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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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CHURCH-WIDE VALENTINE BANQUET

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12
5:30 PM IN THE FLC**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$8 ADULTS AND \$5 FOR
CHILDREN (CHILD PORTIONS ARE SMALLER).**

MENU:

BOSTON BUTT

HASH BROWN CASSEROLE

GREEN BEANS

ROLL, AND DESSERT





TIM'S NOTES

I hope each of you will be here on February 12th at 5:30 pm for the annual Valentine's Banquet that our youth choir presents each year.

The menu is Boston Butt (cooked by yours truly), Hash Brown Casserole, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert, and tea or coffee, followed by the program which will be Family Feud. We are asking the Life Connection classes to choose members of their class to represent their family. We will then call them up to compete with other families. It will be a lot of fun.

We are asking a donation of \$8.00 for adult plates and \$5 for child plates (child's portion). All of the proceeds will benefit those students going on Missions Through the Arts this June.

If you find it difficult to purchase a ticket, please see me and I will gladly provide a ticket to you without cost. You are a part of our church family and we want you to come and enjoy the fun, food and fellowship.

This was recently sent to me and was too good to not pass along:

Teaching Our Daughters the Difference Between Boys vs. Men

A boy who flatters her
And a man who compliments her

A boy who spends money on her
And a man who invests in her

A boy who views her as property
And a man who views her properly

A boy who lusts after her
And a man who loves her

A boy who believes he's God's gift to women
And a man who remembers woman was God's gift to man

And then teaches our sons
To be a man
Now that's what I'm teaching my daughter!

This is your invitation: Get plugged in and come join a Choir today!



In Christ, Bro. Tim
Jer. 29:11

THE POINT

BILLY STEPHENS

I don't know about you, but I get frustrated with myself when I fail to honor God in my life. Sometimes that happens because I fail to recognize an opportunity to share him with someone and other times because I allow my flesh to cause me to stumble into a sin. Either way, I get equally frustrated with myself. After all, isn't our purpose for existing to bring glory to God? Paul wrote in I Corinthians 10:31, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." So when I fail to glorify Him, my heart truly hurts.

I am thankful though that God uses those times that I fail as teachable moments. He uses those situations to help me to be more aware. Much like the time years ago I learned a very valuable lesson about keeping my eyes on the road. I was driving home from a college class and heard the guy on the radio talking about how there were planets that would be visible that night. So I started looking into the night sky, while driving, and almost ran into the other lane and hit a car. Did it scare me? You bet! Did I learn a lesson from that? I have never forgotten it.

I made a terrible mistake driving and it almost ended horribly but I did not let it keep me from driving again. I was back on the road the next day, but much more aware of what I was supposed to be doing. When we fail to glorify God in our lives, we shouldn't give up. God can use that if we will let him help us to be more aware of why we are here. "So...whether you eat or drink or WHATEVER you do, DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD."



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the food, cards, visits, and phone calls during my recovery. Thank you for the prayers the most, they meant so much to me. I covet your continued prayers.

Love you,
Eloise McCormick

Dear FBC of High Springs,

Thank you for all that you have done this past year in giving to Friends of Children for the establishment of a Florida Baptist Children's Home facility in LaCrosse. You give us great encouragement as we move this ministry toward the building phase of the project.

As you may already know, the endowment goal of \$2,000,000 was reached in 2011. Plans are to start construction on Unit #1 this summer. Again, thank you for your generous gifts.

Your brother in Christ,
Denny

George, President



Library News:

Reporting our circulation for the last quarter:

October – December 2011

Books:

Youth and Adults	391
J Section (Older Children)	421
C Section (Young Children)	657

Videocassettes	14
CDs	3
DVDs	132
Periodicals	8
Equipment	<u>18</u>
TOTAL	1,644

In-House Usage:

Books	44
Periodicals	35

Collection Statistics:

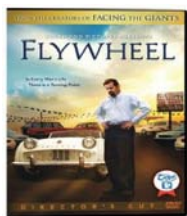
Books	298
DVDs	1
CDs	1

Patron Statistics – Added 9

The Library has added a new DVD which we highly recommend to our church family, especially our dads: **Courageous** (DVD) director: Alex Kendrick. As law enforcement officers, they face danger every day. Yet when tragedy strikes close to home, these fathers are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, and their faith. From this struggle will come a decision that changes all of their lives. With action, drama, and humor, the fourth film from Sherwood Pictures embraces God's promise to "turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers." A great film for the whole family. (Call # DVD F Cou)

The other films produced by the same group above are **Flywheel**, **Facing the Giants**, and **Fireproof**. The Library has all of these. Come check them out at your Library.

