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by Mike Horton

I want to take a moment to address three important areas that touch distinct areas of our congregation's life, but affect us all – our new deacon family ministry plan, our senior adult ministry, and the homeless at our door. All three of these are works in progress, but are progressing.

Deacon Family Ministry. Over the next several weeks you will begin to see some very exciting activity occurring in this area. As the early church began to grow and flourish, it became apparent very quickly that the “pastoral care” of the day-to-day issues of life could not always be managed by only the pastors. There was simply more to be done than those few men could handle. So in Acts 6, it was determined that the church would seek out from among themselves men of good repute, solid in character, strong in the faith, and exemplary in lifestyle to come alongside the pastors and help minister to the daily needs of the church...and it was a success.

For a number of years, through a succession of deacon chairmen, and even pastors, this model has been a topic of discussion. Now, we are excited to tell you, it has moved to the action stage. Over the past several weeks, our congregation has been divided into groups of sixteen to eighteen family units and each of these units has been assigned to one of our deacons whom has agreed to serve in this capacity.

Over the next several weeks, each family of our congregation should receive a letter from the church informing you of your assigned deacon and each deacon will make an initial contact with you if they have not done so already. Our prayer is that the deacon-family interaction will be a source of blessing to both your family and the deacons, and that this will enable us to reach a new level of direct personal care to every member family of our church. Please be aware, as well, that this in no way diminishes the level of direct care from your pastoral staff. In fact, we hope it will increase and enhance it, and we look forward to great things ahead in this area of ministry.

Senior Adults on the Go. Our Adult VBS is history, but its theme: *How to Live...Just Like a Kid Again* lives on as our 50-year-old plus community seeks to be an even more active part of our church family. This group is one of our most valued resources and their active participation in the ministry of our church at every level from cradle roll to homebound is both critical and a source of blessing. As Christians there is no age found in scripture where we get a pass. In fact many of the great deeds of the Bible were accomplished by leaders we would consider today to be quite aged: Moses was 80 at the time he confronted Pharaoh and led God's people from their bondage in Egypt. He was 120 when they reached the promised land! Noah was around 500 when he had children, and was around 600 when he boarded the ark!

It is important as we look back across our lives and realize how little we may have accomplished for the kingdom of God to also realize how much we have yet to do in so little time and the get busy doing it. Methods may be optional, but ministry is not!

Homelessness. This is an age-old problem. In fact, Jesus said, “the poor you have with you always.” The question is what are we to do for this population? We attempt to minister to the homeless when possible but also realize that some are homeless because of substance abuse choices they have made and/or mental issues that are beyond our ability to address. Over the next several weeks our Benevolence Committee and Ministry Committee will meet separately and together to see what role we need to play in the lives of these people and our community. Please pray for us as we diligently seek the Lord on this important area of ministry.

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The adult ministry activities are changing on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Learn what is in store for adults on Sundays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
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to *Night of Joy* in Orlando, the *Vertical Reality* fall retreat, and new Bible study opportunities. Also learn about a few needs to make student ministry even better.

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Expanded schedule moved here.



You have to eat... You have to pray...

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday
September 8
8:00 a.m.

Potbellies Restaurant, 3826 S. Himes

this and that...

Average
BIBLE STUDY
Attendance to Date

230

Average
WORSHIP SERVICE
Attendance to Date

343

GIVING to Date
\$572,769²⁵

Over/(Under) Need
(\$22,569³⁵)

The nursery schedule has been moved to the back page and expanded

New Sunday and Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday and Sunday nights are getting a new look at FBC Tampa this fall. If you haven't gotten plugged into the ministry activities for the family on these nights, this is a good time to start.

Sunday Nights @ 6 p.m.

ADULTS Do you hunger to know God more? Do you want to move beyond the surface level of your relationship and explore the depths of God and the Bible? If so, *deeperstill* is for you. This interactive verse-by-verse study led by Pastor Bob Block will push participants deeper into the Word of God. This opportunity begins on Sunday, September 18 and will center on the book of Ecclesiastes.

