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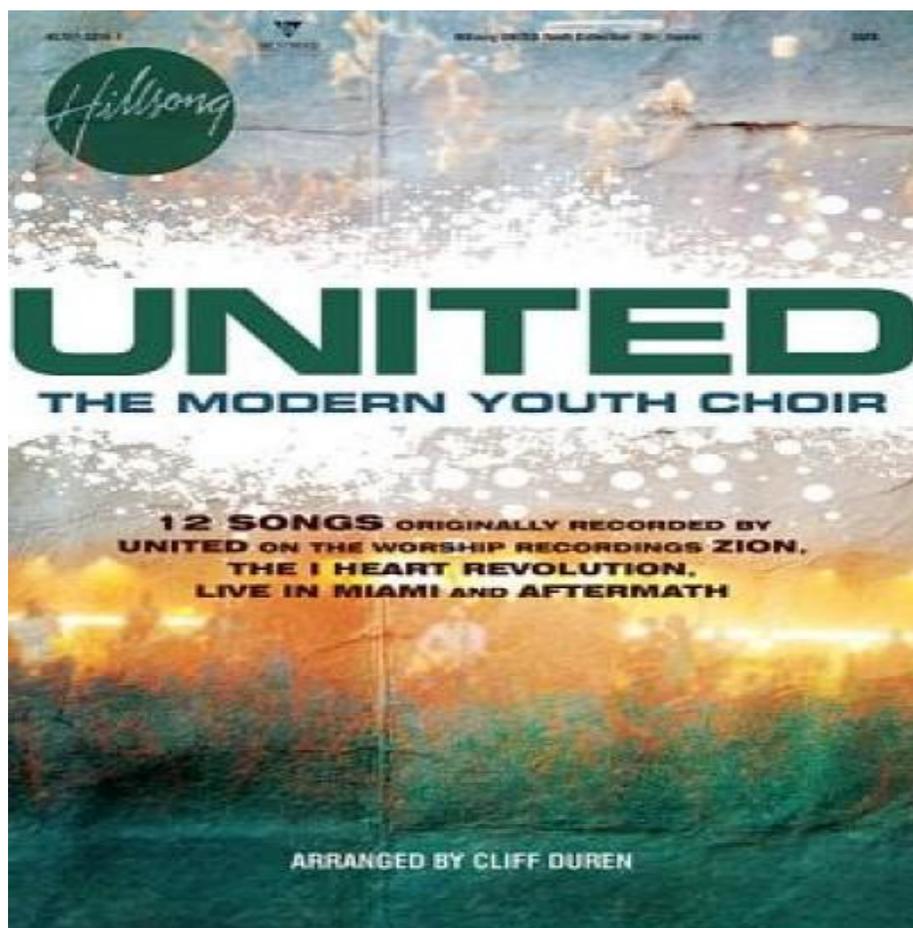
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First Baptist Church Mission Statement

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

MAY, 2015



PRESENTED BY THE STUDENT CHOIR

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST AT 5:30 PM

IN THE FLC



TIM'S NOTES

Mother's Day will be here in just a few days. That just doesn't seem possible. As I look back, I remember my mom being a "stay at home mom," or at least that's what they use to call it when I was growing up. I can't imagine anything different. My mom was always there for me. How blessed I am to have a mom that loves, cares and prays for me.

I remember my mom's cleaning ritual. I remember her starting at one end of the house and by the time she got to the other end she would have to start all over again. The four of us (children) kept her busy. I love my mom.

I recently read an article from Chuck Swindoll and borrowing from him he said:

"If there's one attitude families are guilty of more than any other when it comes to mothers, it's presumption . . . taking them for granted . . . being nearly blind on occasion to the load moms carry.

Consider the priceless value of the one woman who made your life possible—your mother.

Think about her example, her support, her humor, her counsel, her humility, her hospitality, her insight, her patience, her sacrifices. Her faith. Her hope. Her love.

Old "honest Abe" was correct: "He is not poor who has had a godly mother." Indebted, but not poor.

Moms, on Mother's Day Sunday we rise up and call you blessed. But knowing you, you'll feel uneasy in the limelight. You'll probably look for a place to hide. True servants are like that."

That's my mother he described. What about yours?

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*



FROM YOUR DEACONS

Have you ever listened to someone who seems to have a handle on something, they can give you every detail about how it should be done, and come to find out that they learned it all by reading about it and have never actually done it at all. As Christians, we sometimes can find ourselves in this mode of thinking. Jesus brother James warns us against this kind of mentality in one of my favorite verses in the bible:

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22(NIV)

As believers there is more to being a disciple than listening to sermons and studying the bible. We must apply it to our lives and thereby live out the Gospel of Jesus in this broken world. Those who don't know about Jesus don't need for us to just talk about Christianity. They need for us to show them by loving them when they are unlovable, helping them when they don't deserve it, and being kind to them even when they are ungrateful. We can't just talk a good game, we have to be examples of the overwhelming grace that was bestowed upon us by our savior. We will never be what Christ has called us to be if we don't show others His Gospel by the way we live. The world isn't interested in Jesus unless they see something different in us. From the song by the JJ Weeks band:

*Let them see You in me, let them hear
You when I speak
Let them feel You when I sing
Let them see You. Let them see You in me*

This should be our theme song as Christians, otherwise we are just deceiving ourselves.

