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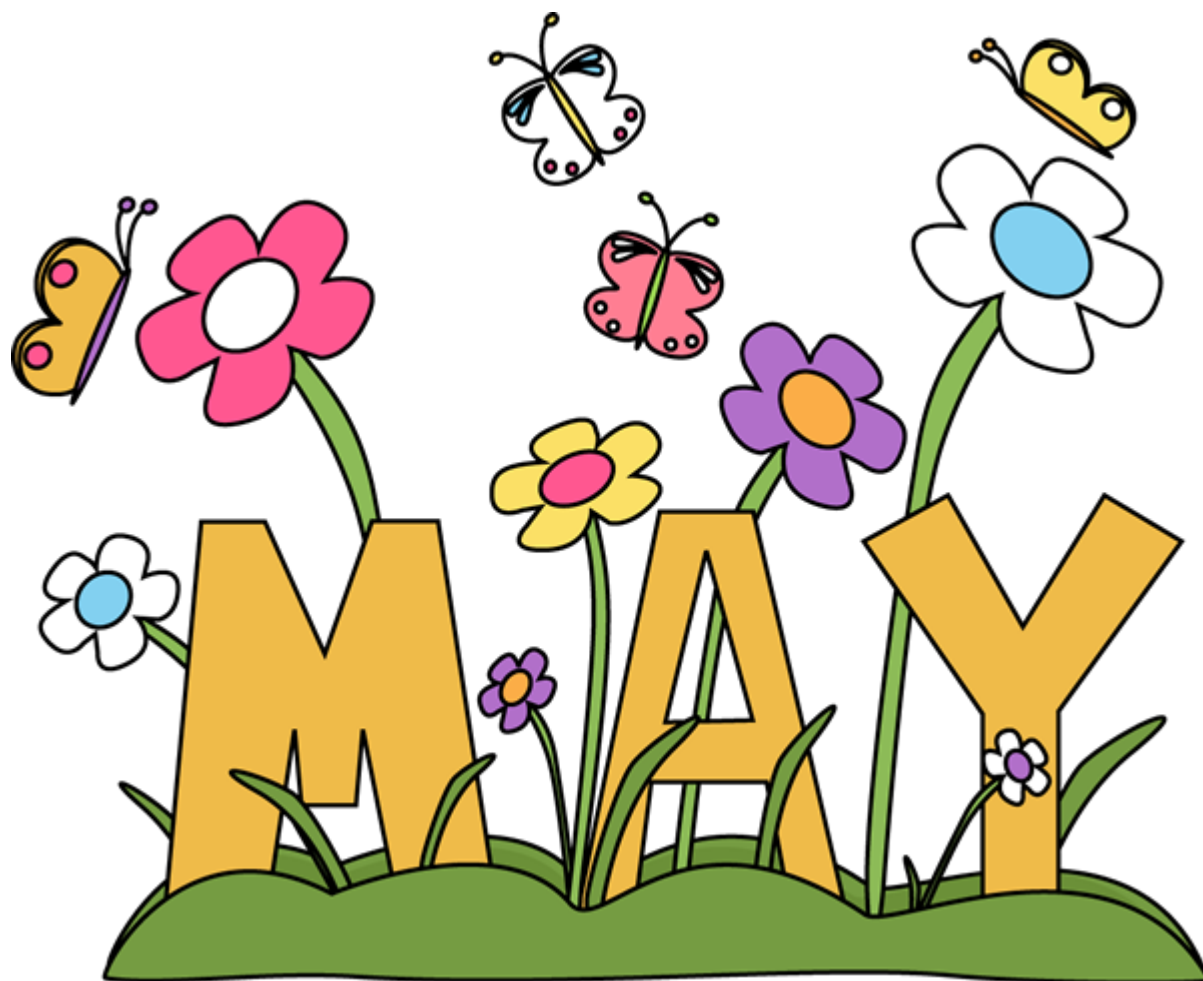
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## First Baptist Church Mission Statement

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





## TIM'S NOTES

*Jesus Is Your Door*  
By Dr. Henry Blackaby

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. John 10:7



As Christians, we talk about God “opening doors” to us as a means of His revealing His will. What we are asking God to do is engineer our circumstances to match what we think would be best. The problem is that we misunderstand what the door is. Jesus said He is the door. Circumstances are irrelevant, for no one can shut the door that Jesus opens (Rev. 3:8). If you have substituted activity for your relationship with Christ, then circumstances can disrupt your activity. When the activity is hindered, you may assume the door has been closed. Yet, if Christ is the door in your life, He will guide you into every experience of Him that He wants, and there will be nothing that people can do to stop Him.

When Paul and Silas were thrown into prison at Philippi, it appeared that the door to their ministry in Greece had been violently and firmly closed (Acts 16:22-24). The reality of their situation, however, was that their Lord had opened a door of ministry to a previously unreached group of men in prison. The Philippian jailer and his household would become a significant nucleus of the new church in Philippi. From a human perspective, a door had been closed; from God's perspective, Paul and Silas continued to minister exactly where God wanted them to.

