

NOVEMBER 2016

The First Baptist Builder



November Dates To Remember

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| <i>November 5th</i> | <i>Grace Market Place, contact Sylvia Williams at 385-231-6379</i> |
| <i>November 6th</i> | <i>Brotherhood Breakfast 7:00 am, Church Wide Picnic 12:30 am</i> |
| <i>November 13th</i> | <i>Missions Through The Arts Fundraiser Luncheon</i> |
| <i>November 15th</i> | <i>Pray Then Play Basket Ball Awards</i> |
| <i>November 18th</i> | <i>Christmas Tree lighting Down Town High Springs</i> |
| <i>November 20th</i> | <i>Senior Adult Thanksgiving Lunch 12:30pm (FLC)</i> |
| <i>November 21st</i> | <i>Thanksgiving Basket preparation (FLC & Kitchen)
Contact Wanda Wilson at 386-454-1562</i> |

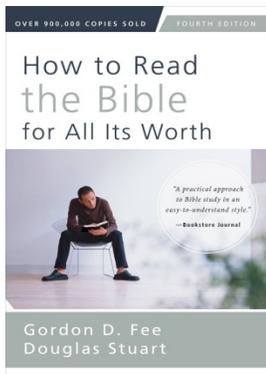
Church Office closed November 24th and 25th

SENIOR PASTOR

Submitted by, Derek Lambert

Have you the desire to understand the Bible better? Do you wish you could understand how the whole Bible fits together? Which translation should you read? Are all translations created equally? If these questions catch your attention, maybe you should consider joining me for a study aimed to equip students in these ways.

"How to Study the Bible for All Its Worth" (Fee and Stuart) will serve as our guide. The book is now in its 4th edition, so if you would like to purchase the book now, be certain to buy the most up to date edition.



The class will launch in January 2017 and will likely be held on Thursday evenings. Feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions. Below is a snapshot of the outline for the study.

- Interpreting Scripture
- Translations
- The Epistles
- Old Testament Narratives
- Acts
- The Gospels
- The Parables
- The Law
- The Prophets
- The Psalms
- Wisdom
- The Revelation

WORSHIP PASTOR



Submitted by, Tim Harris

Thanksgiving is upon us and right around the corner is Christmas. Where has the time gone? I remember as a little boy wanting the school year to fly by (or at least the week so I could enjoy the weekend)...I couldn't wait for summer. And now...I'd like time to slow down just a little bit. I have been amazed as I look back at my life to reflect on what God has taught me. I remember when I didn't get an answer to some question or situation. I wondered why, and many others around me did as well. The devotion below is from Henry Blackaby. I hope it will enlighten you as it has me.

Prayer Is Preparation When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Acts 2:1 Prayer does not give you spiritual power. Prayer aligns your life with God so that He chooses to demonstrate His power through you. The purpose of prayer is not to convince God to change your circumstances, but to prepare you to be involved in God's activity. The fervent prayer of the people at Pentecost did not induce the Holy Spirit to come upon them. Prayer brought them to a place where they were ready to participate in the mighty work God had already planned.

Jesus told His followers to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit came upon them (Acts 1 :4-5). The disciples obeyed His command, waiting for God's next directive. As they prayed, God adjusted their lives to what He intended to do next. As they prayed, a unity developed among them. For the first time the disciples used Scripture as their guide in decision making (Acts 1: 15-26). The day of Pentecost arrived, and the city of Jerusalem filled with pilgrims from around the world. When God released His Holy Spirit upon the disciples, He had already filled the city with messengers who would carry the Gospel to every nation. Prayer had prepared the disciples for their obedient response. Prayer is designed to adjust you to God's will, not to adjust God to your will. If God has not responded to what you are praying, you may need to adjust your praying to align with God's agenda. Rather than focusing on what you would like to see happen, realize that God may be more concerned with what He wants to see happen in you.

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In Christ, Bro. Tim

Jer. 29:11

Dec. 11th *Christmas Makes Everything New*

Our Celebration, Young at Heart, and Student Choirs will join together December 13th at 6:00 pm to lead us in worship. Make plans to attend now and bring someone with you as we Celebrate, ***Christmas makes Everything New.***

DEACONS

Submitted by, Matthew Humphries

We are headed into that time of year where we all get to eat too much, see family that we never see, and generally get stressed out over the gifts that we should give. Is it any wonder that people seem to either love or hate this time of year. I believe we certainly get caught up in the season too much. As Christians, we have an obligation to our Lord and Savior to make much of Him every day, not just on Christmas. You see the world doesn't know him. They don't know the life changing forgiveness and peace and power that we as Christians have experienced because of our new birth. I, for one, don't always portray my Savior in this sort of light. Why is that? May be I have mistakenly thought that it was about trying harder, doing more, and acting like Jesus did even when deep down I don't feel it. This is a recipe for failure. It has to be about knowing Him more, realizing my true identity that I gained in Christ and God's design for transformation through His Spirit. Transformation can only occur in authentic community. This is a place where the real you shows up and meets the real needs of others for the right reason, in the right way. A place where we are vulnerable and people love us anyway; even our brokenness, and they encourage us and hold us accountable. When we as a church get this right the world will know that we are not just trying to do better but that we are Sons and Daughters of the Most High.

