This 7-week study takes place on Wednesday mornings from 9:30AM until 11:30AM and is led by Patsy Faircloth at the home of Betty Gardner. All women of all ages are welcome! Participant books are \$13.00. Registration will take place at the first session. Questions? Contact Patsy Faircloth at ptfaircloth1946@comcast.net.

GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share meets Sundays at 3:00PM in the Conference Room. This class is for those who want or need help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

Grief Share is a thirteen week series that incorporates the use of a facilitator, video, discussion and a workbook. For more information contact Jackie Perrin at (850) 893-4655 or via email at jacquebp@aol.com.

NEW SERIES: "Questions Children Ask"

Beginning January 6, Dr. Shiell will begin preaching a new series from Exodus titled, "Questions Children Ask." The book of Exodus hinges on a question in Exodus 10:2 and 12:26. Children and grandchildren ask, "What do these things mean?" Exodus is written to people who wonder and worry if their grandchildren will share their faith—or have any faith at all.

As we seek to build strong homes as a church, Exodus teaches how to explain God's power and deliverance so that future generations will know and believe in the living God. Join us on Wednesday nights as we study God's work in Exodus and learn to share our faith across the generations.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

As you make plans for a healthier new year, consider a gym membership to Downtown Fitness. With access to a large weight room that includes circuit training and cardio, unlimited group fitness classes, basketball and volleyball leagues, our Christian Life Center (CLC), offers all of the above to members of First Baptist Church for FREE!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00AM Median Adult III Bible Study, Parlor
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM Churchwide Bible Study Options
10:15AM First Step, Welcome Center
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
12:30PM Strategic Coordinating Committee, Conf. Room
1:00PM Dessert Theatre Rehearsal, Adams 211
3:00PM Grief Share, Conference Room

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

MLK OBSERVANCE - Church Office Closed

5:00PM First Brass, A-200 Choir Room
5:00PM Dessert Theatre Rehearsal, C-2201

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room
9:30AM Knitting Ministry, C-2201
4:00PM Dessert Theatre Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
6:00PM Childcare for Internationals, D-209
6:30PM Internationals English Classes, Adams 211
7:00PM Capital Bells, Adams 211

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

11:00AM Senior Ladies' Bible Study, Large Meeting Room
4:45PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
6:00PM Childcare, Duval 1st Floor
6:00PM Children's Music & Missions, Duval 2nd Floor
6:00PM Youth Choir, Adams 211
6:00PM Adult Prayer and Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
6:00PM Mom's Connect, Adams Basement, Room 1, 2, 3
7:00PM Youth Collide, CLC Quad
7:00PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Chason 2201
7:00PM Chamber Players Rehearsal, Adams 200
7:15PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:15PM Young Adults Veritas, Adams 317

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00AM Childcare for Internationals, D-209
9:00AM International English Classes, C2201
4:00PM Dessert Theatre Rehearsal, CLC-Quad

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00PM Dessert Theatre, CLC-Quad

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

9:00AM CLC Open
7:00PM Dessert Theatre, CLC-QUAD

COMING SOON

DESSERT THEATRE, JANUARY 22-24 2016

Dessert Theatre will be performed the weekend of January 22-24. Performances will include Disney songs from Mary Poppins, High School Musical and Frozen! There will be 4 performances: Friday evening at 7:00 pm, Saturday evening at 7:00 pm, Sunday Matinée at 2:00 pm and Sunday evening at 6:00 pm.

Tickets are sold out but if you would like to be placed on a waiting list, or if you picked up tickets but are unable to attend the show, email Lenoir at lenoir@fbctlh.org.

A silent auction for front rows seats is available until Wednesday, January 20 at 9 pm. Please go to the Connect Center to bid. **You must already have a ticket in your possession for the show you wish to bid on.** Thanks again for your wonderful support!

CONNECTIONS WEEKEND

We hope you are able to join us for 2016's Connections Weekend. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Chapman "Chap" Clark, the professor and chair of the Youth, Family, and Culture Department in the School of Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. Mark your calendars for February 5-7 for a weekend of main sessions and breakouts on strengthening your connection with GOD and others.

Register now, online or in person. Visit fbctlh.org/connections for more information.

Breakout Sessions for Connections Weekend

- what I wish my parents knew
- what I wish my teen knew
- exploring vocational ministry
- communication in relationships
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DEATH AND BIRTH NOTICES

As part of the new strategic plan, we will begin notifying the congregation of the death of church members and the birth of babies with their family's permission. If you would like to subscribe to this email newsletter, please visit <http://fbctlh.org/i-need-prayer/> to sign up. We'll continue to communicate to family members and extended family by the prayer list and through SMBS classes and other normal channels of communication.

Members and friends of First Baptist may call the information into the church and may distribute info to their SMBS groups and email lists. However, only members of immediate family have permission to ask the church to send out church-wide death or birth notices.

SERVE

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of January, we will join the Children's Home in providing winter socks for boys and girls, ages 5 through 18 in various sizes and styles. 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 hello@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

January 20 - Grilled chicken breast, bow tie pasta, Alfredo sauce, steamed vegetable medley, salad bar, roll, dessert
Kid's Corner – pizza or hot dog

FINANCIALS

YTD budget:

Receipts:

YTD receipts:

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Tom Perrin Sr.

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM Keith Gaskins
- 10AM Gerald Culbreth
- 11AM Bob Pullen

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 17

- 8AM Jim Wheeler
- 10AM John Schanbacher
- 11AM Mark Byler

Wednesday, January 20

- 6PM

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:00AM

BIBLE STUDY

10:00AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

11:15AM

FAITHFULLNESS

1 Peter 2:11-3:14

Dr. Brian L. Harbour
guest speaker