

Florida Baptist Witness

Connecting Believers and Growing the Kingdom

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The Morning Worship service is recorded and broadcast on WEGS-91.7 FM at 12:00 p.m. every Sunday.

THURSDAY - April 20, 2017

9:30a Ladies' Bible Study (First Cup)
11:00a 55+ Luncheon

FRIDAY - April 21, 2017

10:30a Senior Adult Aerobics (Gym)
6:00p Kathryn Tolbert S. S. Event (FLC)
6:00p Mills Family Event (Gym)

SATURDAY - April 22, 2017

9:00a Counseling Meeting Until Noon (FLC)
R. A. Racers (Pine Terrace Baptist Church)
2:00p Everette Family Event (FLC)

SUNDAY - April 23, 2017

8:30a First Cup Opens
9:15a Sunday School
9:30a Blood Drive Until 1:30p (near the FLC)
10:30a Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
4:30p Bible Drill
Outreach Think Tank, Ages 18-35 (Bamberg Chapel)
5:00p Student Choir (Choir Suite)
5:30p Awana (The Way)

6:00p Evening Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY - April 24, 2017

10:30a Senior Adult Aerobics (Gym)
6:00p Trustee Meeting (Bldg. E)

TUESDAY - April 25, 2017

10:00a Adult Bible Study (Bldg. E)

WEDNESDAY - April 26, 2017

10:30a Senior Adult Aerobics (Gym)
4:45p Wednesday Night Supper
5:15p First Cup Opens
5:30p Church Nursery Opens (children 3 and under)
WorshipQuest (Preschool/The Way)

5:45p Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)

Student Ministry Mid-Week Gathering (FLC)
Men's/Women's Bible Studies (Bldg. E)

6:00p Celebrate Recovery (Prayer Room)

7:00p Celebration Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

THURSDAY - April 27, 2017

9:30a Ladies' Bible Study (First Cup)

FRIDAY - April 28, 2017

10:30a Senior Adult Aerobics (Gym)

SUNDAY - April 30, 2017

8:30a First Cup Opens
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
4:00p Church Council Mtg. (FLC)
4:30p Bible Drill
5:00p Student Choir (Choir Suite)
5:30p Awana (The Way)
6:00p Evening Service (Sanctuary)
7:00p Business Mtg. (Sanctuary)

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD'S MISSION FOR OUR CHURCH IS TO . . .

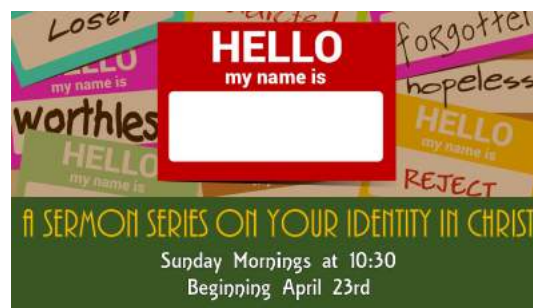
Declare CHRIST

Develop BELIEVERS, AND

Deploy DISCIPLES INTO THE WORLD

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR DR. JONATHAN RUSSELL

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? When I became your pastor in January, we spent several weeks discussing what Jesus wants the church to be. We just concluded our "I Am" series, in which we thought about who Jesus says He is. As we move into May, we will spend several weeks focusing on who Scripture says we are in Christ. Beginning April 23rd I'll share a series of messages about the believer's identity in Christ. Be in your seat for worship each week as we answer the question of who we are in Christ!



WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP YOU NEED TO TAKE? Beginning May 7th we'll provide another opportunity for guests and members alike to respond to what God may be calling you to do, as we launch our "Next Step Station." Some great volunteers will be equipped to help others take the next step in their relationship with God. Each week during our time of worship God expects us to respond. As you worship with your First family each week, know that we're excited to give you another opportunity to make that response. Keep your ears open for more information about how you can respond or help others in their response to God's call.

DID YOU KNOW that over 45,000 people live within a five-mile radius of FBC? God planted us where we are for a purpose, and part of that purpose is to impact our community. On Saturday, May 6th, we will host the first of three "Shadow of the Steeple" outreach events. The premise is very simple: we'll gather together at 10:00 a.m. and form groups. Those groups will then walk through the neighborhoods around FBC, and we'll meet those who live in the shadow of our steeple. As we meet them we'll invite them to church and offer to pray for them. This is something most anyone can do, so I hope you'll make plans to be a part of reaching out!