**sunday night
deeperstill**

STUDENTS High school students will continue to participate in Epicenter while middle schoolers will participate in their regular Bible study called *Submerged JV*.

CHILDREN Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will experience a new International Mission Board program called *Kids on Mission* where they will learn about missions activities around the globe.

Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 p.m.

The goal for Wednesdays is to provide the entire family an opportunity to re-FUEL in the middle of the week. Living as missionaries in our community can be draining and we need times to refocus, reenergize, and refuel our spiritual tanks.

ADULTS The newly expanded Cross-Training moves to Wednesday nights with the emphasis of equipping each church member to live on mission for Christ. Three to five courses will be offered during five 8- or 12-week semesters throughout the year. The first semester offers *Introduction to Doctrine 1*, *The Disciple and Suffering*, *Deeper: Diving into the Disciplines*, and *Parental Guidance Required*. Additionally, the Single Moms group will resume meeting and Divorce-Care hopes to begin a new semester as soon as possible.



STUDENTS Middle school students will continue to experience Fuel while high schoolers engage in a Bible study called *Submerged*.

CHILDREN Children will once again participate in Kids Praise and work on their next musical, LifeWay's *The Big Picture*.

Music and the Spiritual Development of Children

by Helen Jones

Several years ago I participated in a conference led by LifeWay's Allison Smith who is a passionate advocate for children's music education. During her seminar, she covered several topics that are also summarized in an article she wrote that I wanted to share with you. She makes a great case for keeping Kids Praise a priority for our church. Not only is Kids Praise an important discipleship program, but it also provides a critical opportunity for outreach and evangelism to our Tampa community. Here is her article which is slightly modified for space:

Music is a powerful gift God gave to our children that has "the power to affect mood and emotions." You experienced this the last time you sat in a movie theater and were moved to feel compassion, romance, fear, or suspense. Whether you realized it or not, music played a primary role in moving you to those feelings. Even more so, the power of music is a tremendous force in the spiritual growth and development of our children. When children learn songs where music is combined with the truth of God's Word, music makes truth memorable, applicable, and expressible.

Fast Facts

**Kids Praise
Rehearsal
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m.**

**Next Musical
LifeWay's
The Big Picture**

Music helps children remember truth.

Do you remember how you learned your ABCs or how you taught your children the ABCs? Was it with the "Alphabet Song?" Generations have known that once information is learned through music, it can be easily recalled and used again at a later time. Do you remember other songs you sang as a child? I cannot say that I remember a specific Sunday School lesson or a sermon my father preached, although they certainly played an important part in my spiritual upbringing, but I do remember the songs I learned, particularly those that were repeated often and integrated into church life and culture. What an opportunity we have to teach children Scripture and biblical concepts through quality music that makes truth memorable.

Generations have known that once information is learned through music, it can be easily recalled and used again at a later time.

Music helps children apply truth.

We are so proud of the children in our Scripture memory programs who are memorizing Scripture! We know that God's Word will not return void! However, memorizing Scripture should help children apply that truth to their everyday lives. Research has shown that when information is learned by routine, it is not automatically integrated or become applicable to one's personal experience. We need to help children connect their "new" information to their existing knowledge.

These connections can be made easily for children in children's choirs where games and activities help them understand and apply the songs they are learning. These games and activities implant truth in their minds more deeply, so the it can be integrated into their daily experiences. When that truth is further reinforced through music, we create an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to anchor it in the children's everyday lives.

Music helps children express truth in worship.

Music is a great vehicle we have to express our hearts to God. Music can lift us to a higher plane where mere words may fail us. Music evokes praise and awe because it affects our emotions. According to Erik Jensen, author of *Teaching with the Brain in Mind*, learning is strongly influenced by emotion, and a strong reaction creates a stronger memory of this experience. Thus the emotions connected with music become tools that reinforce the applications of spiritual concepts. The body of Christ must renew its commitment to teaching children to raise their voices and express their innermost beings to God through music.

