

July 2011

First Baptist Church of Apopka

FIRST THINGS



One Nation Under God

All who have researched the matter have concluded that this nation was founded on biblical principles. Volumes have been written on the subject. Even from the beginning, our founding fathers sought God's direction.

When troubles with England were intensifying in 1774, the First Continental Congress met in Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia. Dr. Jacob Duche, the chaplain, prayed, O Lord, our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of Kings, Lord of Lords . . . we beseech Thee, upon these American States who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor, and thrown themselves upon Thy gracious protection, desiring henceforth to be dependent only upon Thee.

In 1777, George Washington was with the American army at Valley Forge. Isaac Potts, while walking through the woods near Valley Forge, heard someone praying with intense fervency. There alone in the woods was General Washington pouring his heart out to God on behalf of these United States. When Potts entered his home later that day, he said to his wife, Sarah! My dear Sarah! All's well! All's well! George Washington will yet prevail!

The result of this godly beginning is that this nation has blessed all who have come under her influence, providing freedom and opportunity on a scale unknown in recorded history.

By contrast, Karl Marx concocted a philosophy that later became known as Communism. His death in 1883, however, was not the end of the movement. Years later, another man, Nikolai Lenin, read Marx's writings and, in time, led in the Bolshevik Revolution, the communistic takeover of Russia. The result over the next 40 years 60 million Russians and 40 million Chinese died simply because they disagreed with their communist governments. Need I say more?

Let us be thankful that we live in this great country, the United States of America.

Your pastor and glad to be so,
Paul Gordon





First Baptist Prayer Needs

FBC Music Ministry
 GROW Visitation Teams (people to participate)
 Highland Christian Academy-director, teachers, children & families
 FBC Pastor & Staff, Deacons & their families
 Women's & Men's Ministries
 Lamplighters' Ministry
 Women Praying God's Heart ministry
 Welcome Wagon Representatives

Nursery (extended session) Ministry
 Children's Ministries and leaders
 Sunday School teachers
 FBC Deaf Ministry
 Promise Seekers-special needs class
 Youth Dept. and leaders
 Watchman on the Wall Prayer Ministry

Get Plugged In! Small Groups on Sunday Morning

Stop by Loren's Donut Hut (by the Welcome Center) on Sunday morning on your way to Sunday School! If you don't have a Sunday School small group class to go to, our Sunday School Director, Loren Sauers, can tell you what we have to offer and point you in the right direction. Get plugged in!
 Find a class and make new friends!!



Deaf Ministry Chapel

Our Deaf Ministry led by Dr. A.C. & Wanda McCann meets in the Fellowship Hall for Chapel services from 9:00-10:15 on Sunday morning. Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30-11:30. The only exception to this is on the first Sunday of each month when they will be in regular services in the Sanctuary at 10:30 and in Sunday School at the regular time of 9:00-10:15 am.

Senior Exercise Classes Meet Weekly

Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00-12:00
 Each Wednesday is different so you may start with any class.
 There is no charge for your first visit and then if you like it pay \$20.00 per month.



Ministry Leader Needed

Our Welcome Wagon Ministry needs someone willing to go around to local merchants and pick up advertisement items that go in our Welcome Wagon bags. These bags are given out by our visitation teams on Tuesday nights to people who have moved in new or re-sale homes. If you have a heart for this ministry, please call the office and talk with Pastor Gordon. 407-886-2628.

Join Pastor Gordon's Key Club

Do you have a heart for talking with people about the Lord?
 Pastor Gordon would like to talk with YOU about joining the Key Club! You can call him at 407-886-2628 and talk with him about this exciting and rewarding ministry!



Women's Ministry Fellowship & Prayer Time

Join your "sisters" here at First Baptist every Wednesday night for an informal sharing of concerns, prayers, ideas & encouragement from 6:30-7:30. We meet in Adult 4 Sunday School room.
 All women are welcome!
We catch a glimpse of God's love in the heart of a friend.

