

Welcome Guests!



We're so glad you joined us today! We would love an opportunity to meet you! Please stop by our "First Time Guest Tent." You can also meet Pastor Brian after the service in the alcove near the east entrance.



Be sure to get yourself a cup of coffee at our coffee bar! Located in The Commons near the main stairs.

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Find Out More!

#### DOWNLOAD OUR APP

For Apple, Android and Windows devices, go to your app store and look for First Baptist Church Plant City.

#### GET CONNECTED

Three ways to fill out a Connect Card:

- In the seat back pocket in front of you.
- From our church app.
- On our church website, [www.fbcpc.com](http://www.fbcpc.com).

#### STARTING POINT LUNCHEON

Whether you just started attending church, or you've been coming for a while, attending Starting Point will help you connect and learn the ins and outs of our church. Have lunch, meet our pastors, and get your questions answered.

**Next Starting Point: Sunday, January 13, 2019**  
Please RSVP online at [fbcpc.com/starting-point](http://fbcpc.com/starting-point).

#### LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?

Download the FBCPC App, click on SERVE, and get connected!

#### Sermon Notes, November 18, 2018

Dr. Brian Stowe | Nehemiah 8:13-18

Thank the Lord!

"Holy joy will be oil to the wheels of our obedience." Matthew Henry

"God doesn't give us joy instead of sorrow, or joy in spite of sorrow, but joy in the midst of sorrow." Wiersbe, Warren W.: *Be Determined*. Wheaton, Ill. : Victor Books, 1996, c1992, S. Ne 8:13

1. \_\_\_\_\_. vv 13-15

A. A casual reading of \_\_\_\_\_ would not suffice for these people. They were \_\_\_\_\_!

B. \_\_\_\_\_ in a spiritual wilderness for so long drove these people to \_\_\_\_\_ their hunger - regardless of the cost.

It's easier than we may want to admit that we can forget important parts of Scripture and important principles in Scripture. We need to be reminded often of these.

2. \_\_\_\_\_. vv 16-17a

A. All that returned from captivity \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. What was the real \_\_\_\_\_ or the lessons they would \_\_\_\_\_ from observing this feast?

1. It was a time for looking \_\_\_\_\_.

2. It was a time for looking \_\_\_\_\_.

➤ And here in our church - Wow! What God has done and is doing!

3. It was a time for looking \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_. vv 17.b-18

A. This week was unmistakably marked by \_\_\_\_\_. More than happiness, these folks possess \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Is there great joy with you? Joy comes, not just in \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God, but in \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God.

➤ What needs to happen for you to obey?

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PLANT CITY

WELCOME  
We're glad you're here!

#### Service Times

Sundays, 9:00 am, Blended Service  
and 10:30 am, Modern Service  
Wednesdays, 6:15 pm

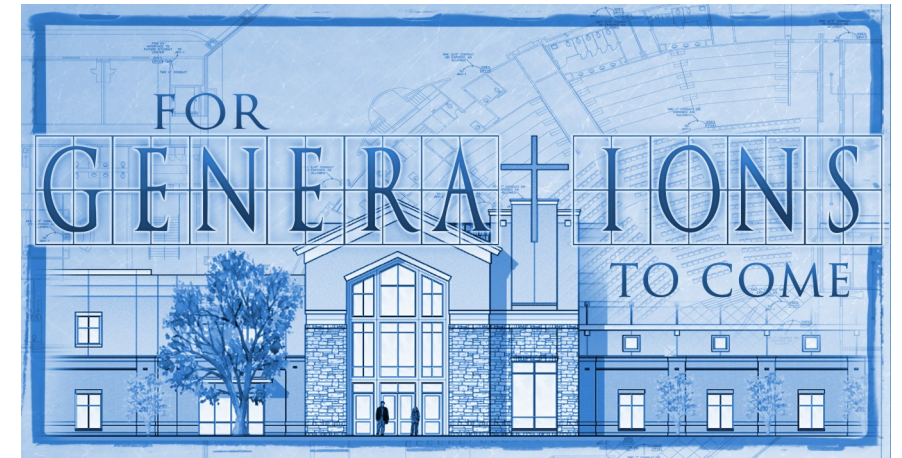
#### Small Groups

Sundays, 8, 9, and 10:30 am  
Home Groups at various times.  
Call 813-752-4104 for information.