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:35

I love our church family and am most thankful for experiencing Jesus through them. Our community, work places, homes and wherever we go needs to experience Jesus through us. His life lived out through us, by His Spirit in us, is what a lost and dying world need to experience. When they do, God will be glorified and lives will be changed eternally.



Deacons on call

November

*Elzy Lord	386-454-3878	352-258-3652
Kyle Petteway	386-454-1298	352-213-4273
Daniel Shepherd	386-454-8028	352-317-216
Mike Sturm	386-462-2891	352-316-1872

December

*Dick Bridges	386-462-3123	352-870-2112
Steve Grote		813-833-3910
Greg Illig	386-454-7023	386-585-7022
Robbie Teele	386-497-3360	352-215-3999
Gary Wilson	386-454-1562	386-623-5095

GRACE MARKET PLACE

Submitted by, Sylvia Williams

Our church will serving dinner at Grace Market Place (Alachua Co. Homeless Shelter) on November 5th We are collection donations of Laundry detergent, razors, tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoo, wash clothes, reading glasses and old medicine bottles. Please bring all donations to the church by November 4th. We also need brownies or cookies in zip-lock bags 2 to a bag. We need volunteers to cook, serve, witness and pray. Please see sign up sheet in the church foyer and in your Life Connections classes.

If you would like to participate in either of these ministries please contact Steve or Sylvia Williams at 352-231-6379 or 386-454-1470.

Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry here at FBC is alive and well with lots happening. It is our heart's desires to share Jesus with every child/student that we come in contact with and to honor God in everything that we do and everything that we say. God is doing a work within our children's ministry, which we all can testify to that, and we are looking forward to the great things in store for the future. We wanted to take a moment and share some information on the days and times of the happenings for you to be able to join in, share with others, and certainly be praying for God to be glorified, also for our children and wonderful teachers. The following are the days and times for the children's programs:

Sunday morning:

- * Life Connections for all ages 9:45 - 10:45 am
- * KINGDOM KIDZ during the 11:00 am service in the theater in the Children's Wing

Wednesday Evening:

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS 6:00 - 6:45 pm

- * Preschool (ages 3 - PreK) Children's Bldg Room 25
- * School aged (K - 6th grades) Choir Room B15

KIDS CLUBS 6:45 - 8:00 pm

- * Preschool (ages 3 - PreK) Children's Bldg Room 23
- * K - 1st Grade Children's Bldg Room 24
- * 2nd - 4th Grade Children's Bldg Theater
- * 5th and 6th Grade "RESOLVE" in FLC



Our Children's Choirs will be performing on Sunday, December 4th, at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. The title is "Camel Lot: Don't Miss the Manger" A word from the writer, Cyndi Nine: "It is our desire to help remind kids and adults alike that the best place in the world to be is at the feet of Jesus." Join us for a great time of fun and laughter, all while keeping the first things

LIBRARY

Submitted by, Janet Bridges

Circulation Statistics for July-September:

Books

Youth and Adults	403
J Section (Older Children)	329
C Section (Younger Children)	424

VC	4
Die Cuts	8
DVD's	61
Periodicals	2
Equipment	23
Homebound—DVD's	12

Total	1286
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In-House Usage

Books	29
Periodicals	30

Collection Statistics: Added

Books	94
DVD's	5

Patron Statistics: Added 6

Here's a fairly new book to the library collection for children:

Thanksgiving for Emily Ann by Teresa Johnston:



Emily Ann Learns about the meaning of Thanksgiving when her family gathers around the dinner table. (call # CE Joh)

We wish Everyone a very Blessed Thanksgiving,

Janet Bridges, Library.

WOMEN ON MISSION

Submitted by, Wanda Wilson

Our **Women on a Mission** group has been very busy this month. We have had our yearly planning meeting and are excited about the new projects we have added for this year.

WMU will host the family night supper on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Until the end of December. All profits will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

From January to the end of the school year our profits will go to the Annie Armstrong Easter offering.

We made 52 chemo hats our first sewing session. Our next sewing day will be October 28th at Jeannie Preston's home.