How Can YOU Help?

The following is a list of monthly needs for Loaves & Fishes. We deliver to Loaves & Fishes once a week. If you would like to donate any of these items, please put them in the grocery basket marked Loaves & Fishes by the Welcome Center/Office double glass doors.

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| Canned meat | Shampoo | Diapers (all sizes) |
| Canned fruit | Deodorant | Household items |
| Peanut Butter & Jelly | Dish soap | Clothes (no clothes until January 15) |
| Mac & Cheese | Pine cleaner | |
| Hamburger Helper | Disposable razors | |



Exciting News! Contemporary Worship Service Starts on Sunday, August 28th!

Watch for details.



NO First Family Breakfast for July
The next First Family Breakfast will be Sunday, August 7th
@ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall - Host will be Adult 4



Ladies Daytime Bible Study Will Meet July 7th

“Ladies, our Daytime Bible Study meets the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. (For the month of July we will meet the first Thursday). We meet in Adult 4 Sunday School room. All ladies are welcome. Come bring your Bible, a folder to hold papers, your smile and a friend. Some may want to go out afterward for lunch to celebrate our new beginning!” In Christ, Monnie Shirley



Romeo’s (Retired Ole Men Eating Out) Breakfast - Tuesday, July 19th
 8:30 AM at Bubbalou’s by Publix on Rock Springs Road

Juliet’s Dinner - Join Us Ladies In Eating Together
Thursday, July 21st - “Mexican Night”

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
 All women are welcome! Call the church office if you plan to attend.



K.E.D.S. (Kids Enjoying Discovering Scripture)
5:30-7:00 PM on Sunday Night

Every week will be something different: amazing science tricks, illusions, stunts, games, water night and special guest appearances...some with four legs! Refreshments will be served every week.



First Fruits or Leftovers -

Which Part of God’s Blessing Do You Want?

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NLT) 9 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. 10 Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.



Lamplighter Kick-off Banquet

The Old Gospel Ship under the command of Captain Hooks & Woods will be docking at our church on Saturday, August 27th. Our meal will again be catered and donations will be accepted to help cover catering cost. Remember: Fun, Food & Fellowship will soon return. Sign up will begin in August.

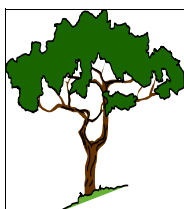


New First Baptist Apopka Cook Book

The ladies in the Juliet’s Ministry are putting together a new cook book for our church. Make a copy of your favorite recipe (you may submit more than one) and put it in the basket on the Sign Up Table that is marked ‘JULIET’S RECIPES.’

Sonny’s BBQ For Lunch!

Take one of our church bulletins to Sonny’s BBQ in Apopka and receive 10% off your bill.
 (Sunday only)
 Thank you Sonny’s!



GROW Visitation

Each Tuesday night we have a team of people who go out into our community and invite people to come to our church. If you would like to be on one of these teams call the church office and we will get you on one of these teams.

This outreach program is organized in 4 teams. The leaders are as follows:

- G team - Jim and Toby Smith (1st Tuesday of each month)
- R team - Kevin & Stacey Kozial (2nd Tuesday of each month) (youth team)
- O team - Jay Davoll (3rd Tuesday of each month)
- W team - Robert and Allyn Griffin (4th Tuesday of each month)



GASOLINE AND GOOD STEWARDSHIP

We are all getting burned by high gas prices, but there are ways we can save and practice good stewardship at the same time. If you are going on a driving vacation a few of my favorite money saving techniques may help.



Keep your tank full. The emptier your tank gets the more evaporation occurs. Fumes do not get used by your engine.

Keep your gas cap in good condition. This helps prevent excessive evaporation.

Fill up when it is cool outside. The cooler the gasoline the denser it becomes. Since gasoline is measured by volume at the pump you get a slight advantage in the mornings or whenever it is cool. It's a trick used by the airlines for a many years.

