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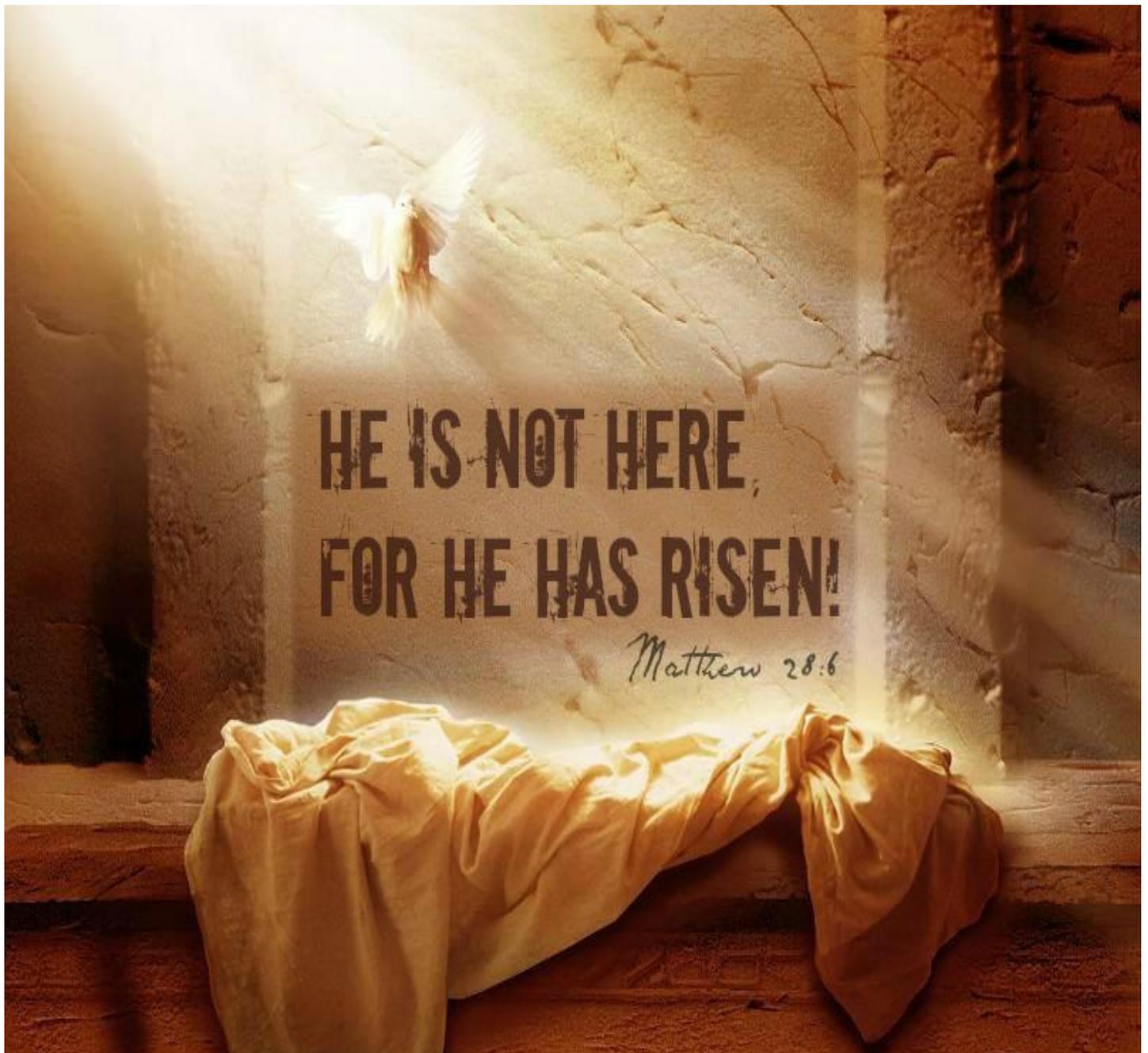
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First Baptist Church Mission Statement

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

In a world full of mixed messages coming from every different direction what voice will you and I listen to? If we're not careful we will listen to the wrong one. God's Word is clear. The Psalmist says it so well:

THE GRIND OF COMPROMISE

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the path of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!
But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in its season
And its leaf does not wither;
And in whatever he does, he prospers.
The wicked are not so,
But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will perish. (Psalm 1)

Struggling, doubting...? Trouble at work, with your kids, your spouse, or finances....it might be good for us to look back and re-read Exodus.

Exodus 4:6-7 English Standard Version (ESV)

6 Again, the Lord said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. 7 Then God said, "Put your hand back inside your cloak." So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh.

