

FIRST FOCUS

LETTER FROM BILL

As I shared Sunday, I will be meeting this week with the Northern Baptist Seminary community. This historic institution is located outside of Chicago. The main campus is in Lombard, and an extension campus is located Lawndale. Northern has been training ministers to serve the local church for over 100 years. The seminary is supported by the American Baptists Churches USA, the National Baptists Convention Inc., and evangelicals across the country.

I am so grateful to our staff, deacons, committees, and church members for their incredible support in these days. Kelly and I have had mixed emotions as we've prayed and struggled with this decision. We were not seeking to go anywhere else. We love our church and the leadership here. We love Tallahassee and the opportunities our community has given our boys through swimming. We certainly love being close to our family.

God's call on our lives, however, takes priority over all of these blessings. I am so grateful to my wife Kelly. She shares in the adventure of this journey and has been equally involved in this decision process. At every step of the way, we simply want to be obedient to Him.

Our church is in good hands. Chairman of Deacons, Dave Westberry, and Personnel Chair, Joan Cassels, have been wonderful counselors and supporters. As you know, our staff are called by God and love our church. We could not ask for a better group of staff and lay leaders to guide us through these days. Please keep all of us in your prayers, as I will continue to do for you.

This Sunday, we welcome a new Minister to Children in view of a call. I can't wait for you to meet her and get to know her. I know she will experience the same kind of support and love that my family and I have received from you throughout our time in Tallahassee. I am grateful for you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

We will have a special business meeting in anticipation of the calling of a new children's minister in both services on Sunday, January 31.

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.

Information about sessions available on the next page.

PRAYER GUIDE

If you would like any prayers requests, or changes, in The Prayer Guide, please visit <http://fbctlh.org/i-need-prayer>. After February 1, you may also make these requests by contacting Joy Stein at joy@fbctlh.org or x131. Thank you.

YOUNG ADULT GUYS

Hey fellas, do you have plans for lunch? You do now! Join other guys-single and married-as we get together for lunch at 12:00PM on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. This is a great time to invite a friend or a coworker! Our next lunch is Wednesday, February 3 at Subway (411 N. Magnolia Dr.). See you then.

PORCH LIGHT LUNCHEON

Join us Tuesday, February 9, at 11:45AM in the Fellowship Hall for an informational luncheon with guest speaker, Michele Newsmen, the Executive Director of The Porch Light Ministry. Founded by Florida Baptist Children's Homes (FBCH), The Porch Light brings healing and hope to child victims of domestic human trafficking. It is also dedicated to prevention and advocacy efforts to help stop human trafficking.

Make reservations to attend via your SMBS class or by contacting Joy Stein (joy@fbctlh.org, x131) no later than Monday, February 8, at noon. Cost is \$5.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00AM Median Adult Ill Bible Study, Parlor
9:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM Church-wide Bible Study Options
11:15AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
12:30PM CO-ED Career Lunch, Parlor
3:00PM Grief Share, Conference Room

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:30AM Homebound Visitation, Conference Room
10:30AM First Joy, C-2201
5:00PM First Brass, A-200 Choir Room
6:00PM Bells of Praise, Adams 211
6:00PM Deacon's Meeting, Sanctuary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:30AM Knitting Ministry, C-2201
6:00PM Childcare for Internationals, D-209
6:30PM Internationals English Classes, Adams 211
7:00PM Capital Bells, Adams 211

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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 Bible Study, Sanctuary
6:00PM Mom's Connect, Adams Basement, Room 1, 2, 3
6:30PM Praise Team Singers, C-2203
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, FEBRUARY 4

9:00AM Childcare for Internationals, D-209
9:00AM International English Classes, C2201
12:00PM Greece Trip Lunch, CLC Rm 4

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

CONNECTIONS WEEKEND, Church-wide selected rooms

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

CONNECTIONS WEEKEND, Church-wide selected rooms

9:00AM CLC Open

COMING SOON

Breakout Sessions for Connections Weekend

- 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
- racial reconciliation with families
- help for families in crisis
- dealing with divorce
- ministry with an empty nest
- parenting your grandkids
- parenting your parents
- intergenerational connections
- aging with grace
- dealing with grief
- personal financial planning
- how to share your faith
- help for victims of human trafficking

WMU/WOM FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT

On Tuesday, February 9, from 9:30AM – 11:00AM WMU/WOM will meet at the Library of Florida Baptists Children's Home (8415 Buck Lake Road) to make Valentine goodie bags for residents and hear an update from an FBCTLH staff member. All supplies will be furnished for the bags.

If you would like to ride the church bus, call Linda Wheeler at (850) 877-4839. Call Beckie Maynard at (850) 539-5079 if you need additional information.

VALENTINE LUNCHEON - ADULTS 55+

Come Friday, February 12, at 12:00PM in the Fellowship Hall for some sweet treats and Valentine's Day fun. The cost is \$5 and reservations can be made via your SMBS class or by contacting Joy Stein (joy@fbctlh.org, or x131). Please RSVP by February 7.

DNOW WEEKEND

Discipleship Now Weekend is February 18-21. The theme for DNow is Renew and the cost is \$55 if you sign up before February 3. After the 3rd, the price goes up to \$65. Registration and release forms are available at <http://www.fbcdnow.com/forms.html> or by contacting Siera Mason (smason@fbctlh.org, or x421).

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.

THANK YOU!

To our First Baptist Family,
We are so grateful for all of your prayers and concern for Ruby after our fall. She is healing beautifully! We are thankful to be a part of such a loving church family!

Love,
Daryle & Rose Gray

SERVE

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

For the month of February, we will join the Children's Home in providing paper goods such as toilet paper, boxed tissues, and paper towels. 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

February 3 - Veggie Bar: macaroni and cheese, fried okra, steamed cabbage, pinto beans, salad bar, corn muffins, dessert.

Kid's Corner – hot dogs and pizza.

DEACON SCHEDULE

Deacon of the Day – Bob Snyder

Deacons of the Week

- 9AM John Schanbacher
- 10AM Bill Smith
- 11AM Steve Williams

SECURITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 31

- 8AM Ben Hart
- 10AM John Schanbacher
- 11AM Mark Byler

Wednesday, February 3

- 6PM Lee Vickery

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:00AM

BIBLE STUDY

10:00AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

11:15AM

CONDUCT
YOURSELF
HUMBLY

1 Peter 5:1-11