Keep tires fully inflated. Low tire inflation means more friction on the road. The higher inflation will also prevent hydroplaning in wet weather. Do not over inflate.

A tuned engine always helps. Good clean spark plugs make a difference too.

My favorite and maybe the best money saver is don't drive with a lead foot. Simply ease into acceleration and ease into braking.

I have always considered my car or motorcycle "my chariot". There is a great passage in the Bible concerning our modes of transportation.

Isaiah 31:1

[*Woe to Those Who **Rely on Egypt***] Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who **rely on** horses, who trust in the multitude of their **chariots** and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy **One** of Israel, or seek help from the LORD.



Blessings to you all, Lyle Forsberg





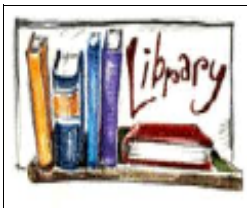
Children's Ministry

God is creating something NEW and EXCITING in the children's ministry!!!!

Over the last several years this ministry has suffered many afflictions and yet God has not allowed it to be destroyed. TO GOD BE THE GLORY GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE AND IS DOING!!! It has been through God's refining process and shall come forth as GOLD FOR GOD'S GLORY!!!! It's easy to look around and see the negative at times, but we need to remember God calls us to LOOK UP, keeping our focus on Him not around at circumstances. He is ALWAYS AT WORK AROUND US whether we can see it or not and He has been working right along working out His plan in this ministry. God gave me a VISION and a GREAT PASSION for this ministry a few years ago when he brought me here and that has NOT changed!!!! I will admit I've questioned God at times heartbroken as I could be, not understanding at times why things were happening the way they were even to the point of saying I would step aside for someone else to oversee this ministry. Apparently, that was not part of God's plan as He has not raised up anyone else to oversee it and has not moved me out. Through it all God kept reminding me and wouldn't let me forget this one thing... THIS IS FOR MY GLORY!!!! Like the Israelites had to go through the wilderness to get to the Promised land so do we! I BELIEVE our wilderness journey is ending in this ministry and we are about to SEE THE PROMISED LAND!!!! HALLELUJAH!!!! So, with a renewed passion and zeal we move forward as God reveals His plan.

We covet your continued prayers and support for this ministry as our children are our FUTURE!!!

Joyfully and gratefully serving Him,
Lori Ahern



NEEDED! BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

In August, we will start back reading to the HCA children and checking out books for them. We NEED new books. There are approximately 50 children checking out books every week so the books wear out quickly. We especially would like Bible based children's books but will accept whatever you provide. There will be a "gift basket" in the church sanctuary (near piano side) for you to put book donations in. If you prefer to give us a \$1.00 or so..we will buy books with it. Thanks so much for your prayers for our library ministry and books/or money. ALSO, IF ANY ONE HAS JIGSAW PUZZLES OR AUDIO BOOKS YOU NO LONGER WANT, DONATE THEM TO THE LIBRARY. We have added two new sections for checkout...puzzles and audio books.



New to Our Church

Jason Fox
Michelle Fox

Landon Jenkins
Ethan Harris

Donna Hoffman
Alaina Vega

First Baptist Weekly/Monthly Activities

Sunday:

- 9:00 am -Sunday School - A Bible Study program for all ages.
- 9:00 am-Devoted: Youth Small Groups
- 9:00 am - Deaf Ministry Chapel
- 10:30 am - Worship Service* 11:00-11:30 am - Kid's Worship
- 10:30 am - Deaf Ministry "Bible Round Table" Sunday School
- 3:45 pm - Handbell Rehearsals
- 4:30-5:45 pm-ASL Sign Language Class
- 5:30-6:00 pm-Women Praying God's Heart Prayer Group (Sept.-May)
- 5:30-7:00-AWANA Children's Bible Club (Sept.-May)
- 5:00-7:00 pm - Youth Fuel Activities (6th-12th grade)
- 6:00 pm - Praise, Worship & Bible Study *

