

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.**

February, 2014



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2014

AT 5:30 PM

IN THE FLC

Meal includes:

Ziti OR Alfredo, Italian Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Drink

(Proceeds benefit Youth Missions Through the Arts)





TIM'S NOTES

"Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13, 14

*Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: "As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and you shall be a father of many nations."
--Genesis 17:3-4*

The Scriptures declare "Abram fell on his face" as the Lord talked with him (Genesis 17:3). Abram was reverent and submissive.

Probably there is no better picture anywhere in the Bible of the right place for mankind and the right place for God. God was on His throne speaking, and Abraham was on his face listening!

Where God and man are in relationship, this must be the ideal. God must be the communicator, and man must be in the listening, obeying attitude. If men and women are not willing to assume this listening attitude, there will be no meeting with God in living, personal experience....

Yes, Abraham was lying face down in humility and reverence, overcome with awe in this encounter with God. He knew that he was surrounded by the world's greatest mystery. The presence of this One who fills all things was pressing in upon him, rising above him, defeating him, and taking away his natural self-confidence. God was overwhelming him and yet inviting and calling him, pleading with him and promising him a great future as a friend of God.

Taken from A. W. Tozer from "Men Who Met God" p. 21-22

"In this fast-paced, busy life, Lord, we don't spend nearly enough time face down before you. Tozer talks of lying flat on his face in his study in prayer; draw me to this position of humility and reverence more often this year, I pray. Amen."

A WORD ON WORSHIP

Quote: Louie Giglio, "When worship is the subject, little leaders are what we need for there is no other enemy of true worship besides self." The Heart of Worship files pg.18

Rick Muchow *"The Worship Answer Book"*:

When I study the Old Testament, I notice three vibrant characteristics of worship.

First, worship is consistently tied to joy. The Psalms clearly reflect joyous worship: "I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart ..."

Second, Old Testament worship involved response – the soul fulfilling its God-given purpose! Deeds and posture were as much a part of worship as words and dedication.

Psalm 96 urges worshipers to tell, give glory, tremble and bring, as well as to sing, rejoice and shout.

Third, Old Testament worship included remembrance. Psalm 96 tells of believers celebrating what God had done for them in the past ... praising Him for the ways He has changed their lives and saved them from destruction.

Terry W. Williams Music & Worship Ministries Church Music
Department Florida Baptist Convention



STUDENT CHOIR

Our Student Choir has already begun working on the music side of Missions Through the Arts. The Musical project is called Power of Your Love. These Incredible worship songs will be led by our student choir both here and on our mission trip.

**Parents and students please mark you calendars.
The dates are June 12, 13, 14 and 15, 2014.**



Thank You!

Dear 100 Club-

Our home was invaded just after daylight! Cars and trucks loaded with all types of tools suddenly filled the yard. Approximately 30 men and women in work clothes took over the garage and began to empty boxes of donuts and drank large cups of coffee.

The FBC 100 Club had arrived! Drew Mock and Wayne Bloodworth outlined the project of constructing the 50' ramp according to building code. They prayed. Everyone found a part to do and work began.

Lunch was provided by Bob Fitzgerald's Life Connection Class. By 3 pm the work was complete. Great job!

It was humbling and inspiring to see these brothers and sisters in Christ who gave up their Saturday, time with families, to help us in our need.

We are so grateful and just amazed to see God's blessings in action. May God bless you all mightily.

Thank you, Thank you-
Charlie and Linda Baldwin



Student Ministry, Nick Carter
Leadership in Student Ministry (and life)

During the month of February we will be talking about **FAITH** – believing in what you can't see.

The bottom line – when I see how God provides today, it helps me trust Him with tomorrow.

Basic Truth – I can trust God no matter what!!

Memory verse – *“Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see.”* Hebrews 11:1 NIV

Please remember you are always welcome to join us in Kingdom Kidz. We are also always looking for people to help serve in this wonderful ministry. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me or Nick Carter.

His Servant,
Betty Radford

Man oh man! God is doing a HUGE work within the students here at FBC High Springs student ministry, called *“The Point.”* I am amazed by the movement of God that is happening with these students. In the month of January, we have been going through a series called *“The Plunge.”* Taking a deeper plunge, (play on words) into our faith. We have been looking at the story of the Woman at the Well, John 4, and understanding our commission to share the Gospel. My desire for the students of The Point is to see Christian kids move to be Christ followers. Now, there is a huge difference in today's culture of students. Some “Christian” students may be a Christian just by association. Meaning, their parents, friends, culture, grandparents, or school may be “Christian,” but the students miss the following Jesus part completely. Please pray for the students here to catch the vision that God so deeply convicted my heart about. For the month of February, we are going to be travelling together through a series called *“How To Love.”* Jesus spoke clearly in Mark 12:30 about HOW to love (with your heart, mind, soul and strength). There is a huge awakening happening within these students, may the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His love forever be in the hearts, minds, souls and the strength of these students.

Pastor Nick

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

You are cordially invited to join us for our New Members Class. In this class you will get to meet other new members, as well as learn about our Church. **The next class begins on February 16th and will end March 16th.** It will be held for 5 weeks during the Life Connections hour (9:45-10:45 am), in the FLC. Please RSVP to the Church Office by February 12th.

Or do you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

We are all creatures of habit. We tend to go to the same places, and do the same things. I don't eat out much, but I go to certain restaurants and order the same things, because I can only get it there. For example, if I go to Carrabbas then I have to get the Sirloin Marsala with garlic mashed potatoes, because I can't get that anywhere else.