And may we have a sense of urgency about this matter! Music is vital to our worship. Worship is vital to a healthy church and to our personal relationships with Christ. Let's be good stewards of this awesome gift and the command we have been given to "sing to the Lord!"

New Facilities and Programming Ready for Launch in Preschool & Children's Ministry

Preschoolers, children, and their families can look forward to several noteworthy changes this fall. Starting this month children will participate in a new missions program on Sunday nights and will resume children's choir on Wednesday nights. Then in late September or early October, both preschoolers and children will participate in all of their events in the newly designed and renovated preschool/children's area on the first floor of the Carlton Building.

Facility Renovations

The complete first floor of the Carlton Building has been redesigned and remodeled to increase the ministry effectiveness to preschoolers, children, and their families. One of the most notable changes will be moving the main entrance from Plant Street to the main parking lot. A new doorway has been installed where preschoolers and children will enter. The old entrance will no longer be used. Once preschoolers and children pass through the new doors they will be transported into an underwater adventure themed registration area where parents will be able to use the brand new computer registration system. The preschool rooms continue with an underwater theme while the children's rooms have an industrial theme. A new children's worship theater will house many of our current and future ministry events. The plan is to hold a grand re-opening of the facilities on Sunday, October 2. On that day, everyone is invited to tour the new preschool and children's areas.

Fast Facts

Facilities
Grand Re-Opening
October 2

Main Entrance
New doors
leading from the
main parking lot

Preschool
Area Theme
Underwater
Submarine

Children
Area Theme
Industrial
Warehouse

Preschool "Baby Shower"

A baby shower is being conducted to help stock the new preschool area. The First Foundations preschool ministry is registered at Babies R Us (babiesrus.com). The registry number is 47352579 or enter "First Foundations" for the last name. Gift cards are also gladly welcomed. Drop off items at the new preschool space after September 7 but before October 2's grand re-opening.

Kids on Mission (Sunday Nights)

Beginning on Sunday, September 11 children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade will learn about international missions through the International Mission Board's newly updated Kids on Mission program. This curriculum offers children the opportunity to learn about missions through videos, activities, and other hands-on learning ideas. Kids on Mission will meet at 6 p.m. Contact Lynn Jones (lynn@fbctampa.org) for information.



Kids Praise (Wednesday Nights)

After enjoying summer break during which children participated in discipleship opportunities, Kids Praise, the children's choir program, resumes on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The children will work toward sharing LifeWay's *The Big Picture: Created to Connect, Serve, Share*.



Saturday, September 10

night of joy

★ RIDE ★ ROCK ★ REJOICE ★

Toby Mac
Mercy Me
Jars of Clay
Sanctus Real
Kutless
Chris August

Cost is \$75 per person (plus extra spending money). We will leave the church @ 2:00 PM and return on Sunday @ 12:15 PM. Register @ weartransparent.org. Deadline to register is 9/7/11.

Student Ministry Fall Events

Night of Joy, Vertical Reality Retreat, & New Bible Studies in the Works

The new church year kicks off with a bang for the students. Several special events are planned and two new Bible study series have been launched. Here are a few highlights of what is transpiring in Transparent Student Ministries at FBC Tampa:

Night of Joy: This is a Christian concert festival held each year at the Magic Kingdom. FBC Tampa will attend September 10-11. This year's artists include TobyMac, Mercy Me, Kutless, Sanctus Real, and Chris August. The cost is \$75 per person which includes park entry and hotel accommodations. Students should bring extra money for dinner, breakfast, and for extra spending. Space is limited. Students can register online at weartransparent.org.

Vertical Reality Fall Retreat: The fall retreat called *Vertical Reality* is slated for November 4-6. The cost is \$100 per person. Special guests will include Stellar Kart (look for them in iTunes) and Bill Stanley. More information is available in the Carlton Café.