If the God of this universe has the power to perform this demonstration of His power to Moses, is there anything He can't do? Satan the father of all lies wants you and I to believe God doesn't care and that He isn't concerned with us or our lives. That simple is not true.

139 O Lord, You have looked through me and have known me. 2 You know when I sit down and when I get up. You understand my thoughts from far away. 3 You look over my path and my lying down. You know all my ways very well. 4 Even before I speak a word, O Lord, You know it all. 5 You have closed me in from behind and in front. And You have laid Your hand upon me. 6 All You know is too great for me. It is too much for me to understand.

Yes He cares! Read Psalm 139 and get more insight into how much He cares...

In Christ, Bro. Tim



FROM YOUR DEACONS

We spend a lot of time on making sure we look right. We spend a lot of time making sure we have the things that others have. We spend a lot of time trying to fit in, trying to be part of the crowd, trying to be accepted. It is no different in the Body of Christ.

Wow! Look how many likes I have on this post in Facebook. Or, everybody is Retweeting my Tweet from last night. Not many people said anything to me last night at the party. Only two people spoke to me this morning at church. Isn't it crazy how we associate these kind of things with how popular we are or how liked we are? We all really do crave acceptance. It can make all the difference in the world in the body of Christ. If we took this to heart and put it into practice then we wouldn't have nearly as many people coming for a little while to church and disappearing. We also might realize that we are all in this together and we need each other. Paul believed this and wrote about it in Romans chapter 15.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Romans 15:7

He even went so far as to make it an imperative. As well as giving us a standard to go by. Not a human standard, accept each other like you are being accepted. He gave us a divine standard -- just as Christ accepted you. Thank God that Christ didn't look at me and say to himself, he really doesn't have much to offer, or he is different than me and what a sinner -- he will have to clean up his act if he wants to be one of mine. No -- he looked at me and stretched out his arms to be nailed to a cross -- he accepted me, not on my own merit, but on His love.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

This kind of acceptance into God's family has eternally impacted my life and changed my affections. When I think on Christ and what he has done for me, it makes it much easier to accept others. We must realize that each of us has a role to play in Christ' Church, this role is as simple as looking around and finding those that need acceptance in our midst and doing what Paul commanded - accepting each other for the Glory and Praise of God. When we do this it helps each of us realize how much we have in common, we all need a savior and we all have an equal standing (2 Peter 1:1) in Gods eyes. So, let's accept one another, like Christ accepted us. If we do, it will Glorify God and lives will be changed.

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This is election year, we need to be much in prayer for our country and what it means to us and our children and grandchildren. We know God is in control but he expects us to do our job as well.

Here are a couple of new books we would like to mention:

We Cannot Be Silent: Speaking Truth To A Culture Redefining Sex, Marriage, & the Very Meaning of Right & Wrong by R. Albert Mohler: "Twenty years ago, not one nation on earth had legal same-sex marriage. Now, access to same-sex marriage is increasingly seen as a basic human right. In a matter of less than a generation, western cultures have experience a moral revolution. Dr. R. Albert Mohler examines how this transformation occurred, revealing the underlying cultural shifts behind this revolution: the acceptance of divorce culture, liberation of sex from production, the prevalence of heterosexual cohabitation, the normalization of homosexuality, and the rise of the transgender movement. He then offers a deep look at how the Bible and Christian moral tradition provide a comprehensive understanding upon which Christians can build their personal lives, their marriages, church ministry, and cultural engagement.

Dr. Mohler helps Christians in their understanding of the underlying issues of this significant cultural shift and how to face the challenge of believing faithfully, living faithfully, and engaging the culture faithfully in light of this massive change."-- Publisher (Call # 261.8 Moh)

Onward: Engaging the Culture Without Losing the Gospel by Russell D. Moore: "As the culture changes all around us, it is no longer possible to pretend that we are a Moral Majority. That may be bad news for America, but it can be good news for the church. What's needed now, in shifting times, is neither a doubling-down on the status quo nor a pullback into isolation. Instead, we need a church that speaks to social and political issues with a bigger vision in mind: that of the gospel of Jesus Christ. As Christianity seems increasingly strange, and even subversive, to our culture, we have the opportunity to reclaim the freakishness of the gospel, which is what gives it its power in the first place. We seek the kingdom of God, before everything else. We connect that kingdom agenda to the culture around us, both by speaking it to the world and by showing it in our churches. As we advocate for human dignity, for religious liberty, for family stability, let's do so as those with a prophetic word that turns everything upside down. The signs of the times tell us we are in for days our parents and grandparents never knew. But that's no call for panic or surrender or outrage. Jesus is alive. Let's act like it. Let's follow Him, onward to the future."— Publisher (Call # 261.1 Moo)

Stop by your library and inquire. If you need assistance we're here to help. Don't hesitate to ask.