WE APPRECIATE the men and women who serve our country, and we count it an honor to be able to show our military personnel that appreciation. We have such an opportunity on Friday, May 19th, when the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce hosts an appreciation picnic for military personnel on the base at Whiting Field. We're recruiting members to oversee the children's recreation area from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Let Elaine or Randy know if you're interested. If you can't physically help that day, be sure to pray for those who are stationed there, as well as their families, and show them your appreciation!



Sympathy

The Pastor, Staff and Church family extend Christian sympathy to Jean Thrash Wendt and family in the death of her husband, **Patrick Wendt**. Sympathy is also extended to Nell Thrash in the death of her son-in-law.

The Pastor, Staff and Church family extend Christian sympathy to Faye Chiles and family in the death of her brother-in-law, **Grady Bowman**.

The Pastor, Staff and Church Family extend Christian sympathy to the family of our Sister-in-Christ, **Joyce Day**.

The Pastor, Staff and Church Family extend Christian sympathy to Charles and Janet Scott and family in the death of his father, **Charles Scott, Sr.**


The Pastor, Staff and Church Family extend Christian sympathy to Harold Arrant and family in the death of his brother, **Kenneth Arrant**.

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CATALYST
 STUDENT MINISTRY
 LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. BE THE CATALYST.

Wednesdays @ 5:45 p.m.
 Upstairs in the FLC



FAMOUS
3:16s

APRIL 30
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
 4:30p Family Life Center
BUSINESS MEETING
 Immediately Following
 Evening Worship

SANCTUARY AND WELCOME CENTER FLOWERS

Please contact Beverly in the church office, 623-3122, to reserve your Sunday to place flowers in the Sanctuary or on the Welcome Center.



The 66th Annual National Observance
May 4, 2017
FOR YOUR GREAT NAME'S SAKE!
 HEAR US... FORGIVE US... HEAL US!



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
 The First Thursday of May
 WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
 anniearmstrong.com

Goal: \$10,534.17 Given: \$8,475.00

Stations of the Cross



MISSION IS WHAT YOU DO

I am writing this article at the midpoint of Holy Week. I pray that by the time you read this, we will have seen many lives changed by the same power that raised Christ from the dead. Thank you to all who came out to pray for our community on Monday, April 10. Our city, county, and nation needs the Gospel, and we must pray for its advance.

Christopher J.H. Wright at the beginning of his classic textbook, *The Mission of God*, discusses several definitions of "mission." He points out that in its most simple definition, "mission" is what you do. So, from what we do, what is evident about the mission of our church? As I walk around our mission fair, I see that we pray for people. We minister to the bereaved. We feed the hungry. We help those who are struggling with life's issues and hang-ups. We worship God. We love and teach children and students about His will for their lives. We pray for and support missionaries and seek to go ourselves into our community, nation, and the world with the Gospel. Our mission to declare Christ, develop believers, and to deploy disciples to the world is evident in the ministries that we do.

But what each of us as individual members of Christ body? If mission is what we do, what would others who observe our daily lives assume to be our mission? Before the end of April, prayerfully consider what you want to be evident in your life regarding your mission. Look around the Mission Fair. We have many places for you to be on mission with God.

OUTREACH THINK TANK


The Outreach Think Tank was eye opening. It is great to be the Minister of Outreach in a church where so many have an interest in reaching our community for Christ. On **April 23**, we will have another Outreach Think Tank, but this time we want to meet only with those who are age 18-35. Volumes have been written on church and people in this age bracket, but we want to hear directly from them their ideas about reaching young adults.

May 21
 4:30 - 5:30
 FLC
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING

oneblood
 Share your power.
 SAVE A LIFE DONATE BLOOD
 April 23
 9:30a-1:00p
 FLC

Weekly Children's Activities and Ministries

Sundays



At 9:15 a.m. in The Way (upstairs in Bldg. E) and The Preschool (downstairs in Bldg. B).



At 5:30 p.m. in The Way (upstairs in Bldg. E).

Wednesdays







At 5:30 p.m. in The Way (upstairs in Bldg. E) and The Preschool (downstairs in Bldg. B).

GIRLS IN ACTION

Mother-Daughter Tea



May 7
 4:00 p.m.
 FLC



RA Racers
 Saturday
 April 22
 Pine Terrace
 9:30 a.m. - Registration
 10:00 a.m. - Racing Starts