New Bible Study Series: Kevin and Lori Swigart are leading middle school students in a study called *Submerged JV* through the book of Genesis on Sunday nights from 6-7 p.m. while the high school students are walking through a study called *Submerged* which is based on *Secret Church* on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. More information is available in the Carlton Café.

In addition to these opportunities for students, there are a few **needs** in this ministry area. (1) Students who are interested in starting a Bible study on their campuses are being sought. (2) A few parents are needed to staff the Carlton Café on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 a.m. (3) The ministry is searching for a panel truck to use as a ministry tool at sporting events, dances, and other school functions. If you can help with any of these items, contact John Sanders at john@fbctampa.org.

Ministry Notes

Preschool Ministry

■ Study Theme

Extended session study theme for September ends with *The Great Sky Bridge Showdown*. Next, preschoolers will begin the study *City Streets* where they will learn how God wants them to live.

■ Volunteers Needed

First Foundations Preschool Ministry needs your help. If you have a love for children, contact John Sanders at john@fbctampa.org.

Children's Ministry

■ Sunday Morning Theme

Children will experience units on *Common Connections* and *Prayer Power* as part of G-Force on Sunday mornings.

■ Sunday Night Schedule

Beginning September 11 children in kindergarten through 5th grade will learn about world missions each Sunday evening at 6 p.m. as

they participate in the International Mission Board's *Kids on Mission*. Children will enjoy learning about missions through hands-on activities, prayer, and giving.

■ Wednesday Night Choir

The children's choirs and music activities resume on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

Student Ministry

■ Night of Joy

September 10-11
Students will attend *Night of Joy* at Walt Disney World on September 10-11. The cost is \$75 per student. Please sign up online at weartransparent.org.

■ School Bible Studies

Any student who is interested in beginning a Bible study at his or her school this school year is encouraged to contact John Sanders (john@fbctampa.org)

■ Carlton Café Help Needed

Any parents interested in helping with the Carlton Café on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 a.m. should contact John Sanders at john@fbctampa.org or Janet Holk at saeholk@yahoo.com.

■ Panel Truck Needed

The student ministry program is seeking a panel truck that will be used as an outreach tool on campuses. The truck will be covered with information about the ministry and be used at sporting events, dances, and other school activities. If you know of a truck email John Sanders at john@fbctampa.org.

Young Adult Ministry

■ Survival Kits

Sunday, September 4 @ 7:30 p.m.
The young adult ministry assembles survival kits to distribute to those in our neighborhood on a

regular basis. Kits will next be passed out during Paramount on Sunday, September 4 at 7:30 p.m. If you can donate items for these kits (e.g. batteries, deodorant, razors, baby wipes, combs, brushes, socks, clothing) bring them to Paramount or contact Nate Taylor at nate@fbctampa.org.

■ Childcare Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help watch children during Paramount worship on Sunday evenings, 7:30 -8:45 p.m. If you can help with this, contact Nate Tyler at nate@fbctampa.org.

Single Adult Ministry

■ Single Moms Group

September 7 @ 7:30 p.m.
The single moms group resumes on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 302. The group will study the book, *Hope & Help for the Single Mom: 21 Principles of a Healthy Single Mom* by Lori Little. All single mothers who are divorced, separated, widowed, or never married, or who have a deployed husband in the military are encouraged to attend. Contact Trudy Dodson or Beth Bentley at singlemomsfbc@gmail.com for more information.

Senior Adult Ministry

■ Joy Club

Tuesday, September 13
Featuring a barbershop quartet.

■ Branson, MO Trip

October 8-15
Thirteen senior adults will travel through the Ozarks enjoying the fall foliage en route to Branson where they will enjoy the *Rat Pack Show*, *Silver Dollar City*, *The Shepherd of the Hills*, *Noah, the Musical*, and dinner and a show aboard the "Branson Belle."

missions moment

Steve & Marilee Flook & Family
The Flooks move to Bolivia on Sept. 5 where they will work with the Baptist convention and churches to cast the vision for planting multiplying churches. Pray for a safe and easy transition to their new home and ministry.