Just want to remind everyone, we still have the new history books available for \$30.00.

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:

March 1: Open enrollment begins for new FCA students and families

March 21-25: Easter Break, FCA will be closed, however, the preschool will be open Monday through Thursday during regular hours. The preschool will be closed for Good Friday, March 25.

April 18-22: Standardized achievement testing, K-10 grades

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.

High School News: FCA will add grade 11 this coming August and add grade 12 in the fall of 2017. We will have our first-ever graduating class in June of 2018. How exciting! Exhilarating discussions around campus include Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP) classes, Homecoming, National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, PSAT, SAT/ACT, high school electives for next year and much more!

Property Improvements Appeal Fund: 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!

Basketball, Coach Rick Price and Alan Dubose:

February 8 marked our final games for these two teams and thanks for your support of these hardworking teams. Next year we will have 5 basketball teams: Varsity Boys, JV Boys and Middle School Boys; Varsity Girls and JV Girls.

Stayed tuned for upcoming announcements concerning basketball camps and open gym for the summer months.

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!

Honor Roll: Go Lions! Congratulations!!

ACSI Spelling Bee: The Association of Christian Schools International held its district Spelling Bee in Jacksonville on February 18. Representing FCA were: Madison Brown, Bella Rumore, Jeru Betonio, Jacob Potter, Ashton Listzwan, Blake Petteway, Joshua Rodgers, and Michaela Potter, Blake won the 7th Grade competition! Congratulations to all these hard working students! Go Lions!

Archery, Coach Pat Combs: FCA hosted a 4-school match of Junior Varsity and Varsity teams on February 6. Congratulations to our Varsity Team for their first victory of 2016! Go 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!!

Teachers Sharing Classroom Excitement:

Kindergarten, Mrs. Lori Clark and Katie West: In December kindergarten raised \$145 to donate to One Hope Ministry to provide gospel books to children in other countries. In February, we visited residents at Plantation Oaks and recited scripture, passed out artwork, cookies and played games. It was a wonderful visit for the children as well as the residents.

Third Grade, Mrs. Kelli Rumore: "Third grade had a wonderful time at the Olustee Festival on Friday, February 12. We also celebrated Valentine's Day by exchanging Valentines and making goodie bags and handmade cards for a rehabilitation center in Gainesville."

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Shoran Potter: Our sixth graders had a wonderful field trip to the Kennedy Space Center on Friday, February 26 to celebrate the conclusion of their Space Study.

High School, Mrs. Melody Petteway: Seventh thru tenth grade eligible students (3.5 GPA, or higher + leadership + responsibility) are applying for the first National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society admissions for FCA. High Schoolers enjoyed a field trip to Sea World on February 29. Our district Math Olympics for grades Third through Eighth is coming up in April in Jacksonville. Go Lions! FCA Tenth graders took the PSAT on February 24 and Eighth and Ninth Graders have now taken it, also.

