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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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TIM'S NOTES

YOUNG AT HEAR CHOIR

Come join us for fun, fellowship and a time of worship and praise, from 10:00 – 11:00 each Tuesday morning, starting August 16th in the Choir Suite.

THE CELEBRATION CHOIR

Help! Were looking for choir members, whether old or new, to come join us. Some have asked how you can be a part of the choir. It is very simple. Be here. Come join us on Wednesday's at 6:55 pm, in the Worship Center. It's just that simple. We need your voice. We are about to start on our Christmas music, so don't delay, come today. We would love to have you.

THE STUDENT CHOIR

Attention all students 6th grade and up. The Student Choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday afternoons, beginning September 11th at 5:00 pm in the Music Suite.

KIDZ PRAISE (CHILDREN'S CHOIRS)

Kidz Praise will begin Wednesday, August 17th from 6:00-6:45 pm. This is for K-5th Grades.



FROM YOUR DEACONS

I know how important it is to read the bible. It not only tells us how to live like Christ in a broken world we also learn the heart of God. This Theology, what we think about God, is important. It shapes our worldview and helps us realize our sinful nature that keeps us from having a relationship with God. So head-knowledge is good. But if it never goes any further then it doesn't do what God intended for it to do. We must be doers of the word.

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **James 1:22***

This move from head-knowledge to heart-knowledge is empowered by realizing how much God loved us.

*We love because he first loved us. **1 John 4:19***

With heart-knowledge his commandments become more natural and this process of our lives looking more and more like Jesus' begins.

*If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. **John 14:15-17***

But I believe what we lack the most in our church today is encountering God thru his Holy Spirit. Most believers understand the word, and do a pretty good job of keeping His commands. But they rarely, if ever, experience his presence in a real and personal way. His word tells us that we, as believers, have His Spirit living inside of us. The word also tells us that we, as believers, should walk by the Spirit and it promises us that we will break the chains of sin that sometimes continue to haunt us as believers (Galatians 5:16) if we walk by the Spirit. His word also tells us that we can ask the Father for the Holy Spirit.

*If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! **Luke 11:13***

This past week Students and Adults experienced God through His Spirit during worship one night. It is evident that they have been transformed and empowered by it. I am excited about what God will accomplish through it and how many other lives will be changed because of it.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. **Acts 1:8***

Lord, I ask you to give us Your Spirit so that we can walk with Your Power in this world as witnesses.

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School is almost here. The Library needs volunteers to read during story time and backup readers for our school. Please pray about this need and if you feel the Lord's leading, please contact Janet Bridges. Right now our volunteers for story time are Pat Long, Beverly Jones, Diane Peterson, Darlene Presley, and Norma Valdes. We need two more on a regular basis.

Also, once school starts it won't be long before our Scholastic Book Fair. Please keep September 19-23, 2016 in mind. There will be more information on this later.

We are still hoping for donation to purchase the Star Reading Program. This is a program where the teachers can test their students to see where their reading level is at. This will help to direct them in the AR (accelerated Reader) Program to read at their correct level.

Here's a biography we would like to recommend for great reading written by a mother: **Fly a Little Higher: How God Answered a Mom's Small Prayer in a Big Way** by Laura Sobiech: Recounts the life of the seventeen-year old cancer patient who, after being told he had one year to live, wrote the song "Clouds" that climbed the music charts and inspired millions around the world. Zach once said, "I want to be known as the kid who went down fighting and didn't really lose." **Fly a Little Higher** shows how God used Zach's life to teach us how to win big. (Call # B Sob)

Another great book: **America: Turning a Nation to God** by Dr. Tony Evans not only examines the root of our nation's social, economic, and political unrest, but presents a plan for reclaiming freedom, morality, and strength. We hold within the collective body of Christ not only the power, but also the capacity to put our country back on the path of becoming strong as a Christian nation. This straightforward teaching, when embraced by believers in our nation, will usher in the greatest revival in American history." –Publisher (Call # 269.0973Eva)

The new hours when school starts back will be: Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm except on Wednesday we will be open until 8:15 pm and on Sunday 9:30 – 11:00 am and 5:00 – 6:00 pm unless there is no Evening Worship Service.

Janet H. Bridges
Library

NEW ASSOCIATIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR

We welcome Bruce Smith, our new Associational Prayer Coordinator. Bruce will be taking over for Dennis Durant who has served our Association for many years. We are thankful for all that Dennis has done! The Associational Prayer Council will continue to meet the second Saturday of the month. They will meet August 13th at 10:00 am at Ridgeview Church to pray for the congregations of our association. If your church has a prayer request for the Council, please email Bruce Smith, Coordinator, at richardisasmith@gmail.com.

