



# The FIRST BAPTIST BUILDER

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## First Baptist Church Mission Statement

To exalt the Savior, equip the saints, and evangelize the world  
through the power of God's Word.

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## FROM YOUR DEACONS

I love this time of year. The grass and trees are green with new growth, the weather is mild, flowers are blooming, birds and animals all have new babies and it just seems like everywhere you look everything is alive and growing. It reminds us of how our world renews itself every spring. What a marvelous design of God this cycle of renewal from the death of winter to the life of spring.

It is also a time when we recognize Easter as Christians. We celebrate our Savior Jesus' resurrection, which is the centerpiece of our faith. But we must remember that without the cross and what it represents for us the resurrection is miraculous but not life changing. Because of the cross, and what a perfect Savior accomplished there for us, we who are dead in our trespasses can have new life. What a marvelous cycle of renewal which is ours because of Jesus death on the cross and resurrection on the third day. It is a renewal that can only be had by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8). It is message that has the power to save (Romans 1:16) and yet we as Christians don't speak the message to those who need it like we should.

We must realize that the message has the power and all we have to do is tell others about it. Thank God that the message's power doesn't depend on the messenger. The early church realized this.

*18-20 They called them back and warned them that they were on no account ever again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John spoke right back, "Whether it's right in God's eyes to listen to you rather than to God, you decide. As for us, there's no question—we can't keep quiet about what we've seen and heard." Acts 4:18-20(MSG)*

As Christians when are we going to realize that it's not about us, it's about the Gospel and proclaiming it, to a lost and dying world. Jesus died for us and entrusted us with His message of hope that brings new life and redemption. We must not keep quiet about what we have experienced, because someone who is dead in their trespasses needs to hear the message. The message has the power, let's be sure to speak it.

### April

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The library has started subscribing to magazines for our church family. These can be checked out for a week. We also have many other magazines available as well. The following has been added due to our church budget constraint: **HomeLife, Mature Living, Parenting Teens, Parent Life and Biblical Illustrator.**

Please if you know of anyone that is Homebound and would like a CD or DVD of the services, please contact the Library or Church Office. We'll be glad to get one to them on a weekly basis.

Also I want to mention that a few years ago our **MOPS** put out a cookbook. If there is anyone that would like one please stop by the library. We have quite a few of them left; these were given to the library to keep. I believe they were selling for \$8.00 each. Also we still have a number of our new history books available for \$30.00 each.

Here is a fairly new book to our collection that we would like to recommend:

**As It Is In Heaven: How Eternity Brings Focus To What Really Matters** by Greg Laurie: Our Lives here are so often cluttered with the cares of this world that we fail to consider heavenly priorities and how they should be reflected in our earthly ones. At the beginning of Jesus most famous prayer, He teaches us to pray that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. What heaven is up to is critical for us to understand If we are going to live biblically. Pastor Gred Laurie explains that heaven is anything but a long, boring church service. People in heaven know about the time and place of ongoing events on earth. They are rational and recall everything from their earthly days, but most importantly for us, they have a unique perspective from which we can learn a great deal. In this rich and relevant study, Greg sheds scriptural light on the sensational books and stories about people going to heaven and coming back, answers the nagging questions we are all dying to ask, and guides us to focus right now on what really matters. **(Call # 236.24 Lau)**

If you want to laugh, here is a good DVD we have by **Chonda Pierce: Best Bits...and More:**

Contains some of Chonda Pierce's most recognizable and funny skits all compiled into this DVD, and features some new material as well. A never-before-released concert with Chonda telling her best (and funniest) stories from her first 10 years as a comedian.

**Best Bits** is a wonderful addition for Chonda fans and a great introduction to Ms. Pierce for anyone who needs laughter and truth delivered as only Chonda Pierce can! It includes Bonus Feature: Piercing The Darkness. Chonda talks about her journey in and out of depression, and offers encouragement and hope for those suffering with depression.

Chonda also shares helpful ways that the Church can help those in the Body who need a light to guide them through the darkness. **(Call # DVD 792.2 Pie)**

We have many more DVDs you might like to try.

Janet H. Bridges



**HEAR US ROAR!** “No greater joy can I have than this, to HEAR that my children follow the truth. 3 John 4

### EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR:

April 11: Baseball Game, 5:30 pm, against Ft. Clarke Middle in Gainesville

April 15: Baseball Game, 7:30 pm, against Oakview Middle in Gainesville

April 15: Report Cards go home

April 18: Baseball Game, 5:30 pm, against Kanapaha Middle in Gainesville

April 18-22: Standardized Achievement Testing, Grades K-10

April 22: Baseball Game, 7:30 pm, against Lincoln Middle, in Gainesville

April 25: Baseball Games, 5:30 pm, against Oak Hall Middle in Gainesville

April 25-29: VPK Assessments

FCA School Board Members: Kathy Barnes, Kim Carter, Cammey Hinton, David Friar, Drew Mock, Rusty Noah, Kim Teele, and Chairman Daniel Shepherd.

Website: For ongoing and updated information, please visit our website: [fcahighsprings.org](http://fcahighsprings.org).

