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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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VBS

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TIM'S NOTES

Wow! Father's Day will be here in just a few days! That just doesn't seem possible. I recently read an article from Chuck Swindoll I felt led to share with you men.

"I don't often recommend a volume without reservation, but I think every man should read *Temptations Men Face* by Tom Eisenman. I'm not saying I agree with everything in it, or that you will, but it's one of those works that deserves being read ...especially by men. I appreciate Tom's candor and practicality. He pulls no punches; neither does he wrench your gut with guilt. His observations, insight, and suggestions are both penetrating and provocative. In fact...that book got me thinking about the top temptations fathers face.

First, the temptation to give things instead of giving ourselves – our presence, our personal involvement. Don't misunderstand. Providing for one's family is biblical. First Timothy 5:8 calls the man who fails to provide for his family's needs "worse than an unbeliever." But the temptations I'm referring to goes far beyond the basic level of need. It's the toys vs. time battle: a dad's desire to make up for his long hours and absence by unloading material stuff on his family rather than being there when he is needed. Like in the bleachers during ball games or in the audience during a band concert, like by your child's side when the homework calls for a father's encouragement, or driving the boat when your child is learning to water ski. Nothing takes the place of a father who gets involved. N-O-T-H-I-N-G!

Second, the temptation to save our best for the workplace. Nobody has an endless supply of emotional energy, creativity, enthusiasm, ideas, humor, leadership drive, and a zest for life. How easy it is for dads to use up all those things at work, leaving virtually nothing for the end of the day. As a result, the wife and kids get only the leftovers. Fathers, our families deserve better! By failing to pace ourselves, by not deliberately saving some of our creative energy for home, we tend to be listless, negative, boring, and predictable around the house. How rare are those unselfish men who think ahead, maintain right priorities, and keep their families surprised by joy.

Third, the temptation to deliver lectures rather than earning respect by listening and learning. James 1:19 is worth a look, here: "My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (NIV). When things get out of hand at home, it's our normal tendency to reverse the order James suggests. First, we get mad. Then, we shout (lecture) No. 38... or is it No. 39?). Last, we listen. When that happens, we get tuned out (I've learned that the hard way). Our family members may stop. They may look. But they aren't listening. They go through a slow burn. It's a sobering realization, dads, but our home is not an extension of the office...and our wife and children are not employees. Maybe we get respect automatically where we work, but at home we must earn it the old-fashioned way. We must work for it.



FROM YOUR DEACONS

We seem to all be on the same fast track. Our lives have been caught up in the hectic pace of our society. A society that never sleeps --- 24/7 availability. This pace is fueled by social media, long work days, unlimited activities to be involved in, and an internal desire to be all that we can be. But is this pace good for us? It seems that we don't have time to do anything well. We are too busy moving on to the next thing. This pace can steal our joy, it can keep us from meaningful relationships, and it can give us a sense that we don't have time for anything else. This pace is a silent thief of how God intended us to relate to Him and others. If we are ever going to relate to God rightly, we must slow down, unplug from the world, quiet our souls, and give Him our full attention. This worldly pace must be replaced by a Godly pace.

*Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth! **Psalms 46:10***

We all know the first statement of this scripture – Be still, and know that I am God. The second two statements aren't usually mentioned. When we set our gaze fully on God, removing the distractions of this world, we know Him for who he is. This encounter with the Living God is marked in scripture by a complete realization of how sinful we are and a complete dependency on his mercy and grace through faith in His Son. This encounter lets us remove ourselves from His proper place on the throne of our lives and exalt Him among the nations and in the earth. This crucifying of ourselves is a constant battle that can only be accomplished when we replace the fast pace of this world with a focus on God, letting His will take up the most real estate in our heart and lives. I, for one, am not where I need to be. But as Paul said.....

*Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, **Philippians 3:12-13***

Christ has made us his own; let's exchange this worldly fast pace for authentic relationships with the living God and each other.

June

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Well school is about over and I think most of us are ready for it to be over. It's been a good year, looking forward to the new school year.