ELDER OPTIONS – ALZHEIMER'S CARE

Free caregiver training for families dealing with dementia and/or Alzheimer's. Training will be Thursdays, 2:00-4:00 pm, beginning September 29th at the MLK Center, 1028 NE 14th Street, Gainesville. Call Ana Robles-Rhoads at 352.692.5265 to register for this free event.

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you for all your prayers and calls when my grandson Chantz Thomas was in an accident on October 7, 2015. He was riding in a truck coming home from school and was hit by someone driving a GRU truck on the passenger side. He and Jacob Rogers were thrown out. Chantz had multiple head and internal injuries and Jacob is paralyzed from the waist down. Chantz is doing good, but still has some problems with his hearing, his face and eye on the left side. Jacob will be paralyzed for the rest of his life baring some miracle from God. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Thank you and God bless you all.
Wilton and Tommie Thomas



Evans-Carter Funeral Home is looking for an outgoing new staff person that is passionate about helping people and serving the community. The job consists of helping families preplan their funerals and cremations, as well as representing Evans-Carter Funeral Home at local levels. No previous sales or funeral homes experience required. Communication, computer skills and a great attitude are a must. Please e-mail your resume to jon@forestmeadowsfh.com or fax (386) 454-8537.



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:

August 1, 2 4: Coed Basketball Camp for grades 5-11;

5:00-7:00 pm

August 5-7: Tax free spending for Floridians

August 8: Orientation week for faculty and staff

August 12: Back to School Night Orientation; Preschool is 6:00-7:00 pm and K-11 is 7:30-9:00 pm; Sanctuary at FBC

August 15: First day of school

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

Office Staff: Anna Coker, Carol Combs, Erin Emerson, and Amanda Moore

Website: For ongoing and updated information, please visit our website: fcahighsprings.org.

- Parent-Student Handbook is online at our website
- Current classroom supply lists for Kindergarten through Grade 11 on pages 30-32

Property Improvements Appeal Fund: Our FCA School Board has 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!

FCA Athletics: We have an exciting sports program at FCA. Get involved in Girls Volleyball, Coed Cross Country, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Baseball, and Coed Archery.

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: 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!!

The labels for education program from Campbell's soup ended in June so we will no longer be collecting those labels.

Substitute Teachers Needed: If you are interested in serving as a substitute teacher at FCA, please contact Headmaster Stan Stone for more information. Each candidate must fill out an employment application and go through an interview. The pay is \$9.00 an hour for anyone not possessing a bachelor's degree and \$11.00 an hour for those who have a bachelor's degree.

Commercial Drivers Needed: We are in need of those who have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL). As our school grows, we need bus drivers for field trips and athletic events. Your CDL must be at least a class "B" with a "P" endorsement.

Student Services, Mrs. Theresa Stone: Our enrollment is 403! Wonderful students!

Teachers Are Getting Excited About Sharing Classroom News Soon!!

Submitted by Linda Petteway

THIS IS FABULOUS!!!

It was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista, CA. He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to 'explain God.' I wonder if any of us could have done as well?

(and he had such an assignment, in California, and someone published it, I guess miracles do happen!)

EXPLANATION OF GOD:

'One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.'

'God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.'

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'God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.'

'Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista . At least there aren't any who come to our church.'

'Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.'

'And God did not let Jesus stay in the grave, but raised him from the dead'

'His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.'

'You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.'

'You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong...and besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.'

'If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.'

'But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.'

And...that's why I believe in God.'

(If you believe in God, please pass this on, and may God bless you too.)



A Back-to-School Dedication Service will be Sunday, August 14th during both morning worship experiences. We will dedicate the new school year to the Lord. Our desire is to recognize all educators, administrators, and students at these services. Members will be provided a prayer-walking guide. In addition, Pastor Derek is inviting FBC to join together to prayer walk each school in our area. The evening service will consist of Prayer Walking First Christian Academy.



A "Smart Driver Safety Class" is being offered for seniors 55 and over, on Thursday, August 18th, in Room B-17 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. Please bring a bag lunch. If you are interested in attending, sign up in the Church Foyer. The class fee for AARP members is \$15, non-members is \$20. Registration is required. Contact Joe Elder at 352-278-7174 to register.



Pray then Play Basketball Registration for ages 4-17 will be open August 19th. Registration forms will be available in the Church Foyer, Office or at praythenplay.com.

We need coaches and referees. Please sign up in the Church Foyer to volunteer.

FINANCIAL CLASS

The next Financial Class starts Sunday, August 7th during the Life Connection hour (9:45 – 10:45 am). It will be 7 weeks. If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the Church Foyer. For more information, contact Tim Staley.



The YAH Choir starts back Tuesday, August 16th at 10:00 am. If you are a Sr. Adult we would love to have you! Hope to see you there.