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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

Celebrators Conference October 25 – 30 Pigeon Forge

The departure Time is 11:15 am on Sunday, October 25th. We will return at 12:00 noon on the 30th. A meeting for those going will be Sunday, October 18th at 9:30 am in the Choir Suite.

December 6th The K – 5th graders will present ***Wrapping All the Way*** at 6:00 pm. Dress rehearsals are Wednesday evening Dec. 2nd from 6:00 - 8:00 and Friday evening Dec. 4th at 5:30. Drama and Choir will join in from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Pizza will be served Friday evening. We would welcome some of our parents to bring juice boxes and cookies.

A Christmas Celebration

All of our choirs will join together, December 13th at 6:00 pm, as we celebrate Christmas together as a church family. Our Celebration, Young at Heart, Student, 3 & 4 year olds and K through 5th grade choirs will all be leading us in worship in ***A Christmas Music Celebration***. Please make plans to attend and bring someone with you as we worship together.

Needs

We need committed people to help in the media area of our church. Computer/ Audio/ Video and Lighting Technicians are needed for all Worship Services. If you would like to help please give me a call. My phone numbers are: Office 454-1505; Cell 352-317-3881.

Operation Christmas Child

Wow! It's that time of the year again. Where does time go? Some have already begun asking if we are participating in *Operation Christmas Child*. The answer is yes.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, the Christian relief and evangelism ministry led by Franklin Graham. People across the country are simply getting shoeboxes from home and filling them with small toys, school supplies and other little gifts.



Carefully packed and colorfully wrapped *Operation Christmas Child* shoe boxes brightened the lives of over 7 million hurting children in 100 countries last year.

These simple shoe boxes filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, candy and other gifts, bring smiling faces and the joy of Christmas to God's precious children, many of whom have never received a Christmas present. More importantly, gift-filled shoeboxes provide a way for children and their families to hear about God's greatest gift - His Son, Jesus Christ.

Why give a shoebox? Because this Christmas a needy child overseas can receive your shoebox, hand delivered along with Christian literature in his or her own language.

What an opportunity to reach these children with a clear presentation of the Gospel!

Complete details are in the Operation Christmas Child brochure that will be available in the Church Foyer and the Church Office beginning in November. I hope you will be a part of this exciting opportunity to share God's love with a hurting child through the wonderful ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

It is suggested to include a \$7 donation made out to Samaritan's Purse for the shipping of each shoebox. If you would prefer to make a cash donation instead, you can make it out to Samaritan's Purse and place it in the Operation Christmas Child envelope with your name and address for income tax purposes.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: SAMARITANS PURSE

Collection of shoeboxes will be from November 3rd through 23rd. We will dedicate the shoe boxes from our church on Sunday of the 22nd. PLEASE HELP US COLLECT ON TIME. DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

We are also a Collection Center for Samaritan's Purse and will be collecting the week of Nov. 16th – 23rd for all organizations looking for a place to drop their shoeboxes off.

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



**Florida Baptist Children's Homes
2nd Annual Open House Celebration**

Join us Saturday, October 24th from 10 am – Noon at the Cellon-Thomas Campus for our 2nd Annual Open House Celebration. There will be food and fun for the entire family at 17224 N. State Road 121, Gainesville, FL 32653. Call 352.672.6112 for more information.

We have more exciting news to share! This weekend a new foster family will be moving into our foster family home. This is a huge answer to prayer. We will be able to impact even more children because of this family. It is a blessing that we now have 2 foster families on our campus ministering to foster children with the love of Christ. Thank you for your prayers!

Also, one of our newly licensed families welcomed in their first foster child last week. He is in kindergarten and enjoying his new family. These families need your prayer and support. If you would like to bless one of our new foster families by bringing them a meal, please contact us and we will arrange a time for you to do so. Thanks again for your support and prayers.



