



# 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.

MARCH, 2015



*ANNUAL ART SHOW*

*AT FCA*

*ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>*

*AT 6:30 PM*





## TIM'S NOTES

### MISSIONS THROUGH THE ARTS MISSION TRIP

We are working on our next music project for Student Choir. We will be using this music on our Mission Trip in June. The Dates are June 11, 12, 13 and 14, 2015' Parents & Students - Please mark your calendars. Just a reminder that The cost will be \$190.00 per person and the payment has been divided into three parts: March 15 (\$60), April 15 (\$60.00) and May 15 (\$70.00) A non-refundable deposit of \$60.00 is due by March 15, 2015.

I will be working on the trip and working out the details to be given to you at our next meeting which will be announced. Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's guidance in all that He wishes for us to be involved in.

On a side note the guy below reminds me of what it felt like at a recent doctor visit...well maybe not that bad, but it did get my attention. Why is it so hard to lose weight? I know many of you here have shared your stories with me. There is one thing I do know, it sure was more fun gaining it than trying to lose it.



**"What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"**

In Christ, Bro. Tim

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Jer. 29:11 NIV

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### **Jesus Only Jesus**

Easter Sunday Morning, April 5  
8:30 & 11:00 am

#### **Missions Through the Arts Luncheon Fundraiser**

Sunday, April 26  
Chicken and Yellow Rice, Green beans, Roll and Dessert  
Kim Carter - Chief Cook  
Cost \$6:00

#### **Redeeming Love (Has Been My Theme) A Musical Worship Celebration**

Presented by  
The Young At Heart Choir and  
The Senior Saint Singers from Westwood Baptist Church in Live Oak

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Sunday Evening, April 26th - 6:00 pm  
At Westwood Baptist Church in Live Oak

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Sunday Evening, May 3rd - 6:00 pm  
At First Baptist Church in High Springs

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Thursday Morning, May 7th - 11:00 am  
At Madison Street Baptist Church in Starke

#### **Agape League**

A Children's Musical Presentation  
Sunday, May 17th - 6:00 pm

#### **Student Choir**

#### **Missions Through the Arts Dinner Theater & Musical Presentation**

Sunday, May 31st - 5:30 pm



The next Sr. Adult Luncheon will be Tuesdays, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the FLC. Please sign up in the Church Foyer if you plan to attend.



## FROM YOUR DEACONS

Sometimes it seems we pray for a long time and God doesn't answer. He is just silent. Our situation isn't getting any better; we're at our wits end, why won't he just answer? I was encouraged the other day when I read about the Canaanite women in Matthew 15.

*22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." 23 But he did not answer a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.*

Notice when she first approached Jesus in verse 23 it says, "But he did not answer her a word." She was praying for her sick daughter, distraught like any parent would be. She was also totally unaware of her own need for a Savior. Jesus disciples were also not sympathetic and encouraged Jesus to send her away. Then when he speaks he tells the Canaanite women that his purpose was for the lost sheep of the Israelites, she must have been discouraged. She didn't give up, but when she asked again she knelt and worshipped him and just cried out for him to help her, she had realized her own need, her own lost-ness. Jesus again said it isn't right to take away the Israelite children's bread and throw it to the dogs (Canaanites). She then acknowledges him as Master, asking for his saving grace. Jesus is amazed at her faith (a saving faith), and heals her daughter.

Maybe when God doesn't answer our prayers as soon as we would like, he is waiting for us to come to a point where we realize our own need and total helplessness without Him. To come to a point of surrender and trust that transcends the boundaries of culture, human desire and pride. When we finally surrender that is when he blesses us. God isn't interested in our happiness he is interested in our eternity. If you're struggling and wondering why God isn't answering your prayers, maybe it's time to surrender...

March 9<sup>th</sup>– April 12<sup>th</sup>

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### GIVING OUR RIVER A VOICE

Help us preserve history by bringing us your old photographs of the Santa Fe River and neighboring Springs! Our Santa Fe River is archiving pictures prior to 1990 to document our local history. Photos will be scanned and returned to owner. Please schedule an appointment today by contacting President Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson at 386-454-3348. The drop-off location is 2070 SW CR 138, Fort White.



Our mission as believers is to carry the message of God's love, mercy, and redemption through His Son, Jesus Christ, to a broken world. We believe the best way to reach people is through the local church. Use the enclosed Prayer Guide to pray for those on the front lines living on mission and planting churches, and give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering so that many others may be sent.



**HEAR US ROAR!** *"No greater joy can I have than this, to HEAR that my children follow the truth. 3 John 4*

Library News:

The library has just added two more sections of shelving in the library. We are growing and I guess that's a good thing. Thank you, George Lastinger for installing our new shelves.

We would like to recommend a book for good reading: **Living in the F.O.G. by Mike Evans:**

"The revelation inside the pages of this book is life transforming. Until God gave me this revelation, I had no idea that Scriptures I had circled even as a child would have special significance in the years to come. After having seen Jesus face-to-face at the age of eleven, I knew I wanted to hear His voice again. That is what sparked this amazing search, I learned through the revelation how to hear the voice of God again and again – through His Word."