Janet H. Bridges



Library Director



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

SCHOOLWIDE: Our second report cards went home on January 18th. FCA will be closed on February 20th to observe President's Day.

PTO News, Mrs. Jackie Lavinder: Our Parent Teacher Organization at FCA met on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm in the theater. The decision was made that each child of a parent in attendance would be able to "dress down" (no uniforms) the next Thursday. This is considered a treat for students who encourage their parents to attend. The children really seem to enjoy this so we hope to see you on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 pm in the theater. Lots of important decisions take place at these meetings. Come cast your votes.

Fine Arts News, Mrs. Shoran Potter: Mrs. Potter plans to take third graders through sixth graders to an Association of Christian Schools International Elementary Chorale Competition on Thursday, March 8th. The competition will be at the Indian Rocks Christian School in Largo. We will be chartering a bus for the approximately 57 students and teachers to attend. Good luck and God's blessings to those that will be able to attend.

We will have an Easter Concert on March 29th.

There was a school-wide Spelling Bee on January 4th for our 5th through 7th graders. We are proud to announce Maggie Zawoy, a sixth grader, as the FCA Spelling Bee Champion! Tyler Levanduski, a fifth grader, came in second and Meghan Collins, a sixth grader came in third. Maggie advanced to the Alachua County Spelling Bee held in Gainesville on January 25th.

The Yearbook staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you have great photos of school events, they would like to have them. Help the staff get as many photos as possible to create another terrific Yearbook.

Art in the Park, Mrs. Melissa Levanduski and Mrs. Erin Emerson: Our Art teachers have announced that our Art in the Park will be held on Tuesday, March 6th. The theme this year is Romans 1:20, "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse." Mrs. Levanduski and Mrs. Emerson are looking for volunteers to prepare our students' art work.

These teachers at FCA are reporting some very exciting things going on in their classes:

Mrs. Kim Friar, First Grade: First graders have started talking about the life of Christ during their Bible time. They have learned four different memory passages so far. The memory passages are usually six verses at a time.

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The first graders also continue to expand their math skills by now learning fractions of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. They are also learning time to the hour, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, $\frac{1}{4}$ past, or 45 minutes past. They are learning about discovering animals, themselves, toys, and insects in science time. The children are very inquisitive about their studies. To God be the glory for FCA and the children that attend!

Mrs. Kelli Rumore, Third Grade: The 3rd grade at FCA has just kicked off the New Year with an American History curriculum. They are learning some amazing facts about our country's beginnings. They have learned to solve conversion equations and all of the multiplication tables. There are some fun days on the horizon as they will be visiting the Olustee Battlefield in February. There is so much to learn and explore! They are having a fantastic year.

Mrs. Melody Petteway, 5 – 7 Grades: The 5th through 7th graders were involved in the first annual school Spelling Bee at FCA. They are proud to announce Maggie Zawoy, a sixth grader, as the School Spelling Bee Champion. Tyler Levanduski, a fifth grader, came in second and Meghan Collins, a sixth grader came in third. All contestants did a great job! These students took a step back in time on their field trip to the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire in February. From jousting tournaments to Robin Hood Theater, they were able to learn more about the customs, foods and wares of the Middle Ages. The students continue to work diligently in their studies. The all had midterm exams as they completed the 2 nine weeks and first semester. It is hard to believe that half of the year is over! Sixth grade is studying the life of Joshua and is learning that faith and obedience go hand in hand. Thanks for your prayers.

Linda Petteway

Congratulations to our FCA Archery Team! They received 4 medals in our first JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development) tournament!