For November we have our regular WMU meeting Nov. 10 @10:00 a.m. in B-13 and sewing on Nov. 18th at Jeannie Preston's home.

Our Thanksgiving baskets will be put together and handed out on Monday Nov. 21 in the FLC If you have any questions please call me at 386 -454-1562..

Come join us for some fun as we strive to serve our Lord. We would love to have you join us the 2nd Thursday of the month @ 10:00 am and see what else we are doing.

Blessings Wanda

In all things,
give
thanks
1 Thessalonians 5:18

FIRST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Submitted by Linda Petteway

Calendar Reminders:

November 8: Don't forget to vote in our national election!

November 11: Veteran's Day; FCA closed

November 21-25: Thanksgiving holiday; FCA closed

FCA School Board members: Kathy Barnes, Kim Carter, David Friar, Cammey Hinton, Drew Mock, Rusty Noah, Daniel Shepherd (Chairman), and Kim Teele.

Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools:

The 2016 annual FACCS Convention was held in Orlando recently. As part of our professional development program, our staff was excited to attend this convention. "More than ever, as Christian schools, we must fervently pray, mightily execute our strategy and rely upon the Holy Spirit to help us overwhelm the enemy."

FCA Fundraiser: Our yearly catalog fundraiser, which included our infants through Grade 11, ended Monday, October 17. Thank you to all who participated! We expect all the ordered items to arrive before Thanksgiving. Thank you, Mrs. Price for serving as our Coordinator!

Parent Teacher Fellowship: Our new PTF for FCA parents, is being led by Michelle Urig and Michelle Emerick. This organization has been formed to assist parents in being involved in some capacity during our school year. One of their priorities is prayer for our school and each member of the FCA family. We are now having a weekly prayer meeting on Tuesday mornings beginning at 7:30 am. This will be one of the keys to our continued strength as we pray together for God's blessings and provisions.

FCA Student Government, Mrs. Elizabeth Patsch: "See You at the Pole" was led by this group. Well done, students! We had a good turnout for prayer and worship.

PRAY THEN PLAY

Submitted by, Weston Gallop

Pray Then Play Basketball is finishing up an exciting season in their third consecutive year of fall basketball. The season started with player evaluations in early September and from that had eight teams with a total of 54 boy and girl basketball players representing First Baptist Church of High Springs ranging in ages from 4-12. This year, games were played against each other and two other area churches, First Baptist Church of Alachua and Destiny Community Church in Newberry. Over the eight week season, each team competed in six games and each week discussed a new devotion topic including sportsmanship, responsibility and hard work among others. Over the course of the season, we watched as the new players became more confident, the seasoned players got more polished and the kids all turned into friends while learning how to be the type of basketball player that reflects Christ. The season finished with a tournament that crowned the winning team in each age division as well as our annual banquet to cap off the year with trophies and dinner to celebrate everyone's hard work and progress!

SENIOR ADULTS

Submitted by, Tim Harris

Picnic Cookout

November 7th

Time: 4:30-7:00 PM

Place: Family Life Center

Project: Making Bookmarkers as gifts to be distributed immediately to those in our area to where we do business, our neighbors, and friends.

Purpose: Fellowship & Encourage people to pray for our country

Daytrip to Ayers Nursing Home

Date: December Day (TBA)

Time: 9:30 - AM until 1:00 PM

We will leave at 9:30 to Ayer's Nursing Home and afterwards head back to Bell and eat at Aiken's Bar B Q. We will return around 1:00 PM. (Please bring money for lunch)

THANK YOU



Dear 100 Club,

Thank you so much for the ministry you perform. Especially for our neighbor and friends Ken and Vicki Glen.

Thank you,

Paul and Judy Hillhouse

Christmas Eve Saturday Dec. 24th 5:30 - 7:00 PM

A Unique opportunity for families to take of The Lord's Supper as individual families beginning at 5:30 going through 7:00 PM in the FLC

Dec. 25 Christmas Day - One Worship Service at 10:00 AM

No Life Connection Classes

No Evening Worship Service

Office Closed Dec. 26 - 30

No Activities on Wednesday Dec. 28th

New Years Day One Worship Service at 10:00 AM

No Life Connection Classes

No Evening Worship Service

GIVE *Thanks*
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS *love* ENDURES
FOREVER!

Psalm 107:2

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.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: SAMARITANS PURSE

Collection of shoeboxes will be from Nov. 1st through 20th

We will dedicate the shoe boxes from our church on Sunday of the 20th. PLEASE HELP US COLLECT ON TIME. DON'T WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE.



Senior Pastor, Derek Lambert

Worship Pastor, Tim Harris

FCA Headmaster, Stan Stone

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00-5:00

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