First Graders on the A Honor Roll: Peyton English, Tifton Green, Ethan Innarelli, Beau Ivey, Luke Ivey, Rachel Keim, Cayden Latimer, Chloe Listzwan, Caleb Martin, Payten Mincey, Connor Moore, Julianna Mott, Karlee Noah, Brayden Pedersen, Isaiah Robinson, Kaylin Schwarz, Avery Shine, Shep Simmons, Kaitlin Sommers, Amelia Stephenson, Logan Sweat, Joy Teague, Preston Thompson, Ryan Wedding and Connor Yost. First Graders on the A/B Honor Roll: Mickey Doyle, Ronnie Klys, Allie Mizell, Izzy Allen, Aubrie Blair, Faris McClure, John Wingfield, Landon Latimer, Tedrick Moore, Niko Phillips, Emma Smith, and Peyton Williams. Second Graders on the A Honor Roll: Cohen Bennett, Ruth Betonio, Sammy Cloud, Dalton Gruenwald, Ayla Hawkins, Andrew Heal, Wyatt Lowkewicz, Reagan Matthews, Claire Shepherd, Addison Stubbs, Daniel Swing, Katherine Urig, and Austin Yost. Second Graders on the A/B Honor Roll: Kari Thomas, Genesis Arce, J.J. Carter, Emma Cousins, Makayla Davis, Samuel Rodgers, Alyssa Soto, Cole Conner, Eli Emerick, Logan Jennings, and Jack Wallace. Third Graders on the A Honor Roll: Annabeth Green, Grady Noah, Tyler Taopo and Mason Williams. Third Graders on the A/B Honor Roll: Morgan Earnhart, Carmen Guzman, Michael VanMersbergen, and Makayla Price. Fourth Graders on the A/B Honor Roll: Katie Radder, Noa Radziminski, Shay Emerson, Brent Lavinder, Harley Swilley and Erika Acuna. Fifth Graders on the A Honor Roll: Madison Brown, Tyler Cousins, Madisyn Jennings, Lainey Maupin and Riley Yost. Fifth Graders on the A/B Honor Roll: Annmarie Mowrer, Bella Rumore, Kendall Williams, Will Fuller, Kyle Hiatt, Aiden Smith, Jarrett Davis and Kaden Reed. Sixth Graders on the A/B Honor Roll: Jeru Betonio, Jacob Potter, Zachary Brecken, Caleb Johnson, Jordan Webb, Grade Ivey, Ellie Keesling, Sam Cowart and Whit Davis. Seventh Graders on the A Honor Roll: Chesney Brown, Matt Green, Blake Petteway, and Kenzie Wigglesworth. Seventh Graders on the A/B Honor Roll: Aidan Collins, R.J. Jennings, Bella Lambert, Yonce Moore, Ashton Listzwan, Austin Willis, and Trent Steedley. Eighth Graders on the A Honor Roll: David Bowden, Steven Nugent and Michaela Potter. Eighth Graders on the A/B Honor Roll: Ryan Beasley, Junah Rumore, Jenna Sullivan, Ashlee Mowrer, Josh Fellow Motorcycle riders of FBC, we are currently anticipating a group ride to the Daytona Beach area Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 am, to ride as an FBC Christian group for the Bike Week events. The plan is to stop for breakfast Johnson, Mason and Joshua Rodgers. Ninth Graders on the A Honor Roll: Ivy Emerson, Kaitlyn Petteway and Emily Keene. Ninth Graders on the A/B Honor Roll: Thomas Wingfield, Britani Johnson, Alana Lambert, Noah Combs, Ryan Salom, Emily Noah, Kumareon Robinson and Maddie Donnelly. Tenth Graders on the A Honor Roll: Maggie Zawoy. Tenth Graders on the A/B Honor Roll: T.J. Fuller, Garrett Barrelle, Rebekah Stone, and Madisen Sabatino. Submitted by Linda Petteway

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Sunday, March 13, 2016

Florida Baptist Children's Homes is seeking to employ a part-time, Gainesville based Administrative Assistant for its North region. The Administrative Assistant will provide support services to appropriate personnel, programs, and clients to enhance the overall program. Applicants must have at minimum a high school diploma or a GED, with advanced education preferred. The ideal candidate will have strong attention to detail, be well organized, have excellent communication and internal customer service skills, and have a solid working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Please visit the website for further information:

<https://www.fbchomes.org/employment/administrative-assistant-gainesville/>

Brotherhood Breakfast



Please join us for our men's breakfast on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 7:00 am in the FLC. It will be a time of food, fellowship and prayer. Hope to see you there.



I would like to express many thanks to my church family. Thanks to the members who visited Ron in the hospital and said prayers over him. Thanks for the get-well cards, phone calls, and food. I know we wanted so

much to be in the Lord's house. We would have our own church at home "as two or more are gathered in my name."

Linda Yates and family



Fellow Motorcycle riders of FBC, we are currently anticipating a group ride to the Daytona Beach area Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 am, to ride as an FBC Christian group for the Bike Week events. The plan is to stop for breakfast on the way and

riding to the events, starting from the south and working north so as to return by afternoon/evening. If you want to participate, contact one of the following: Rick (386) 853-5633; Eric (386) 853-0557; Chris (386) 497-4052.



Grace Marketplace (a one-stop assistance center for people without housing) needs volunteers to cook, clean up, make desserts and rolls, help serve food, pass out literature, pray and witness on Saturday, March 19th from 2:00 – 5:30 pm.

Dinner will be served at 4:00 pm. The address is 3055 NE 28th Drive, Gainesville. For more information contact Sylvia Mathis at 352-231-6379.



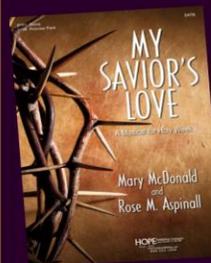
Do something amazing! Please give blood Sunday, March 27, 2016 from 9:15 am – 1:00 pm. All donors receive a recognition T-shirt and cholesterol screening.

"MY SAVIOR'S LOVE"

A Musical For Holy Week

PRESENTED BY THE
NORTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH
WORSHIP CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Easter Sunday
March 27th at 10:45 a.m.



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"I died, and behold I am alive forevermore!"
- Revelation 1:18