"As a little boy who desperately wanted approval, and was accustomed to nothing but rejection, I could very easily have lived my life compromising to gain acceptance. But this revelation has kept me from doing that. Instead, I have sought Divine affirmation – to turn my equity into currency, and my influence into favor. The thing that frightened me most was not that I was inadequate, but that I felt with my whole heart that I was called to manifest the light of God. I realized that staying small would not serve my world. Shrinking to accommodate my critics would not transform the world around me. The words of the prophet Jeremiah cried out to me: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.'" (Call # 248.4 Eva)

Also during Dr. McMurtry's several days of being with us and speaking on Creation this past month, the library purchased several of his books and DVDs. We are gradually adding them to our collection. Come check them out.

Janet H. Bridges  
Library

EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR:

- March 2: Enrollment for FCA 2015-2016 school year opens. Come join our team!
  - March 3: Girls Softball and Boys Baseball, Trenton Middle School, away, 4:00 pm
  - March 6: Baseball, 5:30 pm, Montverde Academy, away
  - March 7: FCA Archery first "game"
  - March 9: Girls Softball, 4:30, P.K. Yonge, home; Baseball, 5:15 pm, Crescent City @ Interlachen Tournament, away
  - March 10: FCA Spring Arts Festival, Family Life Center
  - March 12: Girls Softball and Boys Baseball, Hope Academy, away, 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm
  - March 12: ACSI Spelling Bee in Jacksonville, Grades 1-4
  - March 14: Baseball, Interlachen Tournament, away
  - March 16: Softball, 4:00 pm, Williston Middle School, away
  - March 17: Softball and Baseball, 4:00 pm, Countryside Academy, away
  - March 20: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
  - March 21: ACSI State Spelling Bee in Dunedin, Grades 5-8
  - March 23-27: Easter Break, FCA closed
  - March 23: Softball, 4:00 and 5:00 pm, Bell Middle School
  - March 27: Baseball, 4:00 pm, Lake Butler Middle School, home
  - March 30: Softball and Baseball, 4:00 pm and 4:15 pm, Trenton Middle School, home
  - March 31: Softball, 4:00 pm, Williston Middle School, home
  - May 4 – 8: Teacher Appreciation week
- FCA School Board Members: Kathy Barnes, Shelly Donnelly, David Friar, Ruth Lord, Drew Mock, Daniel Shepherd, Kim Carter, and Kim Teele.



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Accreditation: When our school began eight years ago, one of the founding priorities was becoming fully accredited. This process has been a grueling one for our administrative team, faculty, staff and school board. Every detail of our operation from curriculum, teacher credentials, policies, procedures, building and grounds, student records, standardized test results and so much more were examined by the ACSI and SAC Team. Thank you for your prayers as we are now fully accredited! The recommendation of the visiting external review team will be presented to the AdvanceED Accreditation Commissions at their June meeting. Once they approve that recommendation, we will be able to frame our certificates, add both logos to our website and school letterhead, begin the process of applying for membership to the College Board for our high school identification number for our students to take the ACT and SAT for college admissions as well as offer AP courses. We will also be able to become members of the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society and enable us to admit foreign exchange students! Thank you, First Baptist Church for honoring us with the wonderful dinner on Sunday night to celebrate!

Archery, Coach Pat Combs: FCA is competing in the OAS Florida State League, Gainesville Conference against 3 schools in our area: Riverside Christian School, Countryside Christian School and Jordon Glen School. The season will conclude with the Gainesville Conference Championship, Florida State Championship and national Championship. The team consists of students in 5-9 grades. All of our archers are trained using the USA Archery National Training System by a certified USA Archery Coach.

Spelling Bees: The following students traveled to Jacksonville on February 19 to compete in the ACSI District Bee: Alex Cangelosi, Jacob Potter, Blake Petteway, Michaela Potter, Kristina Turner, Emily Keene and Kaitlyn Petteway. Blake won the 6<sup>th</sup> grade division and Emily Keene won the 8<sup>th</sup> grade division. Emily Keene was the Grand Champion! She and Blake will compete in the Regional Bee on March 21 in Clearwater. The top 5 winners there will advance to the National ACSI Spelling Bee in Dallas, TX.

School Patrol News: Students in grades 5 and 6 that were members of our Safety Patrol program at FCA last year or at another school or are currently a Safety Patrol in 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be going to Washington, D.C. this spring! We will visit our Nation's Capital for a trip of a lifetime.

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. The Funding Factory recycles cell phones and printer cartridges. They also buy renewable tablets and laptops. If you work at a business that would donate these items or if you have these items in your home, please let us know. Thank you and please keep up the great work of donating to FCA!! (We recently received a check for \$386.70 from Box Tops for Education, thanks to your donations.)