FROM YOUR DEACONS

Family! What does that mean in a biblical sense? When we look at scripture we see some things that might surprise us, first of all. Our brothers and sisters in the Faith are defined by relationship just like our respective families. But we aren't defined by our relationship with each other, we are defined by our relationship to Christ who through His redemptive work on the cross justifies and makes our relationship with God the Father possible.

²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.
Galatians 3:26

Since our relationship to the Father is dependent on our relationship to His only Son Jesus, we are only family if we believe in Jesus and confess Him as Savior. Another thing that we see in scripture is that our status as family is defined by our obedience to Gods word.

²⁰And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you." ²¹But he answered them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

Luke 8:20-21

Family ties in the Kingdom are not by blood, ethnicity, status, background, or even mere chance. They are defined by our faith in Christ and our obedience to His holy word. Family isn't just about relationships to the Father, it is also about our relationships to each other. These relationships are the ones that can be the most challenging, because we bring to our new family all of our old baggage. Our past failures, our preconceived ideas about how things should be, our hopes, our dreams, and our human nature that always puts itself first. This is where the rubber meets the road in our Church family, we can be defined by our past or we can live out these new relationships like God intended and impact the world.

³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. **John 13:34-35**

If we are ever going to impact the world with the Gospel then we must show the world that we are Children of God and the only way they are going to know it is if they can see the love that we have for each other lived out in our daily lives. So let's don't just be a part of the family, let's love each other like Christ loved us.

Deacon Team:

September 14th – October 11th

*Dave Donnelly	386-454-8235 (h) 352-727-0485 (c)
Elzy Lord	386-454-3878 (h) 352-258-3652 (c)
Kyle Petteway	386-454-1298 (h) 352-213-4273 (c)
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Mike Sturm	386-462-2891 (h) 352-316-1872 (c)

October 12th – November 8th

*David Friar	386-497-4307 (h) 352-262-1773 (c)
Brent Douglas	386-454-1577 (h) 352-665-5638 (c)
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*Team Leader



Dear FBC Friends,

Thank you guys so much for your love, kindness, prayers and financial support towards my family. To say that that the last 8 months have been some of the most trying in my life would be an understatement and yet Jesus continues to remain faithful both in His word and through the actions of the fellow brother and sisters like you.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus towards our family and helping us out of the financial burden of Josiah's medical bills. Please continue to pray for us and let us know how we can be in prayer for you as well.

Grace and Peace,
Kevin, Jackie, Gideon, and Josiah Anderson
(Aletheia Gainesville)



Carving a pumpkin can teach your entire family how God transforms us into beautiful new creations to shine for him! Read this book when you create your own jack-o'-lantern. It also glows in the dark!



July-September 2015

Books:	Youth and Adults	399
	J Section (Older Children)	239
	C Section (Younger Children)	277
DVDs		43
Die Cuts		4
Periodicals		3
Equipment		17
Homebound – DVDs		12
	TOTAL	990

In-House Usage:

Books	6
Periodicals	24
DVDs	4

Collection Statistics: Added

Books	167
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The Library Scholastic Book Fair was a great success this year. We want to thank all our parents and students, children and teachers for coming and making it a success. The Library's profit was \$1,430.64. This money will be used toward the AR (Accelerated Reader) Program. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! We are back to normal now and the students are happily checking out their books.

The library would like to mention a great novel by Francine Rivers – **The Atonement Child**: Dynah Carey knew where her life was headed. Engaged to a wonderful man, the daughter of doting parents, a faithful child of God, she has it all. Then the unthinkable happens: Dynah's perfect life is irrevocably changed by a rape that results in an unwanted pregnancy. Her family is torn apart and her seemingly rock-solid faith is pushed to the limits as she faces the most momentous choice of her life: to embrace or to end the life within her. This is ultimately a tale of three women, as Dynah's plight forces both her mother and her grand-mother to face the choices they made; written with balance and compassion. **The Atonement Child** brings a new perspective to the most controversial topic of our times. **(Call # F Riv)**

For those who have read and thoroughly enjoyed other books by Francine Rivers we know you will enjoy this one.