Evangelism Ministry

■ Evangelism Training

Saturday, September 17 @ 10 a.m.
A new monthly half-day crash course on how to share your faith will be offered. This course is designed to train participants to reach lost and unchurched family members, friends, and neighbors. Contact Chris Haight (chris@fbctampa.org) for details.

■ Outreach and Follow-Up

Many guests in our church have asked for further information about our church and how they can have a relationship with Christ. If you would like to help reach these individuals and answer their questions, email Chris Haight (chris@fbctampa.org).

Discipleship Ministry

■ Sunday School Training

September 24 @ 8 a.m.
The *On Fire: Passion for the Word* training conference will be held on Saturday, September 24 at FBC Dover. If you would like to attend this leadership training contact Brian Dembowczyk at brian@fbctampa.org by Wednesday, September 7.

■ WKES 50th Celebration

November 11 @ 7 p.m.
Join Ravi Zacharias and Selah at the WKES (Moody Radio) 50th anniversary celebration at Bell Shoals Baptist Church in Brandon. Tickets are \$15 and \$25 and can be ordered online through moodyradioflorida.fm.

■ Spiritual Gifts Workshop

October 2 & 9 @ 6 p.m.
A two-session spiritual gift workshop will be offered on Sunday, October 2 and 9 at 6:00 p.m. The first session defines spiritual gifts and provides a spiritual gift inven-

tory for participants to complete during the week. The second session describes the gifts and provides ideas of how to use each participant's gifts. Space is limited for this seminar. Registration will begin in mid-September. Contact Brian Dembowczyk at brian@fbctampa.org for details.

Women's Ministry

■ Fall Bible Study

September 12 @ 7 p.m.
September 13 @ 9:30 a.m.
The Fall women's Bible study is *Jesus, the One and Only* by Beth Moore. The Monday evening group begins September 12 and the Tuesday morning group opens on September 13. This 11-week study ends in mid-November.

■ Women of Faith

October 14-15, 2011
Join other women October 14-15 at the St. Pete Times Forum at the *Women of Faith* conference. The cost is \$89 which includes conference registration and lunch both days. Email Donna Hencke at donna@fbctampa.org for more information.

Missional Ministry

■ Christmas at Sea

The Women on Mission is participating in this annual effort to provide Christmas packages for seafarers who visit the Port of Tampa. If you would like to partner in this effort, bring shampoo, shaving cream, deodorant, toothpaste, disposable razors, after shave, handkerchiefs, socks, pencils, pens, playing cards, hard candy, and small packages of peanuts, almonds, etc. to the church and place them in the collection box in the dining room. Items are needed by October 15.

■ Forgotten Children March

September 24 @ 9 a.m.
Help abused, neglected, and abandoned foster children who have no one to speak up for them by participating in this march. Each person marching will represent a child in need. A child can be sponsored for \$100. Entertainment, food, and family-friendly activities will also be part of this Guardian ad Litem event that transpires at Curtis Hixon Park. Visit vfcgal.org for details.

■ Woman's Place Diapers

A Woman's Place pregnancy center is running low on size 2, 4, and 6 diapers and unscented wipes. You can take these items to the ministry's offices at 14492 University Cove or bring them to the church for delivery. For more details contact Renee McCummings at reneemccummings@gmail.com.

■ MAPP Classes

September 12-November 21
Prospective foster parents or those who wish to adopt foster children are required to complete thirty hours of MAPP classes. These classes are being offered at Idlewild Baptist Church in Lutz. Call 264.1515 or email faces@idlewild.org for details.

new members

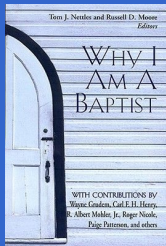
By Letter

Christian, Stephanie, Aaron, Sarah, & Titus Ramthum
Anthony Hernandez

By Baptism

Lindsey Brinson

check these books out...