When people oppose us, we can become discouraged or worry about what others are doing to us. We may even try to take matters into our own hands to accomplish what we think God wants. This reveals that we do not really believe Jesus is the door for our lives. If we did, we would be assured that through Christ we have access to everything He wants to do in and through us.

In Christ, Bro. Tim



## FROM YOUR DEACONS

How is your Faith these days?

What an odd question. Shouldn't you be asking about my service to God? How I'm doing with my church attendance or how my life connection class is going. Or maybe how is your tithing or involvement in this particular ministry or that one going? All of these things can definitely indicate that we as Christians are involved and thriving in our Church and that we are doing the things that committed Christians do. But they don't necessarily mean that we are growing in our relationship with God through Christ. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).

We must remember that all of our efforts are not going to get us anywhere with God if we don't have the right motives. During Christ's Sermon on the Mount, he tells the listeners that their righteousness must exceed the Pharisees (Matthew 5:20) or they won't get to Heaven. This righteousness is not something that we can produce by effort it is only a product of our Faith in Christ.

*Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— **Philippians 3:8-9***

So, how is your Faith these days?

Is it helping you daily to walk (2 Corinthians 5:7) in a manner worthy of His calling? Is it the driving force behind your decisions even when it doesn't make sense? Is your focus on doing the work of ministry or knowing Christ Jesus and making Him famous? I don't know about you but it is real easy for me to get so focused on ministry that I miss what it is really about, getting to know our Savior and Lord and showing others how much he means to me. Like Paul it has to be our primary focus in life. We can literally work ourselves to death in His name and still not know Christ (Matthew 7:23). In the day to day grind, we must not lose our focus. A focus that centers around first loving and seeking God with all our hearts and secondly the people that God puts in our path for various reasons. Whether a child who is in the youth group, a Pray-Then-Play parent, a widow, or a first time visitor, etc. We must be mindful that we have a role to play. This role isn't any different than any Christ follower's role. It is simply to Glorify God in the way that we live out his Holy word in our lives and to show all who come into contact with us what our Savior means to us. Always pointing others toward Christ, we hopefully impact some of them for His Glory. Like it says in Hebrews chapter 11, By Faith..... What kind of By Faith statement are our lives making?

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January-March 2016

Books:

Youth and Adults 507  
 J Section (Older Children) 972  
 C Section (Younger Children) 988

VHS 1  
 DVDs 85  
 Die Cuts 3  
 Kits 7  
 Periodicals 4  
 Equipment 18  
 Homebound – DVDs 12

TOTAL 2,591

In-House Usage:

Books 85  
 Periodicals 30

Collection Statistics: Added -- Deleted

Books 233 1  
 DVDs 2 0  
 Kits 1 0

Patron Statistics: Added 6

Here is a wonderful biography that we would like to recommend: **Undivided: A Muslim Daughter, Her Christian Mother, Their Path To Freedom** by Patricia Raybon and Alana Raybon: "Mom, I have something I need to tell you..." "They didn't talk. Not for ten years. Not about faith anyway. Instead, a mother and daughter tiptoed with pain around the deepest gulf in their lives – the daughter's choice to leave the church, convert to Islam and become a practicing Muslim. **Undivided** is a real-time story of healing and understanding with alternating narratives from each as they struggle to learn how to love each other in a whole new way."

"This is a book for mothers and daughters struggling with interfaith and interpersonal tensions of all kinds, and is equally meaningful for anyone concerned about the conversation that desperately needs to take place in America between Christians and Muslims divided by faith." (Call # B Ray)

From the library staff wishing all moms a very Happy Mother's Day. What would we do without our moms. I had a very special mom and a great mom-in-law. Miss you both.

Janet H. Bridges  
 Library

THINGS MOM WOULD NEVER SAY

"How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?"

Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too."

"Just leave all the lights on...it makes the house look more cheery."

"Let me smell that shirt...Yeah, it's good for another week."



"Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I'll be glad to feed and walk him every day."

Well, if Rahul's mamma says its OK then it's good enough for me."

The curfew if just a general time to shoot for. It's not like I'm running a prison around here."

"I don't have a tissue with me...just use your sleeve."

Don't bother wearing a jacket – the wind-chill is bound to improve."



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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:

May 20: Elementary school Talent Show

May 20: Seventh-10<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Camp Kulaqua Water Park

May 24: Athletic Awards Banquet

May 23-27: Spirit Week and Student Government Week

May 30: Memorial Day, FCA closed

June 8: Last day of school (K-9grades); end of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter; report cards mailed

June 9: VPK Graduation

June 9: Teacher/Staff post planning

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](http://fcahighsprings.org).

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: 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!!

Student Services, Mrs. Theresa Stone: “Grades K-10 successfully completed testing week (SAT10 and OLSAT – standardized achievement tests). National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremonies were held on March 29 (NJHS for students in grades 7-9; NHS for grade 10). High School students are working diligently to complete their Community Service hours. FCA's Student Council is working on organizing 2 end of the school year activities: a Pep Rally to honor our spring athletes of Archery and Baseball; and Spirit

Week/Student Government Week (May 23-27). Thank you, church body, for your prayers for our school!”