Wednesday:

- 6:30-7:30 pm - Kid's Activities
- 6:30-7:30 pm-Young Adult Bible Study
- 6:30-7:30-Deaf Ministry Bible Study in room 108
- 6:30-7:30 - Women's Ministry Fellowship & Prayer Time
- 6:30 pm - Student Fuel Ministry (6th-12th grade)
- 6:30 pm - Praise, Prayer and Bible Study *
- 7:30 pm - Choir & Praise Team rehearsal
- *Nursery provided for infants through 3 years old during service.

Additional Weekly and Monthly Activities

- 1st Sunday of each month - First Family Breakfast 8:30 am
- Each Tuesday of the month - Visitation, Outreach 6 pm
- Each Tuesday of the month-Deaf Ministry Bible Study at
- 2nd Thursday of the month-Daytime Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am
- NDA in Mt. Dora 7:00-8:00 pm
- 2nd Tuesday of each month - Lamplighters' Luncheon
- 11:30 am (for the "50 and over crowd") (Sept.-May)
- 3rd Tuesday of each month - Mission In Action 9:00 am
- (quilting ministry) (Sept.-May)
- Each Thursday of the month - Jabez Prayer Group 7:00 am

Staff at FBC Apopka: E-mail addresses:

- Pastor- Dr. Paul F. Gordon- pfgordon@fbcapopka.net
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- Sunday School Director-Rev. Loren Sauers-occministries@aol.com
- Awana Commander- Jason Stroub- fbcaawana@gmail.com
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Highland Christian Academy

Infant through Pre-kindergarten

407-886-0015

Library Hours

Sunday-8:30-9:15 and 5:30-6:00

Wednesday - 5:45-6:30



The deadline for newsletter articles is the third Monday of every month. Email to: Judy@fbcapopka.net or turn them in at the office.

First Family Breakfast
Sunday, August 7
Fellowship Hall
@ 8:30 AM

<u>July Birthdays</u>			
3	Juliette Walfall	17	Bunny Acree
4	Linda Nettnin	18	Kandi Wilkins
	Charlene Raulerson	19	Jeannie Roman
		20	Beth Forsberg
5	Laura Reiswig	21	Diane Haddock
6	Courtney Watson		Emily Denis
8	Donna Fortier		Stephanie Hooks
	Mark Bridges	24	Norma Channell
9	Nicole Walfall		Bruce Baker
13	Lisa Temple	25	Kevin Cole
	Emily Sennett		Sharon Archambault
14	Tyler Walker	26	Mary Moore
	Mary Glen Shepherd		Alicia Dean
	Sharen Hooks		Tim Martin
15	Janie Johnson	31	Charles Channell
	Joseph Davoll		Lisa Sauers
	Makenzie Cruz		Susan Dekle
17	Peggy Lear		

<u>August Birthdays</u>			
2	Ruth Humphries	14	Liz Larson
	Ethan Harris	15	Veve Thompson
	Lauren Smith	16	Cynthia Young
	Ryan Irwin	18	Eddie Russell
	A.P. Alcious	20	Debbie Wilson
4	Dennis Evans		Kelvin Jordan
	Dina Alcious	21	Althea Ricketts
5	Conny Asters		Regine St. Hilaire
	Kevina Kozial	22	Phyllis Page
6	Betty Chaudoin		Mable Powell
8	Linda Burnett		
	Eva Smith		
9	Loren Sauers		
	Billy Pritchett		
11	Stacey Kozial		
12	Cathy Little		
13	Roy Lloyd		
	Marleny Jimenez		
	David St. Hilaire		

If your birthday has not appeared on the monthly list in the newsletter, that means it is not in our computer system. Please call the church office at 407-886-2628 and let us know that you need to be added to our list for your special day!