Here are a couple of books we would like to recommend for our fathers:

Growing Up Colt: A Father, A Son, A Life In Football by Colt McCoy: You watched him vie for the Heisman and national championship, and earn a first-round NFL draft spot. Now meet Colt McCoy up-close and personal!

Growing up Colt is Colt's story as told by the Cleveland browns quarterback and his father, Brad, a football coach in his native Texas. Get a behind-the-scenes view of the formative events of Colt's football experience and the foundational principle of his family and religious life. (Call # B McC)

What a Difference a Daddy Makes by Dr. Kevin Leman: Study after study shows that fathers set up their daughters for success. Involved fathers- whether or not they live in the same house as their daughters-boost their daughters' academic achievement, promote their emotional health, increase their compassion for others, and even bolster the status of women.

In What a Difference a Daddy Makes, renowned psychologist and bestselling author Dr. Kevin Leman seamlessly weaves the latest research on fathering with funny, moving stories about his own parenting experiences. He gives practical ideas and inspiration for fathers and provides specific direction for helping daughters grow into loving, confident, caring adults. (Call # 306.874 Lem)

Also we have two DVDs that are excellent to watch: **A Matter of Faith** (DVD): A Christian girl, Rachel Whitaker, goes off to college for her freshmen year and begins to be influenced by her popular biology professor who teaches that evolution is the answer to the origins of life. When Rachel's father Stephen Whitaker senses something changing with his daughter, he begins to examine the situation and what he discovers catches him completely off guard. Now very concerned about Rachel drifting away from her Christian faith, he tries to do something about it.

Faith of Our Fathers (DVD): With the Vietnam War raging in 1969, two young fathers report for duty: a man of great faith and a doubtful cynic. A quarter-century later, their sons, Wayne and John Paul, meet as strangers. Guided by hand written letters from their fathers from the battlefield, they embark on an unforgettable journey to The Wall – the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Along the way they discover the devastation of war cannot break the love of a father for his son. (Call # DVD F Fai)

We wish our fathers a very Happy Father's Day and think of the ones already passed on. What an impact they had on our lives. To God Be the Glory!!

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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:

June 3-8: Exams

June 6: Second Grades to Splitz for bowling party

June 6: First Grade Water Day at FCA

June 8: Fourth Grade field trip, FLC

June 8: Kindergarten field trip, Alachua Water Park

June 8: Last day of school (K-10 grades); end of 4th quarter; report cards mailed

June 9: Report cards will be mailed home

June 9: VPK Graduation; 6:00 pm, FBC sanctuary

June 9: Teacher/Staff post planning

June 13-17: Oasis Summer Camp, Week #1; see Mrs. Emerson to register

June 20-24: Vacation Bible School, FBC 9:00 am-noon

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

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

Sports Banquet: The FCA Sports Banquet was held in the FLC on Tuesday, May 24. The room was beautifully decorated and the delicious food was prepared by Mrs. Rick Price and her team. Athletes were recognized eloquently. A successful athletic program cannot be measured solely on wins and losses. There are so many more aspects to be achieved than X's and O's. We are blessed with outstanding coaches and assistants who pour their lives into our students and spend many hours in character building and skills training. Recently, our baseball program made great strides in their second year. FCA is grateful for our head coach, Shane Johnson and his assistant, Brian Mott. These athletes worked hard and were rewarded with many victories. The middle school team finished the season with a record of 4 wins and 14 losses. The varsity team finished 4 and 4. Season total 8 wins and 18 losses. Last year was zero wins. Great job baseball team! We are proud of you and looking forward to an even better year in 2017.

Also recently, our FCA Archery Team ended a great season. They competed at the Newberry Easton Archery Complex for the national championship. There were 272 archers participating from all across the U.S. FCA had one student place in the top 10—congratulations to Rebekah Stone for her 4th place finish in the high school girls division! Our other high school students were Emily Keene, Emily Noah, Maddie Donnelly, Kaytlynne Moody, Garrett Barrelle, T.J. Fuller, Noah Combs and Dustin Heal. Middle School was represented by Aiden Collins, Jack Sloan, Jordan Webb, Caleb Rodgers, Kolton Williams, Kenzie Wigglesworth, Anna Mills and Ashlee Mowrer. Well done, everyone!

