

The FIRST BAPTIST BUILDER

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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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Do you ever feel like asking,
"Lord, how many hats do I have to
wear today?"

Come and hear what the
"Divine Hatmaker"
has to say about all the hats we
wear as women at our

Fancy Hat Party

on Saturday, May 15, 2010, from
2:00 until 4:00 p.m.
in the Family Life Center



EDDIE-TORIAL

It won't be long and school will be out. Vacations are in the planning stages, and the warmer days will start to slow down a little while the cooler nights will be inviting us out for activities and fellowship.

Yes, the long, cold winter is finally over, and the farmers even missed their predictions of the one last frost before Easter. In a few months we'll be fussing and complaining about how hot it is and how ready we are for a little cooler weather. We just never seem to be happy with anything very long. It makes me think about the Apostle Paul saying something like, "I've just learned to be content with whatever situation I find myself." Phil. 4:11 (for those who may doubt the Bible could give such advice.) In fact, he told Timothy that if he had food to eat and clothes on his back he ought to be content. (1 Timothy 6:8) Wow, could we live with that????

Well, in spite of all the gloom and doom of global warming by politicians with agendas, we are just going to have to get used to the idea that the seasons are going to be around till the Lord comes again. "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night shall not cease." (Gen. 8:22) Sorry Mr. Gore, I think God has you beat on this one. I think I'll stick with the God "that made it sustains it."

Most of you know by now that I am a people watcher. I pay close attention to facial expressions and body language. They communicate so much more than words do. I observe the vast majority of folks so absorbed in the affairs of life, so much so, that they are missing the living of life itself. I think we forget that we don't have to control, run, fix or heal everything in the world.

Most of us would get a lot more enjoyment out of life if we would just pray the Serenity Prayer a couple of times a day. O, what is that? "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Yep, all the stuff we've been hearing about "change you can believe in." Trust me that kind of change can only come from God, not the White House. No matter how sincere the belief is in the change. The key is to make sure your change is shaped by God and not the world. Even in tough changes, He is still the potter, we are still the clay and we can trust Him to make us usable vessels no matter what the circumstances.

No matter what's going on around us, we need to live out the words of the great old hymn, "Let others see Jesus in you. Keep telling the story, be faithful and true. Let others see Jesus in you." That will bring change you can believe in.



TIM'S NOTES

Don't forget to mark your calendars:

Splash Kingdom on May 16th at 6:00 PM.

Sweet Land of Liberty on June 27th

I Know My Redeemer Lives TBA

Missions Through the Arts

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You for supporting us in raising money for **MISSIONS THROUGH THE ARTS** through the Banquets. A portion of the money has helped all of the students defer some of the cost for the trip and the rest is there to help with the mission side of the mission project.

We will be leaving at 6:00 AM on June 17 and returning on Father's Day June 20th. The trip will have several components. We will be helping at the **Salvation Army, a Block Party** (to help the church get into the community), visiting **The Holy Land Experience**, as well as singing and witnessing at **Point Orlando, and** of course, we will have a **work project**.

This year our **work project** will be a joint effort with Next Community Church in Winter Garden. Scott Billue, the Pastor, began working with the homeless 4 years ago. We will be helping them with some construction work renovating 2 rooms of a D/W mobile home, to help provide medical treatment in a central location within walking distance of 20 tent communities on the east side of Orange county. Below you will read the scripture that is the footprint for Matthews Hope and some needs they have. We will be collecting these items at the church office for anyone that God leads to help. Please pray for us as we go in His name.

Matthews Hope

Lending a hand where we can...to our friends in the woods.

Matthew 25:35-40

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?'

38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you?'

39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'



Tim's Notes cont....



Lending a hand to our Friends in the Woods
NEEDS LIST

Work Boots (Steel Toe), New & Gently Used Sneakers, Socks, Jeans, Undergarments, Pull Over Type Shirts (Polo & T-Shirts with Pockets), Backpacks, Work Gloves, Bike Tire Tubes, Bike Tube Repair Kits, Bicycle Brake Pads, Bike Locks (Keyed), Trench Shovels, Propane Stoves, Radio's, Plastic Cooking Utensils, Bow Saws, Batteries (C,D, 9V, AA & AAA), Flashlights (Crank or Solar), Large Tents, Tarps, Sleeping Bags

We also need Bike Light Kit Donations of just \$15.00 as the Winter Garden Police Department has agreed to provide kits to all of our Structurally Challenged Friends who are without proper Safety Equipment

If you would like to know more about this ministry visit www.nextcommunitychurch.com and tab to the Matthews Hope button.

