



# 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.

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## TIM'S NOTES

I would like to take a moment to thank each one of you who were able and willing to help with scholarship(s) this year on MTTA. My prayer is that the impact from serving on mission, student or adult, will make a significant impact on each participant. I also pray that it will not stop there, but that it will continue through their family, their work and every part of their daily lives in such a way that people will notice they are different and want to know why. I pray that those lives that were touched, as a direct result of God's working in their lives, will be impacted as well and that the cycle will continue to repeat itself.

This life we live is but a journey and we are just passing through. May God continue to speak to us, and accomplish much for His kingdom through us.

In closing, I came across this short but packed devotional from Chuck Swindoll:

**DO LITTLE THINGS WELL**  
**The commandment is a lamp,**  
**and the teaching is light; and reproofs**  
**for discipline are they way of life.**  
**Proverbs 6:23**

If you want to be a person with a large vision, you must cultivate the habit of doing the little things well. That's when God puts iron in your bones. The test of my calling is not how well I do before the public on Sunday; it's how carefully I cover the bases Monday through Saturday when there's nobody to check up on me, when nobody is looking.

When God develops character, He works on it throughout a lifetime. He's never in a hurry. It is the schoolroom of solitude and obscurity that we learn to become men and women of God. It is from the schoolmasters of monotony and reality that we learn to "king it."

That's how we become like David – men and women after God's own heart.

May God continue to speak to hearts and change lives in these days.

His servant in Christ,  
Bro. Tim  
*Jer. 29:11 NIV*



## FROM YOUR DEACONS

With recent legislation that goes against God's idea of what marriage should look like, it isn't any wonder that tension is high on both sides of the issue. So how is it that we as believers should react to the issue? In any instance we can let our emotions take over and fight for our cause. After all, what is the world coming to? If we continue to sit by quietly and behave like good Christians then what other legislation will be next. Our human nature demands it, to fight for what we think is right! But, if we look to Jesus as our example then it might help us navigate these types of issues.

In John chapter 4 we see an exchange between Jesus and a woman from Samaria. Between a Jew and a Samaritan, two cultural opposites, who were normally at odds with each other and wouldn't usually have anything to do with each other. Jesus starts the conversation with asking for a drink of water. The woman is surprised, and yet she is also intrigued. She tries to move the conversation into the cultural realm by talking about her ancestor Jacob and that this was his well. Jesus doesn't let himself be defined by cultural issues, but moves the conversation to spiritual things. Jesus' focus here is relationship. The woman wants the living water but still doesn't understand. Jesus then asks her to call her husband and moves the woman into a deeper conversation about her past. She opens up to him and realizes that he is the Messiah. During her encounter with Jesus she realizes her need for a Savior.

When relationship becomes priority, guards come down, spiritual conversations can occur and the true work of the gospel gets accomplished. The woman was saved and then became an evangelist to her village.

*Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." John 4:39*

Like Jesus, we cannot let the cultural issues of this world define us. We have more important work that must be our priority, the work of the Gospel. We must focus on relationships. Ours with Jesus first, and then ours with non-believers. In our everyday lives people are watching our reaction to the cultural issues. We must not lose our focus; 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.

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Sr. Adult Birthday Bash will be Friday, July 31, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the FLC. Please bring a Covered Dish and sign up in the Church Foyer if you plan on attending. Ice Cream and Birthday Cake will be provided.

June 14<sup>th</sup> – July 12<sup>th</sup>

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\*Team Leader



### Library News:

Reporting our circulation for the last quarter:

#### April-June 2015

##### Books:

Youth and Adults	550
J Section (Older Children)	560
C Section (Younger Children)	764

DVDS	73
VCs	1
CDs	1
Periodicals	11
Equipment	15
Homebounds - CDs	13
Die Cuts	1

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,989</b>
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## KIDZ CHURCH

12<sup>th</sup> - Kidz Church LEGO style

19<sup>th</sup> - Kidz Church LEGO style

26<sup>th</sup> – Kidz Church



8- Ice Cream Pig Out Party – wear a shirt that can get messy!

15 – No Activities

22 – Family Skate Night – bring your own four wheel or inline skates, push scooters are also allowed.

29 – Family Olympics – bring your Mom or Dad and plan to compete head to head against other families.

### SWEET MONDAYS



JULY 27 HOW DE-LIGHT-FUL

This theme is inspired by lightning bugs and how we are to delight in God's Word.

#### In-House Usage:

Books	84
Periodicals	18
DVDs	4

#### Collection Statistics: Added

Books	272
DVDs	32
CDs	3

#### Patron Statistics: Added - 6

The History Committee is still doing presale of the new history book coming in November of this year. They are selling for \$28.00. The History Committee is only going to order what has been pre-purchased. Please if you wish to have one you need to purchase now.

The library would like to mention two new books added to our collection that our church family might be interested in:

**One Nation: What We Can All Do to Save America's Future** by Ben Carson:

Dr. Carson calls for respectful discussion and disagreement, with no subjects off limits. Applying the problem-solving skills he honed as a surgeon, he takes on tough issues such as education, health care, family values, race relations, taxes, charity, and the role of faith in public life. **(Call # 973 Car)**

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**America: Turning A Nation To God** by Tony Evans:

“Dr. Tony Evans not only examines the root of our nation’s social, economic, and political unrest but presents a plan for reclaiming freedom, morality, and strength. We hold within the collective body of Christ not only the power but also the capacity to put our country back on the path of ascendancy. This straightforward teaching, when embraced by believers in our nation, will usher in the greatest revival in American history.”  
**(Call #269.0973 Eva)**

Please don’t forget to order your new history book!