Girls Division: 14 & under
Meghan Collins = Silver

Boys Division: 12 & under
Tyler Levanduski = Silver

Girls Division: 12 & under
Emily Keene = Silver
Maggie Zawoy = Bronze

KIDS IDEAS ABOUT LOVE AND MARRIAGE

- "If falling in love is anything like learning how to spell, I don't want to do it. It takes too long." -- *Glenn, age 7*
- "Love is like an avalanche where you have to run for your life." -- *John, age 9*
- "I think you're supposed to get shot with an arrow or something, but the rest of it isn't supposed to be so painful." -- *Manuel, age 8*
- "No one is sure why it happens, but I heard it has something to do with how you smell. That's why perfume and deodorant are so popular." -- *Mae, age 9*
- "Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good too." -- *Greg, age 8*
- "Once I'm done with kindergarten, I'm going to find me a wife." -- *Tom, age 5*
- "On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date." -- *Mike, 10*
- "I'm in favor of love as long as it doesn't happen when *Dinosaurs* is on television." -- *Jill, age 6*
- "One of the people has freckles, and so he finds somebody else who has freckles too." -- *Andrew, age 6*
- "My mother says to look for a man who is kind. That's what I'll do. I'll find somebody who's kinda tall and handsome." -- *Carolyn, age 8*
- "It gives me a headache to think about that stuff. I'm just a kid. I don't need that kind of trouble." -- *Kenny, age 7*



HOW PEOPLE IN LOVE ACT

- "Lovers will just be staring at each other and their food will get cold. Other people care more about the food." -- *Brad, age 8*
- "They act mooshy. Like puppy dogs, except puppy dogs don't wag their tails nearly as much." -- *Arnold, age 10*
- "All of a sudden, the people get movies fever so they can sit together in the dark." -- *Sherm, age 8*
- "Romantic adults usually are all dressed up, so if they are just wearing jeans it might mean they used to go out or they just broke up." -- *Sarah, age 9*
- "It's love if they order one of those desserts that are on fire. They like to order those because it's just like how their hearts are -- on fire." -- *Christine, age 9*
- "See if the man picks up the check. That's how you can tell if he's in love." -- *John, age 9*



- "Many daters just eat pork chops and French fries and talk about love." -- Craig, age 9



SR. ADULT TRIP

The Senior Adults will be going to Gainesville to hear the "Kingdom Heirs" in concert, Thursday, February 23rd at Westside Baptist Church. The concert starts at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. For a group of 20 or more the cost will be \$10 per person, otherwise \$12 per person. The vans will leave at 4:30 pm. A sign-up sheet is in the Church Sanctuary, if you are interested in going. Please pay when you sign up. Deadline to sign up is February 12th.

FLAG FOOTBALL NEWS



Flag Football sign-ups are starting now. Registration forms are available in the Church Office and Sanctuary Foyer. Saturday, March 10th will be player evaluation beginning at 10 am. Practices will begin March 12th. Games will be Mondays and Tuesdays and will begin April 9th. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign-up in the Sanctuary Foyer. For more information, contact Bro. Billy.

LIFESOUTH BLOOD DRIVE

The next blood drive will be Sunday, February 12th from 9:15 am – 1:00 pm.

"KINGDOM HEIRS" CONCERT

If you love Southern Gospel Music at its best, you will love the Kingdom Heirs. If you have not heard them, you're missing a real treat! Not only will you be helping with a good cause, but you will see what God is doing through these men in song. A \$12



donation per person will be requested at the door for the concert. The concert is Thursday, February 23rd at Westside Baptist Church and starts at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. A free-will offering will be received during the concert for missionary work in Nicaragua. For more information, call 352-317-4039.



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Baptized at a later date

pending completion of the New Members Class



BUS STOP CAFÉ MENU

February 1	Soft Tacos, Mexican Rice, Nachos, and Dessert
February 8	Chicken & Rice, Green Beans, Roll and Dessert
February 15	Baked Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert
February 22	Grilled Cheese, Soup and Dessert
February 29	Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Roll and Dessert