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!

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 is ending in June so we will no longer be collecting those labels. And also, thank you to everyone who turns in Box Tops for Education! We just sent off a huge package and should be receiving that check soon! Thank you!! Keep up the great work!!

Student Services, Mrs. Theresa Stone: FCA recently began investigating the details involved for us to offer a Dual Enrollment Program to our high school students. We are happy to announce that we recently received our signed Articulation Agreement with Santa Fe College. FCA students in Grade 11 and Grade 12 will be able to take classes at Santa Fe College and receive high school credit and college credit. This is another huge milestone for our school.

Teachers Sharing Classroom Excitement:

Kindergarten, Mrs. Lori Clark and Katie West: “Check out the giant insects on display that Kindergarten made as we learned about insects and animals God created with intricate detail for His glory. We will be wrapping up our school year together with a family picnic and fun at the Alachua Rec Center Spray Park.”

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First Grade, Mrs. Abby Ours: "First Grade thoroughly enjoyed Spirit Week! Mrs. Ours and Peyton Williams matched and both dressed up like Charlie Brown on Character Day. We also enjoyed being "Team Pink" on Team Color Day at the pep Rally. First Grade is also looking forward to our Water Day on Monday, June 6th, to celebrate all of our hard work this year."

Second Grade, Mrs. Kim Friar and Lindsey Bigelow: "The Second Grade classes have been working on making a Bible Memory Verse Book, which contains all of the verses we have memorized this school year. Each child is adding illustrations to make the book more memorable. We have learned the multiplication and division fact families for 0-5 and look forward to learning more in Third Grade! For the end-of-the year we will go to Splitz for a bowling party on June 6th."

Third Grade, Mrs. Kelli Rumore: "The 3rd Grade has had an amazing year! We started the school year off with 8 new students! We are very excited to announce that all of our classmates have mastered their multiplication facts and we will be celebrating with a banana split party!!! We are also very thrilled that there are only a few days left until summer break."

Fifth Grade, Mrs. Cindy Collins: Our 5th grade Safety Patrol students and chaperones went to Washing D.C. May 11-15. It was a great trip. I think everyone had a wonderful time exploring our nation's capital. There were two parents on the trip that went to DC when they were in the 5th Grade. Lots of reminiscing.

High School, Mrs. Elizabeth Betonio: "What a great blessing from GOD! I always enjoy teaching Science, most especially this year at FCA. It is a great blessing to teach Science God's way. Teaching Science in Christian curriculum is significant. I always regard Science as God's special subject. The scope and content of the subject is His Creation. What a great privilege it is to study, learn, and explore the depth of God's creation. Whenever we talk about Science, we always associate it with terms, concepts, and processes. Most students would think that it is a hard subject, since it involves reading, analyzing, memorizing, and even working in the Laboratory. FCA believes that it is the venue where students will learn, study, explore God's creation and consequently will result in knowing God more, His power, and His being. The more the students will know God, the more they will love Him, praise Him, seek His ways, and serve Him. The Biology class just had the Fish Dissection Laboratory. They all had fun! They learned about the anatomy and physiology of a fish. They exercised the proper standards of laboratory work. The team work of the students was remarkable. They performed the activity excellently. Let us hear from some of the Science students picked at random while they were eating lunch.

Ryan Beasely: I believe in the Creation Mandate and I believe that it is for everybody.

Noah Combs: I saw the respiratory and digestive systems, and the other body structures inside the fish when we opened up its body.

Ivy Emerson: God issued the Creation Mandate to everyone, to all mankind. It is our responsibility to use His creation wisely and for His glory.

Joshua Johnson: It is important to study Science based on the Bible so that we can learn how to exercise our dominion that God gave us over the earth.