April 13th – May 10th

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May 10th – June 14th

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

Presented by

The Young & Heart Choir and
The Senior Saint Singers from Westwood Baptist Church in
Live Oak

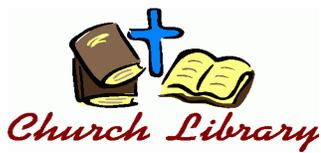
Thursday, May 7th at 11:00 am
At Madison Street Baptist Church in Starke

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**Agape League**

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

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Student Choir

**Missions Through the Arts
Dinner Theater & Musical Presentation**
Sunday, May 31st at 5:30 pm



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

The Library is just about ready for the Summer Reading Program. It will be passed out to FCA students at the end of school; our church family students can participate also. Please encourage your children to join. They won't be disappointed.

Don't forget the History Committee is working on a new 2nd ed. history book. The new history book will cover from 1994 to 2015. Hopefully it will be available in November. Stop by the library to preorder your copy and pay the \$28.00. We still have some of the original history books left from 1883-1993 for \$15.00.

Here are two books we would like to recommend for good and inspiring reading:

Mud and the Masterpiece: Seeing Yourself and Others Through the Eyes of Jesus

By John Burke: The reason "sinners" ran from the religious, yet ran to Jesus had everything to do with his heart's attitude toward people. They could sense Jesus was for them—not against them. Unlike the Pharisees, who could only see the mud of sin, Jesus saw a masterpiece under the mud that was so valuable, he was willing to give his life to restore messy people to the original work of art he created them to be.

Combining an engaging study of Jesus' encounters with imperfect people with inspiring stories of ordinary Christians having Christ like impact, this insightful book encourages readers to see the masterpiece beneath the mud in everyone. It shows how to align our hearts with the heart of God and our actions with the interactions of Jesus in order to show God's love to a hurting, broken world. **(Call # 248.4 Bur)**

Mansions of the Heart: Exploring the Seven Stages of Spiritual Growth

By R. Thomas Ashbrook: Written for anyone who wants to develop a deeper more meaningful relationship with God. Mansions of the Heart offers a step-by-step guide through a spiritual formation road map based on Teresa of Avila's Seven Mansions. The book includes a Mapping Tool that will help you discern your place on your spiritual journey and offers church leaders a process for helping church members to grow into spiritual maturity. **(Call # 248.4 Ash)**

We wish all our Moms a very Happy Mother's Day. For those who have passed on you are always in our thoughts and we will see you again!

Janet Bridges
Library

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EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR:

May 4 – 8: Teacher Appreciation week

May 19: Athletic Awards Banquet, 6:00-8:00 pm

May 25: Memorial Day, FCA will be closed

June 4: Last day of school

June 8: FCA Summer Camp begins

FCA School Board Members: Kathy Barnes, Shelly Donnelly, David Friar, Ruth Lord, Drew Mock, Daniel Shepherd, and Kim Teele.

Teacher Appreciation: How blessed we are at FCA by our dedicated teachers! We will be saying a big thank you this month. Our Teacher Appreciation Week Committee has been meeting for several months putting surprises into reality.

FCA Summer Camp: Our program begins Monday, June 8 and runs for 10 weeks. The cost is \$125 per week, per child for Kindergarten through Grade 8. You may pick up a brochure in our main office.

Sports: We have had an exciting spring sports program of baseball, softball, and archery. Go Lions! Thanks for a wonderful season. On Tuesday, May 19 FCA will celebrate an awesome year of athletics with our first-ever Athletic Awards Banquet. We have invited Jay McSwain, chaplain for the Atlanta Braves to join us for this time of celebration. We will have a catered banquet, followed by a brief challenge from Jay and then present our awards.

Testing: FCA participates in an annual testing program each spring. Each student in Kindergarten through Grade 9 takes the Stanford Achievements Test (SAT) and the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT). The Test results should be returned by the end of May. We use the data from these tests to help us evaluate our teaching strategies, curriculum choices, and admission policies.

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Thank You! Have you seen our bus? It is beautiful! We thank FCA parent, Mike Moore for his attention to detail and for doing such a great job on the bus.

Spelling Bees: Emily Keene and Blake Petteway competed in the Regional Bee on March 21 in Clearwater. The competition was exciting and intense. Both spellers did a great job. Blake placed 9th in the Region!!

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 5th grade will be going to Washington, D.C. soon! 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.)

Enrollment for 2015-2016: As of April 10, our enrollment is at 286 students. This is about 20% ahead of this same time last year. Please note that Kindergarten is FULL. We have begun a waiting list for a second class. First Grade is almost full and there is only one opening for fourth grade. Hurry and join our team!! We do offer state-funded scholarship monies that are available for students in private/Christian schools. These funds are available based on financial need.