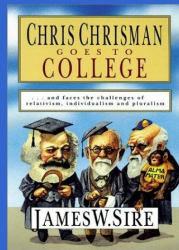
Why I am a Baptist

by Tom Nettles and Russell D. Moore

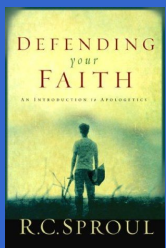
In light of the current identity crisis facing Baptists today, editors Nettles and Moore offer a volume of testimonies from contemporary Baptists expounding on that very question—Why I Am a Baptist. Taking a more objective approach than offered in earlier books, *Why I Am a Baptist* models a more doctrine-oriented approach, explaining Baptist life on the basis of historical tenets of the Christian faith worked out in practice.

Chris Chrisman Goes to College

by James Sire



Chris Chrisman, a young Christian, goes to college only to have his world turned upside down. There he finds the challenges to his faith—both intellectual and personal—almost more than he can bear. Then he meets Bill Seipel and Bob Wong. Together, the three young men, two of them Christians and the other an atheist, forge a common bond in the quest for truth. In the process they confront some of the dominant ideologies of the secular university. Weaving the story of Chris's first year on campus with separate chapters on individualism, pluralism, relativism and privatization, James Sire offers a helpful apologetic for those who are searching for truth in a postmodern world.



Defending Your Faith

by R.C. Sproul

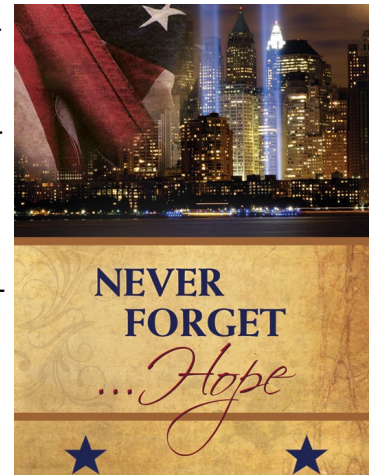
From the classroom to the mainstream media, Christians regularly find their beliefs discounted by opponents who consider faith to be incompatible with reason. R. C. Sproul sets forth the core claims of the faith to reveal just how rational Christianity is. Sproul uncovers the common ideologies that work against faith and affirms four principles of knowledge that are necessary for all legitimate discussion. He then demonstrates how reason and scientific inquiry serve as allies in defending two of the most strategic priorities of Christian apologetics: the existence of God and the authority of the Bible.

9-11 10th Anniversary Prayer Service

Ten years ago, the United States of America and the world were shocked when planes crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a field in western Pennsylvania. On a day when thousands of people died millions of others were filled with grief, anger, and despair. For a brief time after, churches overflowed with people searching for meaning and answers in the midst of a seemingly meaningless time.

On Sunday, September 11—the very day of the attacks ten years later—the church will hold a prayer service designed to continue the healing process and to keep the church vigilant concerning the various needs of the community and world around us. The spiritual needs of others is greater than ever. God has placed us in Tampa for such a time as this.

Join us at 6 p.m. for a time of prayer and encouragement to continue to be the light in the midst of deep darkness that surrounds us.

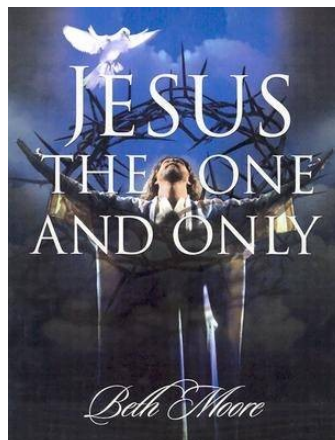


RESCHEDULED...RESCHEDULED...RESCHEDULED...RESCHEDULED...

West Pines Community Movie Night
Saturday, September 10
7:00-9:30 p.m.

RESCHEDULED...RESCHEDULED...RESCHEDULED...RESCHEDULED...