We also have our volunteers for story time and they have already started for the new school year as of this week: Ann Carter – Kindergarten A; Beverly Jones – Kindergarten B; Diane Peterson – 1st Grade A; Pat Long – 1st Grade B; Norma Valdes – 2nd Grade A; Darlene Presley – 2nd Grade B; Our backups are Gale Faulk and Lou Westmoreland. Thank you ladies.

Janet H. Bridges
Library



We are in the process of Re-Launching our Extended Teaching Care Ministry which serves Preschoolers ages Birth– age 4/Pre.K each Sunday morning during our 11 o'clock service. You have the opportunity to teach and care for God's Little Ones. For more information please contact our ETC Coordinator– Cammey Hinton at adamcammey@gmail.com



Please be in prayer for the 5 member team as we prepare to go and serve in Haiti. November 6-11. If you would like to make a financial contribution towards this trip please do so using "November Haiti Trip" as a memo or note along with your contribution. For more information or to be added to the prayer team please contact Skipper at srodgers@fbchighsprings.org.



Are you happy to be at church? Do you have a smile on your face? Then you qualify for one of the most important service ministry jobs on the campus. Be part of our First Impressions Team. Please contact Frank Preston at 386-454-2063 and become one of the first smiling faces others see each Sunday morning!



Do you want to change the world? Would you like to invest in the future? Is your idea of fun trying to see how many Oreos you can stack on your forehead? Then God be calling you serve in our new Preteen Department. We are looking for a Husband and Wife team to guide our 5th & 6th graders each Sunday during our Life Connections hour. Please see Skipper for more information.



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:

October 8: Cross Country meet, 3:00 p.m., Cedar Key High School, Cedar Key

October 9: Cross Country meet, 3:00 p.m., ESPN Wide World of Sports, Disneyworld

October 12: FCA Fall Fundraiser ends

October 13: Volleyball, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m., Hope Christian Academy of Starke, Home

October 14: PSAT

October 15: Cross Country meet, 4:00 p.m., Hernando Citrus Classic, Brooksville

October 16: Volleyball, 4:00 and 5:00 p.m., Cedar Key High School, Home

October 17: Cross Country meet, 8:00 a.m., Trinity Catholic High School, Ocala

October 20: Volleyball, 4:00 p.m., Tabernacle Baptist School of Live Oak, Home

October 22: Volleyball, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m., Riverside Christian School, Trenton

October 23: Volleyball, 4:00 and 5:00 p.m., Millennial Christian School, Jacksonville

October 23: FCA Fall Festival, (contact Ann Coker to help)

October 27: Volleyball, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., Calvary Christian Academy of Middleburg, Home

October 28: End of first quarter at FCA

October 29 and 30: Teacher convention; FCA closed

November 4: Delivery of our fall fundraiser items

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

Website: For ongoing and updated information, please visit our website: fcahighsprings.org.

Fall Fundraiser: Our fall fundraiser was kicked off in a lively assembly on September 28. The students are very excited. If anyone in our church family would like a catalog which includes Christmas cards, giftwrap, edibles and other gift items, please stop by our FCA office and see Erin Emerson. Thank you so much for helping us raise funds by ordering from this gift catalog!! All items will be delivered on or before November 4.

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. Thank you and please keep up the great work of donating to FCA!!

Library, Mrs. Janet Bridges: “The recent Library Book Fair was a huge success! We earned \$1430.00. Thank you to all the parents, students, teachers, and church family that supported this worthwhile effort.”

Name Change: Our after school program will now be known as The Lions' Den. It was formerly called Oasis. We welcome our new Lions' Den director, Mrs. Kelly Patterson. Kelly is an FCA parent of Colt in Fourth Grade and mom of Cheyenne, one of our Lions' Den assistants.