### Teachers Sharing Classroom Excitement:

Kindergarten, Mrs. Lori Clark and Katie West: “Kindergarten is busy preparing for our Little Red Hen production to be presented Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 pm in the Black Box Theatre. Also that night, our wonderful students will recite all 26 Bible verses they have learned this year!”

Second Grade, Mrs. Kim Friar and Lindsey Bigelow: “We finished standardized testing. The kids worked hard and students were on time! Second grade had a field trip to Wonder Works. It was a nice way to end our testing week and everyone had a great time. Thank you to our parent, Mr. Urig, for driving the bus. We will take one more fun field trip to celebrate the end of the year. We are going to Splitz for a bowling adventure. We are winding down the year with a review of the many things we have learned this year.”

Third Grade, Mrs. Kelli Rumore: “Aiden Delaney has returned to our school this month! We had a great week testing and are very excited for summer break! Only 5 Mondays and 31 school days left!”

High School, Mrs. Marla Campbell: “The 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades are going on a field trip to Camp Kulaqua on Friday, May 20 for an end-of-year fun day at the water park. Some of our ninth grade students have also begun recording a weekly broadcast on youtube.com called FCA News. The middle and high school students are able to watch it during Bible or homeroom. Our Spirit Week and Student Government week will be combined. We will have several activities that week designed to show our FCA spirit. Students will also be running for Student Government offices for the 2016-17 school year, campaigning among their peers and making speeches. All of this will lead up to voting for our FCA officers on that Friday. Please, pray for us as we wrap up this school year.”

High School, Mrs. Melody Petteway: “FCA participated in the Math Olympics in Jacksonville on April 8. Thirty-four FCA students qualified. We received 17 ribbons which means 50% of our students placed in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place in the categories of Computation and Reasoning. Thank you to all of the parents who drove and volunteered to help.

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Parent volunteers were Shoran Potter, Susan Wigglesworth, Susan Sloan, and Heather Byrd. Attending were Dilyn Koon (3<sup>rd</sup> place in Computation), Hunter Byrd, Morgan Earnhart, Carmen Guzman, Gabriel Tomlin, Michael Van Mersbergan from Third Grade. Noa Radziminski (2<sup>nd</sup> place in Computation), Logan Shine (4<sup>th</sup> place in Computation), Amber Rogers, Brent Lavinder, Colt Patterson from Fourth Grade. Madisyn Jennings (1<sup>st</sup> place in Computation), Alaina Maupin (2<sup>nd</sup> place in Computation), Madison Brown (3<sup>rd</sup> place in Computation), Tyler Cousins (1<sup>st</sup> place and medal for scoring at least 85% correct), Will Fuller, Annmarie Mowrer from Fifth Grade. Zachary Brecken (1<sup>st</sup> place and medal for scoring at least 85% correct), Samantha Cowart (2<sup>nd</sup> place for Computation), Ellie Keesling, Jacob Potter (4<sup>th</sup> place in Reasoning), Jack Sloan, Jordan Webb. Aidan Collins (2<sup>nd</sup> place in Computation), Matthew Green, Blake Petteway (1<sup>st</sup> place in Reasoning), Kenzie Wigglesworth (3<sup>rd</sup> place in Reasoning), Billy Conwell from Seventh Grade. Michaela Potter (1<sup>st</sup> place and medal for scoring at least 85% correct), David Bowden (5<sup>th</sup> place in Computation), Josh Rodgers, Steven Nugent (1<sup>st</sup> place and medal for scoring at least 85% correct), Ryan Beasley (2<sup>nd</sup> place for Reasoning), Ashlee Mowrer. We will be enjoying our end-of-the-year field trip to Camp Kulaqua on May 20."

Submitted by Linda Petteway

### WHY GOD MADE MOMS

Answers given by 2<sup>nd</sup> grade school children to the following questions:

#### **Why did God make mothers?**

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

#### **How did God make mothers?**

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same as he made me. He just used bigger parts.

#### **What ingredients are mothers made of?**

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string.

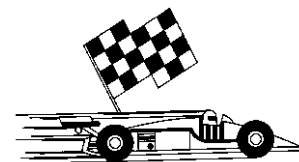
#### **Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?**

1. We're related.
2. God knew she liked me a lot more than other people's mom liked me.



We are now registering for our VBS Day Camp, June 27 – 30, 2016, 8:30 am – Noon. This is for children currently in Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

The "Victory Cup Challenge" will be Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Gym. For more information, contact Jeff Friar.



The next Quarterly Ministry Celebration will be Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



Help your local Crisis Pregnancy Center offer Life and Truth to women, men and children in our community. Pick up a baby bottle from the Church Foyer. 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 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Women's Resource and Medical Clinic invites you to be the first to see the new name, logo and promotional materials. Light refreshments will be served prior to the presentation, on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Plantation Hall, Haile Village Center.

