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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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Law Enforcement Service

Sunday, September 27th at both morning services



TIM'S NOTES

YOUNG AT HEAR CHOIR

We are working on our next musical project titled **O Holy Night**. Come join us for fun, fellowship and a time of worship and praise from 10:00 – 11:00 am each Tuesday morning, in the Choir Suite.

THE CELEBRATION CHOIR

Come join us on Wednesday's at 6:55 pm - 8:10 pm in the Worship Center. We are working on music for A Night of Worship & Celebration to be presented on Sunday Night Nov. 15. We will also be working on our Christmas music very soon. Now is the perfect time to join us.

THE STUDENT CHOIR

Attention all students 6th through 12th Grade, the Student Choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday afternoons, beginning with a student/parent meeting on September 13th in the Sanctuary and rehearsal beginning on September 20th at 5:00 pm in the Music Suite. There is some important information you need to get concerning expatiations for attendance/rehearsals and Missions Through the Arts. Please make every effort to attend.

KIDZ PRAISE (CHILDREN'S CHOIRS)

Kidz Praise has already begun on Wednesday's from 6:00-6:45 pm. The musical, **Wrapping All the Way** will be the Christmas project this year. If you would like to help in any way, please call and let me know.

THE STUDENT CHOIR MISSIONS THROUGH THE ARTS FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

On September the 27th we will be serving a take-out lunch to raise funds for our Annual Mission Trip in June. You have been so generous in the past and we hope you will continue to support us now. The menu will be Chicken and yellow rice, Green beans, Roll, and Desert. There will be tables for those who would like to eat in the FLC. We will have tea available for you as well. The cost is \$6.00 per plate. Thank you in advance for your support.

HANDBELLS

If you are interested in playing Hand bells this Christmas, please sign up in the Church Foyer or call the Church Office.

Blessings, 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

Time is marching on, here we are in September and it seems like yesterday was January. There is something about the relentless cycle of drudgery that is this day in and day out that makes us look to the next big event (birthday, anniversary, wedding, game, graduation, vacation, etc...) and long for the excitement they bring. If we're not careful we get into the mode of living for that next thing and just exist during the day in, day out.

It is the same way in our pursuit of Christ.

This natural tendency of ours to live for the big things in life doesn't glorify God. He hasn't called us to the next big thing that we can do for Him. He has called us to a constant, consistent walk that looks to Him and glorifies Him in the drudgery of our day to day lives. If we constantly keep our focus on Him, then every detail of our lives start to glorify Him. It isn't about what we do for Him, it's about what he does through us that has eternal consequences. Keeping our focus right helps us to point others to Him.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:2-3

Then later on in the same chapter Paul says this:

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17

Are you letting the drudgery of your everyday life rob you of the joy of knowing the King? If we set our minds on things above then our lives will be secure on our Savior. And if we do all that we do as if we are doing it for our Savior, then He will be glorified in our lives. So let's be consistent in our daily walk, keeping our focus on Christ.

August 10th – September 13th

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September 14th – October 11th

*Dave Donnelly	386-454-8235(h) 352-727-0485(c)
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Student Ministry, Leadership in Student Ministry (and life)

PURPOSE

This fall will be a comprehensive study of the book of Acts (1 – 7). Many misconceptions and sticky theological issues have hindered people from reading Acts and the outcome has been: a flawed view of God, a large number of believers who don't know how to how to be the Church, and a Kingdom, which is never sought. A systematic look at the work leads us to reexamine our views of God, the Church, and the Kingdom. My hope in this study is that we will all have a much more healthy view of God, know who we are as the Church and bride of Christ, and know what it means to truly seek His Kingdom first.

BACKGROUND

A brief background for the book of Acts heavily rests in the person of Luke. Luke was a physician and a well learned man, thought to have lived in the 1st Century and very closely connected with the Apostle Paul. Acts is a sequel to his former book (Luke). Much of the language of the book confirms the fact that Luke was well educated in many areas and several political issues arise in the progression of the book. Acts 1 is very closely related to the end of Luke's Gospel, I would encourage everyone to read the last chapter of Luke before beginning your study in the book of Acts.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR

The book has three running themes (I'm sure many more can be found), but we will focus on three in particular...