Women's Fall Bible Study



The women's fall Bible study launches in mid-September and will feature Beth Moore's *Jesus the One and Only*. The study will trace the steps of Jesus through the hills of Galilee, across the lake, and finally, on the road toward Jerusalem where the cross awaited.

The evening study begins on Monday, September 12 at 7 p.m. and the morning study begins on Tuesday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. Both groups will meet in Room 300-D.

Registration is available at the Connections Desk on Sundays. Both studies end in mid-November.

Also look for other events and studies for women starting soon, such as the Single Moms group that resumes on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and a study from Shaunti Feldhahn called *The Life Ready Woman*.

For Your Calendar

Happy Birthday

- 9.1 Nikki LaMay, Sophie Grimes
- 9.2 Mike Lucius
- 9.3 Deborah Ballard-Pence, Jackie Haight, John Sanders III, Kyla Winters
- 9.4 Betty Eagan
- 9.6 Bill Linsky, Anne Wilson
- 9.7 Emery Ivery, Chris Lind, Lila Crosswhite, William Hertenstein
- 9.8 Roger Block, Evy Vogler
- 9.9 Cindi Clayton
- 9.10 Lucille Lloyd
- 9.11 Dudley Whitehill
- 9.12 Lydia Head, John Holk
- 9.13 Lillian Lucius, Earline Virts, Mike Horton, Elba Kelly, Renee McCummings
- 9.15 Carolyn Lowry, Ginger Ballard
- 9.16 Gail Conley, Toby Gant, Diana Krahenbuhl, David Williams
- 8.17 Sarah Epplin, Cotie Serrano-Ryals
- 9.19 Ryland Pruett III,
- 9.20 Ester Spear, Gaby Germino, Madelyn Hertenstein
- 9.21 Christian Ramthun
- 9.22 John Daniel Teasley
- 9.23 Kevin Blowers
- 9.24 Lee Horton, Sally White, Kim Bell
- 9.25 Tom Hignite
- 9.26 Deborah Williams-Stewart, Brooke McGuire
- 9.27 Lou Ella Wyatt, Robert Lynn
- 9.28 Alma Del-Valle, Doug Jones, Shirley Crosswhite, Matt McGuire, Arianna Powell, Anai Peterson
- 9.29 Ola Alderman, Sue Arduengo, Michael Weaver

Happy Anniversary

- 9.3 Ferris & Chelle Grooms, 22 yrs
- 9.7 Hammond & Elayne Powers, 15 yrs
- 9.8 Phillip & Carolyn Carrillo, 55 yrs
- 9.11 Michael & Nikki Germino, 2 yrs
- 9.12 Willard & Mildred Levi, 58 yrs
- 9.12 Larry & Judy Stephens, 13 yrs
- 9.15 Robert & Martha Sue Logan, 61 yrs
- 9.16 Edward & Lucille Lloyd, 51 yrs
- 9.19 Jason & Lindsey Post, 2 yrs
- 9.22 David & Jackie Snider, 10 yrs
- 9.23 Charles & Diana Pittman, 50 yrs

Bible Reading Plan

September

- 9.1 Ezekiel 9-12
- 9.2 Ezekiel 13-15
- 9.3 Ezekiel 16-17
- 9.4 Ezekiel 18-20
- 9.5 Ezekiel 21-22
- 9.6 Ezekiel 23-24
- 9.7 Ezekiel 25-27
- 9.8 Ezekiel 28-30
- 9.9 Ezekiel 31-33
- 9.10 Ezekiel 34-36
- 9.11 Ezekiel 37-39
- 9.12 Ezekiel 40-42
- 9.13 Ezekiel 43-45
- 9.14 Ezekiel 46-48
- 9.15 Daniel 1-3
- 9.16 Daniel 4-6
- 9.17 Daniel 7-9
- 9.18 Daniel 10-12
- 9.19 Hosea 1-7
- 9.20 Hosea 8-14
- 9.21 Joel
- 9.22 Amos 1-5
- 9.23 Amos 6-9
- 9.24 Obadiah-Jonah
- 9.25 Micah
- 9.26 Nahum
- 9.27 Habakkuk-Zephaniah
- 9.28 Haggai
- 9.29 Zechariah 1-7
- 9.30 Zechariah 8-14