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

Mrs. Shoran Potter, Fine Arts: Our 2015 Spring Art Festival was successfully held on Tuesday, March 10 in the Family Life Center. The show featured art projects from our VPK-8th grade students. Also our FCA Visual Arts Club traveled to Georgia and Alabama during the month of March. Students visited the High Museum in Atlanta and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts in Montgomery. Club members also saw a production of "The Importance of Being Earnest" at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival.

Mrs. Lori Clark and Katie West, Kindergarten: "We have begun our science study of God's World which includes topics and units on the senses, weather, seasons, animals and insects. We have begun to work on our "Little Red hen" play to be presented in May and we are almost done with learning all 26 of our Bible verses." We are having a Bee presentation by Mr. Steve Williams from the University of Florida to learn about the fascinating life of the bee. We are learning about insects and how they are a part of God's plan."

Mrs. Cammey Hinton, First Grade: "First graders have been learning about the steps Jesus took leading up to the cross – the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, and the Garden of Gethsemane. Through it all we hope they can see the love that Jesus has for each one of them! What a blessing as a teacher to be able to share these truths of the Bible with six and seven year olds!"

Mrs. Kim Friar, Second Grade: "Our class is learning basic concepts of multiplications. 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. We worked hard on our school-wide standardized testing."

Mrs. Melody Petteway, Middle School: "Hallelujah! We serve a risen Savior!! Hope everyone had a blessed Easter and took time to reflect on the sacrifice made by Jesus for us all! I am so thankful to work at a school where I can openly share the redemptive love of Jesus with my students. At the end of April, we had the opportunity to travel to Jacksonville to participate in the ACSI Math Olympics. We took 36 of our students from 3rd – 8th grades in the categories of math Computation and Mathematical Reasoning. The students were very excited to have this opportunity to have friendly academic competition."

Submitted by Linda Petteway





The Crossroads Pregnancy Center of High Springs is seeking qualified applicants to fill the position of Executive Director. Applicants must have a sincere Christian faith, a working understanding of pro-life issues, as well as education, training, and experience that will facilitate success in this key role in the ministry. The position is 25 hours per week. For a complete job description and application, please contact Catherine Estes at 386-454-0411 or email your request to pregnancyhelpflorida@gmail.com.



North Central Florida Baptist Association Mobile Dental Clinic will be in the Gainesville area May 11 – 15, 2015, at Ridgeview Baptist Church, 3508 NW 19th Street, Gainesville. This is a free clinic for adults only. There will be a prescreening May 4th – 7th, from 9:00 am – Noon at the Association Office. Please contact us at 352-373-5030.



Florida Baptists have several opportunities to join together in prayer as individuals and churches, during the month of May. The National Day of Prayer set for Thursday, May 7th with the theme, "Lord, Hear our Cry," based on I Kings 8:28, allows us to emphasize prayer, seeking God, and the need for spiritual awakening in our communities and in our nation.

Day of Prayer for Vacation Bible School, May 17th, is a time to join Southern Baptists in prayer for this summer's VBS ministries. A simple and practical guide – "KidzPray – Vacation Bible School," can be found under prayer resources at www.fbbaptist.org/Prayer along with additional study materials.



PRIDE (Parent Resource for Information, Development, Education) Classes for foster/adoption will be held at FBC on May 7, 12, 14, 21, 26, 28 and June 2 and 4 from 6 – 9 pm. PRIDE is a competency-based program consisting of 10 three-hour sessions, and covers topics ranging from attachment issues, loss issues, discipline, effects of abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, and the effects of fostering and adopting on the family. For more information or to sign up for classes please contact Bro. Derek at 352-316-0763.



Race fans get ready! Bring your derby car to the Gym, Wednesday, May 27th for the Derby Car Race. Good Luck!

MOTHERS DICTIONARY OF MEANINGS

Dumbwaiter: One who asks if the kids would care to order dessert.

Feedback: The inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

Full Name: What you call your child when you're mad at him.

Grandparents: The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

Hearsay: What toddlers do when anyone mutters a dirty word.

Independent: How we want our children to be for as long as they do everything we say.

Puddle: A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

Show Off: A child who is more talented than yours.

Sterilize: What you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it, and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it and wiping it with saliva.

Top Bunk: Where you should never put a child wearing Superman jammies.

Two-Minute Warning: When the baby's face turns red and she begins to make those familiar-grunting noises.

Whodunit: None of the kids that live in your house.



Thank you to all who participated, volunteered, gave and prayed for the Yerman Run. We received \$75,270.92 this year and we praise the Lord for everything! Thank you for working so diligently for the Florida Baptist Children's Homes!



Congratulations to Forrest and Sara Westmoreland on the birth of Cade Hanson Westmoreland, April 13, 2015 at 10:45 pm, weighing 7 pounds and 9 ounces, 19 1/2 inches long.

Congratulations to Nicholas and Jamie Wilson on the birth of Barrett Michael Wilson, April 8, 2015 at 9:22 am, weighing 7 pounds, 20 inches long.