- God
- The Church
- The Kingdom

I pray that God will grow His people in the study and exposition of His Word.

School is underway and going strong. We would like to mention that the Library Scholastic Book Fair is coming up September 21st through 25th in the library. We would like to encourage our school and church families to support this. Monies made from this fair helps pay for the AR (Accelerated Program) Reading program.

We are also looking for some volunteers to help us with story time for grades K-2nd second grades. We need one more regular and some backups. Thanks so much.

Here is a fairly new book added to our library collection, not necessarily a new book within itself:

A Christian Manifesto by Francis A. Schaeffer. Dr. Schaeffer, who was one of the most influential Christian thinkers in the twentieth century, shows that secular humanism has displaced the Judeo-Christian consensus that once defined our nation's moral boundaries. Law, education, and medicine have all been reshaped for the worse as a consequence. America's dominant worldview changed, Schaeffer charges, when Christians weren't looking. "Where have the Bible-believing Christians been in the last 40 years?" asks Schaeffer. "Where have we been as we have changed to this other consensus and all the horrors and stupidity of the present moment have come down on our culture?" In this lecture, now on DVD, Schaeffer lists two reasons for evangelical indifference; a false concept of spirituality and fear. He calls on believers to stand against the tyranny and moral chaos that come when humanism reigns and warns that believers may, at some point, be forced to make the hard choice between obeying God or Caesar. **A Christian Manifesto** is a thought-provoking and bracing Christian analysis of American culture and the obligation Christians have to engage the culture with the claims of Christ. (Call # 261.7 Sch)

Janet Bridges
Library



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For many cancer patients, getting to and from treatment is one of their toughest challenges. The American Cancer Society needs volunteer drivers to help provide free rides for people in your community. Call 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org/volunteer to learn more about how you can help save lives and create more birthdays.



The Library Scholastic Book Fair will be September 21 – 25, 2015 in the Library. We will be open from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday – Friday. Family night will be Wednesday, the 23rd from 6:00 – 8:30 pm, refreshments will be served.



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:

September 14-18: VPK Assessments

September 21 – 25: Scholastic Book Fair in FBC library

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

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

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.)

Library, Mrs. Janet Bridges: Our library is having their Scholastic Book Fair September 21-25. Please support this Fair. It is a great chance to purchase wonderful books for your students. Money raised from this Fair helps pay for our Accelerated Reading Program.

New Staff: FCA welcomes our new maintenance supervisor, Chuck Simmons. (Also, Chuck's grandchildren attend FCA.)

Dress Code: Our school has a specific dress code for all students in Kindergarten through Grade 10. 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.

Cross Country: Coaches Adam Hinton, Kyle Petteway and Troy Rumore: Cross Country track practices began the first day of school and are every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday after school. “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 All FCA athletes must have an FHSAA-approved health physical on file in our school office before attending practices.

Technology: The Technology Team has been working all summer getting ready for the school year. Laptop computers have been purchased for all faculty in Kindergarten through Grade 10. Also desktop computers for each preschool classroom in twos, threes, and VPK. Special thanks to Geoff Grooms who keeps FCA up and running in these areas. Also thanks to Daniel Shepherd and Shane Johnson for getting all the Mimio machines connected and running for grades 1-10. Each student in Grades 9 and 10 are part of a technology initiative that has some of their textbooks loaded onto a Kindle Fire. The students will also have site licenses to download their e-textbooks onto three additional devices.

Volleyball: Began practice on the first day of school. All practices are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:30-5:00 pm.

Fine Arts, Etc.: We recently joined and received our membership plaques for the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society. Students in grades 6-8 will be eligible for membership in the NJHS and students in Grades 9-10 will be eligible for membership in the NHS. Students will be notified of their eligibility based on their GPA after the first semester in January 2016.