Looking Ahead

October

- 2 Preschool & Children's Area Grand Re-opening
- 2 & 9 Spiritual Gifts Workshop
- 3 Advisory Council
- 8-15 Senior Adult Branson Trip
- 13 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 14-15 Women of Faith Conference
- 17 Tampa Bay Baptist Association
- 27 Joy Club to Epcot
- 30 Florida Blood Services
- 31 Trunk or Treat

November

- 2 Fall 2 CrossTraining Begins
- 4-6 Student Ministry Fall Retreat
- 7 Advisory Council
- 8 Women on Mission
- 8 Joy Club
- 10 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 11 WKES Conference
- 13-15 Florida Baptist Convention
- 18 Joy Club Mystery Night
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 27 Deacon Banquet

Dinner Menu

September 7

Chicken Cordon Bleu with candied carrots, green beans, green salad, dinner roll, and key lime pie or homemade Italian creme cake
Light options: Pizza; Turkey & Swiss; Tomato Bisque

September 14

Pot roast with garlic mashed potatoes, lima beans mixed green salad, dinner roll, and cheesecake
Light options: Pizza; Chicken tenders; Chicken Noodle soup

September 21

Turkey Pot Pie with corn, cranberry sauce, layered salad, dinner roll, and upside down apply pie w/caramel sauce & vanilla ice cream or blueberry pie
Light options: Pizza; Italian beef sandwich; Vegetable Beef Barley

September 28

Ribs & Pulled Pork with potato salad, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, corn bread, and cheesecake
Light options: Pizza; Hamburger; Corn Chowder

first foundations preschool 9:15 a.m. schedule

Weekly Coach	Victoria Hertenstein	Stephanie Farmer	Kim Bell	John Sanders
9:15 a.m.	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25
Desk	Lisa Sanders	Helen Jones	Tara Dembowczyk	Helen Jones
Infants	Linda Watts Beth Bentley	Susan Beran Caitlin Beran	Tammy Hollenbeck Kent Hollenbeck	Linda Watts Wendy Heagey
Crawler & Walkers	Cynthia Monroe Meagan Suarez	Cynthia Monroe Meagan Suarez	Cynthia Monroe Meagan Suarez	Cynthia Monroe Meagan Suarez
Twos	Abby Stanford Erin DeLoach	Abby Stanford Maria Jerin	Abby Stanford Trudy Dodson	Abby Stanford Maria Jerin
Threes & Fours	Lenora Horton Mary Lawrence	Lenora Horton Mary Lawrence	Lenora Horton Mary Lawrence	Lenora Horton Mary Lawrence

first foundations preschool 10:30 a.m. schedule

Weekly Coach	Victoria Hertenstein	Stephanie Farmer	Kim Bell	John Sanders
10:30 a.m.	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25
Desk	Sue Horton	Linda Pittman	Sharon Gant	Herb Holk
Infants	Lisa Clark Kelly Pruett	Susan Beran Caitlin Beran	Jessica Ayers Sybil French	Susan Beran Caitlin Beran
Crawler & Walkers	David Adetutu DeeDee Adetutu	Emily Roman Kevin Roman	Paul Meyer Diane Meyer	Emily Jones Leanna Watts
Twos	Sonny Grooms Chelle Grooms	Wendy Heagey Danielle Jan Burns	Caroline Brinson Sandy Jorgenson	Linda Watts Kathy Kelly
Threes & Fours	Dianne Hutchinson Debbie Lail Whitney / Dannielle	Jackie LaMay/Nikki Tim Grimes Emily Morgan	Kim Evans/Justin Jennifer Harris Brian Harris	Doug Jones Lynn Jones Jeff Weihe