Property Improvements Appeal Funds: Our FCA School Board has recently established a restricted account with the title of Property Improvements. We have a wonderful problem of needing lots of extra space as God blesses FCA. Thank you for your donations!

NJHS and HS: Mar29th was a memorable experience for 23 high school students as they were inducted into the Benjamin Rush Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society and the Noah Webster Chapter of the National Honor Society. The event was held in the Sanctuary of First Baptist Church. This was our inaugural year for both chapters. We thank Mrs. Theresa Stone, Director of Student Services, for her assistance in the decorations and refreshments at the reception afterwards. We also thank our two faculty councils (5 each) who were involved in the selection process. Congratulations Lions!

Ongoing Fundraisers: Here at FCA, we have several fundraisers that go on year round. We appreciate all of our parents and church family helping in the collection of the following: Campbell's Soup Labels, Box Tops for Education, Tyson Project A+ labels, Sunny D labels, Coke Rewards and Amazon.comSmile. Thank you and please keep up the great work of donating to FCA!

August 2016: Our current re-enrollment, preschool through Grade 11, is 361 students. Grades four and five are already full! Several other elementary classes' only 2-3 spots available. We are honored to serve your child's educational and spiritual needs. Come join our team!

Thank you! Thanks to Pace Emerson and Travis Steedly for bringing their heavy equipment to our Playground Update workday recently. That made the job so much easier!

### Teachers Sharing Classroom Excitement:

Kindergarten, Mrs. Lori Clark and Katie West: Students are excited about our new science study to learn about our marvelous senses and how God has equipped us to enjoy the world around us. We recently had a field trip to the Santa Fe College planetarium and teaching zoo to begin our study of weather and animals that will also be covered in our science units.

Third Grade, Mrs. Kelli Rumore: Third grade got a new student this week. Welcome back, Aiden Delaney! We had a wonderful time celebrating new life and the Savior's resurrection with an egg hunt. Our class enjoyed sharing each other's spiritual gifts. It was beautiful to hear them speak so highly of each other. A few of them had tears streaming as they listened to their friends speak positive and encouraging words to them. It was a mini-revival in our classroom.

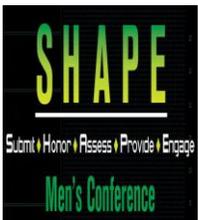
High School, Mrs. Melody Petteway: On Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, the seventh through thenth graders tool ad wonderful field trip to SeaWorld in Orlando. We enjoyed a 30 minute educational presentation and a fun-filled day of rides and shows. FCA also recently had our very first National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society induction Ceremony on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary of FBC. The 23 students were selected for membership based on academic achievement, as well as leadership, service, character and Christian testimony. A reception was held afterwards.

Submitted by Linda Petteway

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Secret Church returns! Mark your calendars now for Friday, April 29, 2016, from 6:00 pm -12:30 am. The first 50 to sign up gain access. The price is \$10 each that includes the simulcast, workbook, and light refreshments. When you pay at the Church Office, your name will be added to the list.



Lake Yale is hosting **SHAPE** (Submit Honor Assess Provide Engage) Men's Conference, April 22 – 23, 2016. Chuck Holton, Author of "Making Men" will be the speaker and Josh Wilson will be in concert. Register now, as there is limited availability. The cost is \$150 per person. To register, call 352-483-9800.



Make plans now to run or walk to support the Florida Baptist Children's Home LaCrosse Campus. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Yerman Friends of Children 5K event is Saturday, April 23 at Westside Baptist Church. The event begins at 8 am, and event day and registration begins at 7 am. A Health & Fitness Expo with Race Packet Pick Up is Friday, April 22 from 4 – 7 pm. Visit [wwwmoovingforkids2015@gmail.com](mailto:wwwmoovingforkids2015@gmail.com) for more information on how to register or become a sponsor. Contact Amy Buzbee at [abuzbee@windstream.net](mailto:abuzbee@windstream.net) or 352-318-2634 for more information.



The next Quarterly Ministry Celebration will be Sunday, April 17, 2016 in the FLC at 5:30 pm. **To be included on the agenda, requests should be made through the Church Office.** Make plans to be there to celebrate all the Lord has done in the ministries of FBC.



You are invited to attend a Church-Wide Fish Fry at Poe Springs Park (28800 NW 182<sup>nd</sup> Ave, High Springs) on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please bring a side, drink and dessert. If you plan on attending, please sign up in the Church Foyer.



The Annual Spring Church Clean-Up/Work days will be Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8am – 12 pm. Project leaders are needed. Please contact Mike Sturm at 352-317- 1872.

The work days for the "Victory Cup Challenge" will be Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, outside the Children's Building. This is for K-5th grade students and Children's Ministry Workers only. The cost is \$5 for a car kit. Race day will be Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Gym. For more information, contact Jeff Friar.



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The family of Turk Thomas wishes to express our gratitude to everyone for your show of love and expressions of sympathy. Thank you for the prayers, cards, flowers, and food. Continued prayer for our family is appreciated. We love you all.

In Christian Love