Janet H. Bridges  
Library

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The next Quarterly Ministry Celebration will be Sunday, July 19<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.

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Please mark your calendars for the next 100 Club Project, that will take place on **Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**. We are helping put a new roof on a new building for Bethlehem United Methodist Church that is off CR 778 and Bethlehem Rd. More details to come. If

you have any questions or need more information, contact Matthew Humphries at 352-514-6830.

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Pray then Play Tae Kwon Do starts Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> in the FLC at 6:00 pm for ages 8 – 15. It is \$30 per month or \$50 per month for up to 3 per family. Contact Kim Friar at 352-318-1359 or Randy Keene at 352-359-1587 for more information.

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Haiti Mission Team T-shirt Fundraiser: shirts cost \$15, but if you spend \$20 or more, you also pay for a shirt for a Haitian youth camp attendee. Contact Kara Magny to order at 352-231-5414.



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

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

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.)

FCA Office News: We are staying busy in the office interviewing prospective families, ordering curriculum working on schedules, etc. Our summer hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Our Preschool has a waiting list in all classes when we start back up in August. Our Summer Camp has been doing well, averaging 25 children each week. Please, continue to pray each day for our school.

Cross Country Coaches Steve Grote, Adam Hinton, Kyle Petteway and Troy Rumore Already Gearing Up: Our first Cross Country season is in the books and it was a fun and successful learning experience for us all! It was amazing to see the progress of our athletes (many of whom had never done any distance running before) from the first practice to the end of the season. We built a firm foundation that will be the basis of our program for the future. Great job to all our first year runners – in all the future successes of FCA Cross Country, they will be the ones that will always be remembered as program launchers! Now that the foundation is in place, it’s time to build on that foundation. We are ready to begin to take the next steps as a team and program. Last year, the first practice was the first run that many of our athletes had ever done.

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We spent most of the season getting “in shape” with a goal of training to be able to finish a race. This year, when our runners show up for the first official practice in the Fall, we want to already be well-conditioned so that our training moves past trying to simply finish a 5k. This year we will begin training to RACE! Pre-season training is known as ‘Base Building” – developing a runner’s base aerobic conditioning before implementing more intense anaerobic training. Base Building also helps prevent injury ((like shin splints) when the more intense training begins. This summer will be our Base Building phase so that we will have a solid aerobic foundation to work off of when we start race training in the Fall. “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.” 1 Corinthians 9: 24-25

Wish List: One important factor for any athletic program is an ongoing weight training program. Our athletes must be involved in strength training on a regular basis. We are in need of free weights and any nautilus equipment. If you have either and want to donate them, please call Coach Lightsey or Headmaster Stan Stone.

Enrollment for 2015-2016: As of May 15<sup>th</sup>, our enrollment was at 325 and growing! Come join our team. Tenth Grade will be opened in August. Our goal is to provide a place where your child can grow spiritually, academically and emotionally. FCA is an exciting place and we have many wonderful activities and events to help your child enjoy his/her educational experience. Our students are taught that all truth is God’s truth, that character and integrity are still important qualities and each created being has immense value to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our students are taught that we are created in the very image of God and created for fellowship with and to be image bearers of our Creator.

Looking To The Future: We are now members of the National Honor Society (NHS) and National Junior Honor Society (JNHS). It will be an exciting event as we conduct our first induction into these prestigious organizations in early 2016. Our high school Biology class will embark on our first Sea Camp this fall – 5 days and 4 nights of dry labs and wet labs in the beautiful waters of the Florida Keys. Plans are under way for our first Family Movie night in November. You will be able to enjoy a movie with your family and friends on our football field with lawn chairs and blankets as we show a movie on a 40’ inflatable screen.

We will continue our traditions of Fall Festival in October and Snow Day in January. Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade class has added 3 new student as we move toward our first graduating class in June 2018!

Adopt-A-Highway: Thank you to the following individuals who supported our last Adopt-A-Highway pickup on May 30: Tammy Swing, Daniel Swing, Nicole Drew, Jackson Neff, Daniel Shepherd, Pace Emerson, Erin Emerson, Shay Emerson, Ivy Emerson, Kyle Petteway, Melody Petteway, Kaitlyn Petteway, Blake Petteway, Stan Stone, Rebekah Stone, Daniel Fowler, Alana Lambert, Alan DuBose, Trey DuBose. FCA provided plastic bags, safety vests and grab sticks to pick up trash. Coffee and donuts were served.

Blood Drive at FCA: Thank you to the following adults that donated blood at our last drive: Kristyn Bagby, Deanna Conner, Tonya Davis, Taylor Dehne, James Earnhart, Lauren Hacht, Alicia Hopkins, Derek Lambert, James Lightsey, Andrea McLemore, Pamela Radder, Catalina Rodriguez, Kelli Rumore and Stan Stone. The folks at Lifesouth were very grateful that 39 patients were served by their generosity.

Submitted by Linda Petteway



Vicki Lawrence from North Central Florida Baptist Association is enlisting help with backpacks and supplies for students at Alachua Apartments, for the up-coming school year. Any help is appreciated. Please leave back packs and supplies in the Church Office. Thank you!

### 2015 School Supply List

Blue or black non-rolling backpack

Pencils

Small hand sanitizer

Large pink erasers

Cap erasers

Scissors

Glue sticks

8 dividers