Dress Code: Our school has a specific dress code for all students in Kindergarten through Grade 10. Our handbook does not give specifics for shorts length on girls but the request of the Headmaster is slightly above the knee. Also, tight fitting Spandex material or jeggings are not allowed. Male students are not allowed to wear cargo shorts or cargo pants. If our students wear hoodies, sweatshirts, or jackets they must be a solid color. Our goal is modesty. To benefit our parents, we have a Uniform Closet here at the school that has free shirts, shorts, and pants. The uniform closet is to bless you and for you to bless others. When your children outgrow their clothes, please feel free to donate to the uniform closet.

Co-ed Cross Country: Coaches Adam Hinton, Kyle Petteway and Troy Rumore: “Go Lions! 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

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Boys Baseball: Coach Shane Johnson: "Beginning Saturday October 3, 10:00-12:00 noon we will start having Skills Clinics. These will be every Saturday on the field behind FCA. These clinics are free and open to everyone in FCA grades 5 and up. The fee for Spring 2016 Spring Baseball will be \$150 per student-athlete. The increase is necessary for FCA to participate in a new baseball league that will bring many positive benefits to the baseball program. Parents with baseball experience and desire to contribute, please contact Coach Johnson."

Student Government: FCA High School students participated in the first ever campaign to establish a Student Government. The elections were held after a vigorous week of campaigning and speech-making. The Winners are: Co-President Noah Combs and Maggie Zawoy; Vice President Kaitlyn Petteway; Secretary Rebekah Stone; Treasurer Jazmine Jackson; 10th grade rep Jed Lounsbury; 9th grade reps Emily Keene and Thomas Wingfield; 8th grade reps Michaela Potter and Junah Rumore; 7th grade reps Yonce Moore and Blake Petteway. Congratulations! They will help coordinate our FCA Fall Festival on October 23 and the FCA High Springs Christmas Parade float on December 12.

These teachers at First Christian Academy are reporting some very exciting things going on in their classes:

Kindergarten, Mrs. Lori Clark and Miss Katie West: "We are studying Noah and his obedience and faith in the Old Testament. The children are doing a great job memorizing scripture. We recently had guest speakers for our Community Helpers Unit. We were blessed to hear Dr. Derek Lambert and Officer Borchart.

First Grade, Mrs. Luis and Mrs. Abby Ours: (FCA welcomes two more outstanding teachers to our family!)

Seventh thru Tenth Grades, Mrs. Melody Petteway: Mrs. Marla Campbell is our new English/Language Arts teacher and Elizabeth Betonio is our new Science teacher. "Seventh through tenth grades had the great privilege of learning about technology in our culture today and how to filter the good and bad uses through a Biblical worldview. This wonderful day of spiritual emphasis was made possible through the AXIS team. The team also led a seminar for church family and parents on September 21 in the sanctuary. Our high school students also had their first Student Government campaign recently. Their speeches and creative campaigns were very impressive. Also car-pickup parents were surprised with a hand delivered cold bottle of water as they waited in line to pick up their student after school one afternoon, courtesy of FCA Student Government!"

Submitted by Linda Petteway



Associational Annual Celebration

Our Annual Celebration, formerly the Annual Meeting, will take place on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 6:00 pm, at Waldo First Church. Please plan on attending and celebrating with us all that the Lord is doing in our Association!



Westside Church will be hosting a community-wide Marriage Tune-up conference October 23-24th, 2015. Jeff and Debby McElroy will be the speakers at this outstanding event. Mark your calendars now! The cost will be \$60/couple. To register call 352.333.7700 ext. 124 or go to westsidebaptist.org.

YOU'RE INVITED

If you have been visiting First Baptist Church, but have not yet decided to become a member of our church family, we invite you to join our staff for brunch, **Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 10:00 am in the Family Life Center.** It would be our greatest honor to have you come and meet our Pastors and let us share with you our vision, as well as the many worship and ministry opportunities available for you and you family. Please RSVP by calling the Church Office at 386-454-1505.



The next Quarterly Ministry Celebration will be Sunday, October 18th 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.