In Christ, Bro. Tim

Hot Summer Tips:

Don't Leave It in Your Car!

Most of us have at least one or two devices that run on rechargeable batteries, for example:

- cell phones
- laptop computers
- cordless phones
- Palm Pilots and other PDA devices
- iPods and other portable music players
- digital cameras
- electronic games and toys
- cordless power tools
- hair trimmers
- rechargeable flashlights



Most modern devices use Lithium-ion batteries (sometimes abbreviated Li-ion), so that type of battery is my focus, although most of my advice applies to other types as well.



THE EVANGELIST

My brothers and sisters in Christ, give God the glory for He reigns on high. He is so good to us. In the first family, Adam for a while demonstrated the love of God to his wife, to the animals, and in His work. Everything abounds in perfection in Paradise known as the Garden of Eden. Then, in a matter of a few minutes, disobedience would have been an eternity of separation from God our Father in heaven. But, God in His eternal mercy sent the second Adam to undo what the first Adam had ruined. Who is this second Adam and what did He do for us?

The first Adam, God's first earthly son (Luke 3:38), had no idea what repercussion he would bring upon his progenitors. But, the second Adam knew what kind of blessing He would bring upon the human race (I Cor. 15:22). The first Adam broke his relationship with our Father and the second Adam restored that broken relationship by becoming one of us, and our Father in heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17). The Lord Jesus, the second Adam, demonstrated a relationship with the Father that cannot be broken, and He gave witness to their relationship when He said, "My Father and I are One." (John 10:30). Unlike the first Adam, Jesus, the second Adam came to share His Father with us and to demonstrate a heart of perfection and love for His Father (John 6:38). So, who is this second Adam? He is the precious Lamb of God without spot or blemish. He is the sinless Son of Man, the second Adam. He is the Holy One of God known in the Hebrew language as Mashiah or Messiah and in the Greek language Christos and in the English language Christ, the Son of the Living God.

The Holy Spirit of God is here to help us understand what it is that the second Adam has done for us. His blood, so precious, so powerful, so clean and so pure it can never be contained by sin, though it was shed for sin. We are blessed by the Father to be plunged beneath that cleansing blood. Lord Jesus is on display in the gospel for the entire human race to see Him and know Him. God is not holding anything back about His Son Adam, who is the Christ, the Holy One of God. The demons know who Jesus is for they dare not try to ever cross Him again. However, we can cross over to Him. He is waiting for us to know Him intimately and to share Him intimately with others. Go ahead, walk into His loving arms, then, let someone know what He is really like.

GOLDEN WARRIORS QUARTERLY LUNCHEON

The next quarterly luncheon will be Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 11:30 am in the FLC. If you are attending, please bring a Covered Dish and sign up in the Church Foyer. The meat will be provided.

One meter is on the increase while another is on the decrease. The meter that is on the rise is the thermometer. Temperatures rapidly increased from the cold winter we had. We have already had some days in the 90's. The meter that is on the decrease is the days-of-school meter. It is an exciting time of year, if you are a student. Within a month or so, there will be NO SCHOOL!

As the school schedule comes to a close, our church schedule is about to get extremely busy. There is Missions Through the Arts, Middle School Camp, High School Camp, VBS, Servants Heart, and many other things that will be on the docket. There is the opportunity for us to do much for the kingdom this summer. Please make sure you get a copy of our calendar online or in the Builder.

Also this summer, we will not have any evening services during the months of June and July. Please use this opportunity to have dinner with another family or connect with your Life Connections group. Our prayer as a staff is this will not be wasted time, but will be used to strengthen relationships in the church. There will be a couple of dates where we will meet in the Sanctuary, so please make note of these as you plan. Those dates are June 13^h (Creation Day with Dr. Grady McMurtry) and July 11^h (Church Movie Night – "Expelled")

Thank you for all your hard work this school year. Enjoy your summer.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER "PRAYER FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

This year's National Day of Prayer Task Force theme reminds us of our responsibility to humble ourselves before our Creator, not only in times of prosperity and peace, but also in seasons of trial and hardship. As we call on the Lord, let us do so by genuine faith, believing that He hears our prayers and stands ready to answer. Join with millions of voices, Thursday, May 6, 2010, coast to coast, in lifting a collective prayer for this mighty nation.

God is sovereign and nothing comes as a surprise to Him. Whether we face fluctuating economic times, threats from abroad, unrest at home, or other troubling circumstances, our Heavenly Father is not caught unaware. Through prayer, we are able to tap into His wisdom, strength, protection and peace. He stands ready to respond to our needs when we humbly ask for divine intervention in the affairs of men.