Our High School will be adding another excellent opportunity for leadership training through our Student Council. The week of September 14-18 will be Student Government Week with interested students running their campaign and all students participating in the elections.

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

Kindergarten, Mrs. Lori Clark, Mrs. Patty Earnhart, and Miss Katie West: We are sad to report our Katie West fell and broke her ankle. Please join us in praying for her! Thank you to Mrs. Patty Earnhart for subbing!! We have had a great start to the New Year with smiling, happy Kindergartners learning how to honor God with our school's Lion Honor Code. Making new friends has been fun. We are excited about learning cursive writing. Our year started with a visit from Chester Raccoon. We hunted him and learned all about our school, but never found him. We were happy when we discovered he left us a nice treat!

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We have dived right into phonics learning and have already learned the vowels li and Aa. In Bible we have learned a lot about Heaven and are beginning back in Genesis with Creation/Adam and Eve. We are beginning to learn the Lord's Prayer and our memory verses. Everyone is learning the classroom rules and making many friends. We are excited about all this year is going to hold for us! We are so blessed to be at FCA!

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

Second Grade, Mrs. Kim Friar, and Miss Lindsey Bigelow: We had a busy week of preplanning. We have had a great start to our school year. It has also been nice getting to know the new faces that have joined FCA. The students have come back excited and "grown". We have taken time to learn our schedule and routine and to get to know one another. We are currently working on our first Bible memory verse, Genesis 1:1-5. We are also reviewing skills from first grade so we can begin to build on our knowledge. We love using the Mimio technology to practice math skills, play phonics games and do Zumba for classroom "Brain Breaks". We look forward to a great year!

Third Grade, Mrs. Kelli Rumore: Third grade is off to a great start with 23 students...5 of which are new to FCA this year! We are learning about our nervous system, complete sentences and have already begun to learn Hebrews 11:7-10!

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Michelle Davis: (FCA welcomes another outstanding new family member!)

Seventh thru Tenth Grades, Mrs. Melody Petteway: We are off to a wonderful new school year. The High School is now officially grades 7 – 10. Thank you to all of those who volunteered time and energy to get the wall up in C-wing so that we could now house all of the 7 -10 graders in one building! We are definitely blessed to have such a supportive church body! We are so excited to have two new teachers in the High School. Mrs. Marla Campbell is our new English/Language Arts teacher and Mrs. Elizabeth Betonio is the Science teacher. What a blessing they have been to the FCA family! With our official accreditation, the High School is now able to have a NJHS and NHS chapter for the first time. We are excited to acknowledge the high academic achievement and servant leadership in our student body through these two groups. Also, the students will be able to run for Student Government during September. They are so excited about these leadership opportunities. We are also looking forward to a Spiritual Emphasis week with our High School as the AXIS team comes and challenges the students to stand for Christ

in our technological savvy society. Sea Camp in the Florida Keys is another event that our 9th and 10th grade Biology students are looking forward to. As you can see FCA is looking forward to an exciting year full of opportunities for growth and leadership. Thank you for your continued prayer support of FCA!!

Submitted by Linda Petteway



North Central Florida Baptist Association gave 32 backpacks to students at Alachua Apartments at our "Back to School" event led by Alachua Acteens with leader, Patti Kaswinkel. This made going back to school with proper supplies an advantage to these students. Pictured below are two Acteens beginning the giveaway. We gave 30 more backpacks to disadvantaged students in Gainesville. One mother that is homeless with six children and participating in Family Promise program, was a recipient of these backpacks. The children were excited to begin school with their own backpacks. Thank you, Churches, for providing these items.



THE FAIR IS COMING!

Mark your calendars now for the Alachua County Fair, October 23rd-31st. The Association has a booth represented at the fair and churches are invited to be responsible for a 4-hour time slot at the booth. We will provide a lunch for all the fair workers on Friday, October 30th. Servers are needed! Please let us know if you would like to volunteer at the Fair.