Gordon Jones: It is important to have Christian Education in Science because it teaches us the truth, that God created us.

Emily Keene: I have learned that God delicately designed everything, even a tiny fish. I was overwhelmed with God's power when I was looking at the anatomy of the fish.

Alana Lambert: We should study Science based on the Bible so we can understand it better and we can have the truth.

Steven Nugent: I learned many things in Science, especially about Climate and the Creation Mandate.

Blake Petteway: The irreducible complexity of life is amazing. It is great evidence that God is the Intelligent Designer. One structure or body system in an organism is related and important to the other. It is impossible for life to exist and survive if the other body part has just evolved from one.

Kaitlyn Petteway: Fish dissection showed me the intricate design that God put in all animals. Every organ was so delicate yet so important. It was really neat!

Michaela Potter: We can study what both Secular and Christian Scientists believe and learn facts that we can use to defend ourselves and our faith. We also learned through the Creation Mandate to protect and preserve the Earth. We should use our resources wisely.

Junah Rumore: Sometimes, I am challenged in my belief, mostly in the Science category. The things that I am learning help me often to defend my belief and help me build a strong foundation for it.

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High School, Mrs. Melody Petteway: "The 7th – 10th Graders enjoyed a brief field trip to Camp Kulaqua due to the bad weather and power outage. Despite this interruption of the water activities, the students still had a wonderful time playing football, Frisbee, and nine-square back at school. They also spent time playing board games and watching movies. It was a super day to celebrate the end of the year and enjoy friendships before summer break. Student Government week took place during School Spirit Week in order to elect new officers for next year. Lots of great leadership at FCA!! Hope everyone has a safe and blessed summer."

Linda Petteway



The totals are in and approximately \$60,000 was raised for the Cellon-Thomas Campus of the Florida Baptist Children's Homes! Thank you to all that participated.

There will be an open house on June 18, 2016 to celebrate the opening and dedication of the new home at the Cellon-Thomas campus. Please join us on Saturday June 18, 2016, from 10:00 am to Noon. Dr. Jerry Haag will be our guest speaker. The Cellon-Thomas Campus is located at 17224 N SR 121, Gainesville Florida 32653.



Help your local Crisis Pregnancy Center offer Life and Truth to women, men and children in our community. Pick up a baby bottle **TODAY**. Fill the bottle with your change, cash or check (made out to Women's Resource and Medical Clinic) and return it, in the blue basket in the Church Foyer, on or before Father's Day, June 19th.



"Camp RE: New" Create in me a clean heart, O God, and Renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10. Student Camp will be July 24 – 27, 2016. The cost is \$75.00. For more information, contact Matthew Humphries.



Dear Friends at FBC,

Thank you so much for your generous contribution of laundry detergent, dish detergent, towels, trash bags, food storage bags, t-shirts, socks, and underwear received at our Gainesville Campus. Faithful partners like you propel our organization because your philanthropic support gives wings to our ministry. Over the past twelve months, financial supporters like yourself have enabled us to serve more children and families who needed either a home for safety, nourishment for strength, or Christ for spiritual growth.

Thank you for standing with us and investing in the lives of others. Your generosity demonstrates a commitment to our mission of providing Christ-centered services to children and families in need.

Together for Children,

Melissa Pool, FBCH

Dear Brother Derek,

It was a great blessing to be a part of your worship service on May, 22, 2016. Thank you for the warm and gracious reception I received. You made us feel so welcome!

The offering in the amount of \$958.00 is evidence of the partnership between the church and the Gideons International in providing the word of God to a lost world. Please know that these funds will be used in their entirety to provide 767 new testaments or 192 hotel Bibles. Let us pray for searching hearts to be touched and for souls to be saved by way of these scriptures.

Thank you again for your gracious hospitality and your prayerful support of the Gideon's work. We pray that you continue to enjoy God's abundant blessings for yourself, your family and your ministry in the days ahead.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jeff Tippens