I have had the most amazing experience with my FCA First Graders this year. Every day we have a Bible time where we focus on a main story for the week. Included in this time is a lot of discussion about the Bible, where to find books of the Bible, and practicing for our weekly memory verse. My First Graders have been talking about Josiah and Joash, Samuel, David and of course the life of Jesus throughout the year. What I shared with Mrs. Marcus the other day, and now I want to share with the church family is this: The kids are asking many questions and a few of the children seem to be very close in accepting Jesus into their hearts.

Just the other day, while discussing our lesson, I had to just stop the "planned" lesson because the children started asking so many questions about the Devil and Jesus. It was so exciting to hear them discuss this topic amongst themselves and to ask me what it really was about. The children wanted to know if they followed the Devil could they ever get to Jesus. We had a long discussion about what the "path" looked like when the Devil leads us and what it looks like when Jesus leads us on the path. How does Jesus get us if we are with the Devil? What does redemption mean? These are a few questions that the children asked. I have never experienced this kind of thrill in my classroom. I truly felt the Lord was with us during this time.

It is so awesome to be a part of a school where we can talk about and talk to God! What a better way to train up a child in a Christian environment, where these kind of questions can be discussed. I would just ask that everyone keep praying for First Christian Academy and the direction the Lord would have it to take. As a parent and as a teacher, it is so exciting to see the children's eyes sparkle with the love of God and wanting to soak up as much information as they can.

Kim Friar
FCA First Grade Teacher

FCA SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Support FCA and purchase your spaghetti dinner ticket for Thursday, May 6th. Dinners can be PICKED UP ONLY from 4-7 pm. Tickets are available in the Church Office for \$6 and must be pre-paid. Please donate your favorite cake, pie or cookies for the Bake Sale. Drop off items before 3:30 pm on May 6th in the FLC. Please individually wrap cookies or other small dessert items. For more information, contact Christie Jordan at 352-258-3683.



Library News:

Mothers Day is May 9th and here are a couple of items that we would like to mention that are in the Library collection:

Her Mother's Hope by Francine Rivers:

Near the turn of the twentieth century, Marta Schneider is torn between her father's declaration that she'll never be more than a servant and her mother's encouragement to chase her dreams. Determined to fulfill her mother's hope, Marta leaves home for a better life. (This is the first novel in the Marta's Legacy Series by Francine Rivers) Call # F Riv Mar 01

Mothers and Daughters: Growing Into Wise Women Together (CD) by Nancy Wilson

As daughters become teens, they begin to transition in their relationship to their mothers – from child to close friend. Nancy Wilson describes the joys that come as mothers and daughters grow as sisters in the Lord, encouraging one another to embrace biblical femininity. This practice four-part series cultivates a high view of topics. This is a CD and was donated to the Library. Call # CD 306.87 Wil

The Library would like to say "Happy Mother's Day" to all our Moms and we miss our Moms that have already gone on to be with our Lord and Savior. We will see you again someday.

Janet H. Bridges
Library Director



Dear FBC Friends,

Thank you so much for loaning the tomb for our Easter Drama. It was just perfect! Not having to construct a tomb certainly lightened our load.

Thank you again and may God bless you for your generosity.

In Christ,
Jerry & Sandy Carter
Choir Directors – Ft. White Baptist Church

Dear Church Family,

We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Thank you for all your prayers, cards and visits during the days that followed Bob's home going. The meal that the church provided was delicious and very much appreciated. We love you all.

In Christ,
Pat Wilson and Family

In its present form, Mother's Day was established by Anna Marie Jarvis, following the death of her mother Ann Jarvis on May 9, 1905 with the help of a Philadelphia merchant called John Wanamaker. A small service was held in 12 May, 1907 in the Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia where Anna's mother had been teaching Sunday school. But the first "official" service was in 10 May, 1908 in the same church, accompanied by a larger ceremony in the Wanamaker Auditorium in the Wanamaker's store in Philadelphia. She then campaigned to establish Mother's Day as a U.S. national holiday, and later as an international holiday.

The holiday was declared officially by the state of West Virginia in 1910, and the rest of states followed quickly. On May 8, 1914 the U.S. Congress passed a law designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and requesting a proclamation. On May 9, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation, declaring the first national Mother's Day, as a day for American citizens to show the flag in honor of those mothers whose sons had died in war. In 1934, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved a stamp commemorating the holiday.