Are we, as a church, being the Christ centered church that we should be so that when people are among us they are getting a taste of something that they can't get anywhere else? Throughout the Bible the temple was a place that people went to meet with God, to make sacrifices for our sins under the law, to worship, to experience mercy and healing. Truly we are each individually God's temple, and as God's temple are we a place where others can come to meet with God, to experience mercy and grace, to get something that they can't get anywhere else...the love of Jesus manifest in us.

What kind of church will we be in 2014? God is at work in our midst. Will we be obedient in the things that he has already called us to? Our hope in that we will be a church that will be known as a church that exhibits the love of Jesus to pastors, to families, to our Spanish speaking neighbors, to our community, and the Promised People of Southeast Asia. A church that is speaking the Gospel everywhere we go. A church made up of people who are not perfect but who are living out their faith in such a way that God gets the Glory.

The upcoming Deacon on call teams:

January 12th – February 9th

*Garrett Buzbee	386-454-2031 (h) 352-318-4700 (c)
Pace Emerson	386-454-4036 (h) 386-588-4286 (c)
Matthew Humphries	386-497-3295 (h) 352-514-6830 (c)
Rick Jefferson	386-497-1149 (h) 386-853-5633 (c)
Jose Valdes	386-454-9753 (h) 352-562-5633 (c)

February 10th – March 9th

*David Friar	386-497-4307 (h) 352-262-1773 (c)
Brent Douglas	386-454-1577 (h) 352-665-5638 (c)
Rex Hancock	386-935-2261 (h) 352-318-2389 (c)
David Rendek	386-454-3010 (h) 352-494-2971 (c)
Tim Staley	386-462-7000 (h) 352-317-2495 (c)

* Team Leader



HEAR US ROAR!
"No greater joy can I have than this, to HEAR that my children follow the truth." 111 John 4"

Me...a Preschool Director?

Library News:

As I sit here getting ready to write my article for the builder, I am thinking how great it is to have a real cold winter. It would be nice to have a couple of inches of snow to go along with it. Maybe some of you say no. This N.C girl would love to see some here in Alachua.

Reporting our circulation for the last quarter:

October – December 2013

Books:

Youth and Adults	384
J Section (Older Children)	423
C Section	644

DVDs	113
VCs	5
Periodicals	6
Kits	1
Equipment	12

TOTAL	1,588
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In-House Usage

Books	59
Periodicals	34

Collection Statistics:

Books	252
DVDs	8
Kits	3

Patron Statistics – Added: 3

For those of you who may not know, we have an author among us. Her name is Leanne Burroughs and she has donated several of her books to the Library which one of them she just gave to us before Christmas: **Her Highland Destiny** – “In 1304, amidst Scotland’s continuing war for independence, two wounded souls are forced on a journey neither wants, resulting in tragedy and disaster. Battle-hardened, untrusting and son of a Scottish Chieftain, Duncan MacThomas wants only to see his county free from English rule. Honor-bound to ensure his clan’s financial future, Duncan reluctantly travels to England to wed a woman he doesn’t want. Wealthy and pampered, Catherine Gillingham anticipates a marriage to a Duke’s son and is dismayed when her king decrees she must wed a Scotsman, the sort of man all of London despises. Can these two opposites find love amidst war and lower their barriers to find the peace they seek within their countries and themselves?”

Janet Bridges
 Library

As I fast approach the fifth year anniversary of obtaining my preschool director credentials, I can’t help but reflect over these years. The school that I taught at needed someone to get their credentials and I sad yes...how hard can it be? I’m sure I can handle it!

So what does it take to be a preschool director anyway?

I think the first and foremost item needed in your director bag is a love for children. Yes, I have met people working at a preschool that really didn’t like kids. Doesn’t make much sense, but I met them. I believe teaching children in a calling. Yes, you can teach without a calling, but I don’t think you will love it. It will just be a job. Let’s face it, when you have to tell the same child over and over again the same thing, it can wear on your last nerve. But you have to look past that and think about how you are helping shape this little one into someone who doesn’t hit his friends every time he/she doesn’t get their way. What a world that would be!

A great staff is another item needed in your director bag. God has blessed our school with a wonderful staff. Men and women that are willing to go the extra mile – help their fellow employees when things get tough; take a newbie under their wings and show them the ropes of preschool. Most of the skills I have learned over the years have come from fellow teachers, not from books. People willing to work together sometimes is difficult to find in today’s world.

This next item may seem strange, but a governing entity is necessary. We all get nervous when they show up for our quarterly inspections. Then we all sigh a deep sigh of relief when they are gone, but without their watchful eyes, a lot of preschools would not be safe for the children. They have a thankless job, but I am thankful for them.

My favorite part of being a preschool director...being silly with the kids. I love to be able to dress up during the school year as we celebrate different events. From being a pirate and leading a treasure hunt on the week we learn about the letter P, to dressing up as the biggest leprechaun you have ever seen for St. Patrick’s Day. I love each time I get to do this.

All in all, it’s been a great five years and I look forward to the next five. God has blessed me and my time as a preschool director. Each year at pre kindergarten graduation, I am blessed to see how the children have grown while they have been at First Christian Academy. I am excited to be a small part of each of their lives. My prayer is that God will continue to use me in the years to come for His Kingdom’s work.

By: Carol Combs