The following teachers are reporting some very exciting things going on at FCA:

VPK: We received notification that signups for VPK for the 2015-2016 school year began on January 1. Last year the signups began in March. If you are interested, please contact the Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County.

Mrs. Shoran Potter, Fine Arts: "Our 2015 Spring Art Festival will be Tuesday, March 10 in the Family Life Center. The show will feature art projects from our VPK-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The FCA Visual Arts Club will be traveling to Georgia and Alabama during the month of March. Students will visit the High Museum in Atlanta and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts in Montgomery. Club members will also see a production of "The Importance of Being Earnest" at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival."

Mrs. Lori Clark and Katie West, Kindergarten: "In Mrs. Clark's class we recently were able to receive one bag of popcorn. I said I would share it with the class. Since we have been studying the miracles of Jesus, we decided we needed to pray before passing out the one small bag of popcorn to share with 21 children. At the end of the line each child had a nice amount of popcorn and even one handful for Mrs. Clark. The children were very excited to see how God answered our prayer and one child exclaimed, "It's a popcorn miracle!" Let's all look at our blessings as a child and recognize the Father's hand in our everyday lives. And be grateful for even the small stuff."

Mrs. Cammey Hinton, First Grade: "First graders continue to learn about the life and miracles of Jesus in Bible class. We also find many teachable moments to apply the truths of scripture in our classroom on a daily basis! In Math, we recently began two column addition and subtraction and are learning to tell time. Some very useful life skills! On March 12<sup>th</sup>, our two first grade representatives, Sammy Cloud and Bage Bussey, will compete in the ACSI Spelling Bee along with students from other ACSI schools in Florida. Sammy and Bage worked hard to win their class spelling bees and we are excited to send them on to this next level of completion!"

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Lindsey Bigelow, First Grade: "Two students per grade level (grades 1 – 4) will be representing FCA in the ACSI Regional Spelling Bee in Jacksonville on March 12. Representatives are First Grade Bage Bussey and Sammy Cloud, Second Grade Kynedi Paul and Aoni Seymour, Third Grade Katie Radder and Mason Steele, Fourth Grade Madisyn Jennings and Bella Rumore. Go Lions! The baseball and softball seasons are off to a great start for our school. Our athletes are learning every day, and our teams continue to grow stronger. Our goal is to glorify God, regardless of what the score board says. In First Grade, we are continuing our studies of Jesus and His ministry. Some of the lessons include the story of when Jesus walked on water, and the raising of Lazarus. We are working on our new memory verses which cover The Ten Commandments."

Mrs. Kim Friar, Second Grade: "Second Grade is now learning basic concepts of multiplication. We are having fun realizing how much faster it is to count knowing multiplication! We have read through our History book and learned about colonial life as well as touched on the subjects of slavery and the Civil War."

Mrs. Kelli Rumore, Third Grade: "We hope you are keeping our Tionna Moore on your prayer list. Our third grade student is still hospitalized at Shands undergoing treatment for Leukemia. You can donate blood or platelets for Tionna through Life South. Be sure and mention her account, if you do so she will receive credit."

Mrs. Melody Petteway, Middle School: "Thank you to our wonderful faith family for the accreditation dinner celebration! God continues to bless this wonderful ministry of FBCHS!! Congratulations to Emily Keene (1<sup>st</sup> place) and Blake Petteway (4<sup>th</sup> place) for representing FCA at the ACSI District Spelling Bee so well. They now get the opportunity to attend the Regional Spelling Bee in Clearwater in March!

Submitted by Linda Petteway



## FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Foster parents are needed for the FBCH Cellon-Thomas campus in Gainesville. If you know a couple who might be interested in serving in this role, contact Mary Griffis, Family Support Counselor for the homes, at 386-418-0147 or [mary.griffis@fbchomes.org](mailto:mary.griffis@fbchomes.org).

**Open House:** Cellon-Thomas Campus of FBCH, Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – noon, 17224N State Road 121, Gainesville.



The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Yerman run will be held Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at Westside Baptist Church. Registration and chip pick-up opens at 7:00 am (pick up shirts and bibs Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 7 pm, WBC) 10000 West Newberry Road, Gainesville. The event benefits the local campus of the Florida Baptist Children's Homes. Join us for this fun day!



Catherine Estes, from The Crisis Pregnancy Center, is organizing a volunteer training seminar for Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The training will be 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Mary Lou Hendry from Florida Baptist Children's Home Sanctity of Human Life office will be doing the training. For more information contact Catherine at 386-454-0411.

## DROP-IN BRIDAL SHOWER

Jerry and Sandy Carter are hosting a Drop-In Shower for their daughter, Beth, and future son-in-law, Matt Winters, on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at their home – 9414 NW SR 45, High Springs. The couple is registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.



Pray-then-Play Football Registration is open. We need football coaches, referees, and concession workers. If you are willing to volunteer, a sign-up sheet is in the Church Foyer. Football Evaluation is Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Games begin April 9<sup>th</sup> and will be Thursday and Friday Evenings.