In May, 2008 the U.S. House of Representatives voted twice on a resolution commemorating Mother's Day, the first one being unanimous so that all congressmen would be on record showing support for Mother's Day. The Grafton church, where the first celebration was held, is now the International Mother's Day Shrine and is a National Historic Landmark.



Carnations have come to represent Mother's Day, since Anna Jarvis delivered 500 of them at its first celebration in 1908. Many religious services held later copied the custom of giving away carnations. This also started the custom of wearing a carnation on Mother's Day. The founder, Anna Jarvis, chose the carnation because it was the favorite flower of her mother. In part due to the shortage of white carnations, and in part due to the efforts to expand the sales of more types of flowers in Mother's Day, the florists promoted wearing a red carnation if your mother was living, or a white one if she was dead; this was tirelessly promoted until it made its way into the popular observations at churches.



"ADOPT-A-DAY"

If you feel a little overwhelmed by the task of coordinating meals, but want to help, a site has been designed that eliminates the need for making and receiving time consuming phone calls. TakeThemAMeal.com is a FREE online tool that you can use to coordinate meal deliveries for individuals in need, such as families who have lost a loved one, are caring for a sick family member, or who have had a new baby. By using the Web site to set up schedules for meal deliveries online, you can see who is bringing a meal and the food that is being delivered, preventing mix-ups that result in needy families receiving several dinners on the same night or the same foods over and over. Delivery coordinators can also enter important information such as food allergies, preventing preparing and delivering foods that families cannot eat and therefore keeping wasted food to a minimum.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Alachua and High Springs will be at the Santa Fe High School, May 14-15, 2010. We would like to develop a team of 18 volunteers. The cost will be \$20 per person. There is a sign up sheet in the Church Foyer. Contact Bro. Sammy for more information. Let's get out there and support those we know that have or had cancer.

HAITI DEMOLITION TEAM

Eight to twelve healthy people are needed for Demolition or possibly food distribution in Haiti. The dates are June 26-July 3, 2010. The approximate cost is \$1000 – 1200. Please contact Team Captain Robbie Teele at 352-215-3999, for more information. A sign up sheet is available in the Church Foyer.

ATTENTION!

Sunday night services suspended June and July ONLY! Sunday nights will be focused on strengthening Life Connections through social and outreach activities outside the church. **HOWEVER**, Sunday, June 13th at 6:00 pm Dr. Grady McMurtry from Creation Science will be here and Sunday, July 11th the movie "Expelled" will be showing in the Sanctuary. This is a must see for all Christians.

CANDY NEEDED



Bags of candy are needed for the next Fantastic Friday event, May 7th. Please bring it to the Church Office.



As our 6th Anniversary approaches on June 1st, we want you to know that we are very grateful for your help in establishing the Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Fort White. We have seen babies saved from abortion, parents finding new life in Jesus, and families being helped with material resources and parenting education. The field has been plowed and the Lord of the Harvest continues to plant new seed.

During the course of 2010 we will be laying plans to establish medical services at the center. Our annual budget of \$94,170 represents what it will cost to continue our present client services and to initiate a medical ministry at the Crossroads Pregnancy Center. The cost per day to operate is \$258; per month is \$21.50; per week is \$150.50.

We are inviting you to participate in our Adopt-a-Day ministry partnership. You can adopt a day at \$21.50 a month or whatever you choose. Some ideas are to get together with your Life Connection class, Bible Study group, club or civic group to adopt one or more days. Adopt-a-Day in honor or memory of a loved one. Tell friends and family who you know are interested in our ministry about Adopt-a-Day. Your support will make a difference for women and girls and their unborn babies. For more information on how to sign up for this program, call 386-497-4978.



CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Mary Lou Hendry from Florida Baptist Children's Homes Sanctity of Human Life will present Focus on the Heart, a biblical and practical approach to counseling. This class will prepare volunteers for pregnancy options counseling and for the Earn While You Learn parenting program at the Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Fort White and the Pregnancy Care Centers in Lake City and Live Oak. If you are interested in pro-life work in these pregnancy centers, but don't feel qualified to counsel women and girls in crisis, this class is for you! God does not call the equipped – He equips the called. Your spiritual gifts are needed in this ministry. The class will take place Thursday and Friday, May 13th and 14th from 5:30 to 9:00 pm, and Saturday May 15th from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Fort White Church of God Fellowship Hall. Meals will be provided. The cost of the training manual is \$23.00. Please call 386-497-4978 to register or if you have questions about the training.



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