#### Today's Message

Dr. Brian Stowe

November 18, 2018



It's Thanksgiving! I think of the psalmist who repeatedly declared, O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His faithful love endures forever! (Psalms 107, 118, 136) He knew the importance of giving thanks. Today, we give thanks to the Lord for His blessings in our lives, our families, our community, our nation and especially our church! Today marks the 3-year point of the capital campaign, For Generations to Come. So much has happened over the past three years; not the least of which is the completion of the first phase of our building plan. And more importantly, we are grateful for the many lives that have been touched and changed because precious souls have heard the Gospel and responded! To God be the glory, great things He has done!

Brian Stowe

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
PLANT CITY



SPOTLIGHT!

Parent/Child Dedication

Sunday, December 16th 9 & 10:30 am

Call the church office if you would like to sign your child/children up for this special service.

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WORSHIP

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
PLANT CITY

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

BLENDED  
9:00 AM

MODERN  
10:30 AM

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REACH

FALL OUTREACH

Mondays  
6:00 - 7:15 pm

Join us for our Fall Outreach Program on Monday nights in the Commons!

\* Not meeting this week.

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GROW

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

PRESCHOOL  
CHILDREN  
STUDENTS  
COLLEGE  
YOUNG PROS  
SINGLES  
YOUNG ADULTS  
MEDIAN ADULTS  
SPANISH  
FAITH RIDERS

LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER! JOIN A SMALL GROUP TODAY!

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SERVE

HURRICANE MICHAEL  
DISASTER RELIEF

November 25-30  
Serving in Panama City

Cost: \$50  
Leaving after the morning worship services.

Contact Jerry Crabb to register, 863-797-3900

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

Special Business Meeting

Wed, Nov 28, 7:15 pm in the Commons

Purpose: Our Board of Directors is recommending we accept an offer to purchase a church owned parking area at the north campus. The property is located between Wheeler and Evers Streets, and north of Herring Street. Our bylaws require a vote of the church to buy or sell properties.

Thanksgiving Week Schedule Changes

~ No Wednesday night activities on Nov. 21  
~ No regular Thursday activities on Nov. 22  
~ Church Office closed Nov. 22 & 23

Financial Learning Experience

December 2nd from 4:30 - 6:30 pm in the Commons

A FREE Financial Learning Experience with Joe Sangl, a leading teacher of personal finances and author of *I was Broke, now I'm Not*. Gain HELP and HOPE as you learn practical ways to manage your money to help you accomplish far more than you ever thought possible. A light meal and childcare are provided. For information and registration, go to: [FBCPC.com/FLE](http://FBCPC.com/FLE)

Giving Hope Trees

Our annual Giving Tree is up in the Commons for those that would like to buy a gift for a child in need. All gifts are for students in our local schools. Please return your wrapped gifts by December 10th.

Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon

December 6th at 10:30 am in the Commons

Deadline for sign up is December 3rd. Cost is \$7.00 payable at the door. Please call the church office to sign up. 813-752-4104

Share your Generations to Come Story

God has used our “Generations to Come” campaign in some tremendous ways. We have been able to pay down debt and expand our ministry presence in Plant City and beyond. Is there a particular story you would be willing to share of how God has blessed you in the midst of faithfully giving to His work through Generations to Come? Share your story at [fbpc.com/g2cstory](http://fbpc.com/g2cstory)

Christmas Musical, “In the Beginning”

Invite your friends and family to experience our Christmas musical production: In the Beginning. Saturday, December 15 at 6:00 pm Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 pm

I Love Our City: Blankets and Blessings Event

Our annual Blankets and Blessings event begins next Sunday. We will be collecting new blankets and food items for needy families this Christmas. Look for more information and the collection boxes in the Preschool area.

VITAL SIGNS

NEW MEMBERS 11.11.18

Jesse and Jessica Johnson  
1301 N. Barnes St.  
By Letter

Floyd Hall

David & Carole Cruzado

Wes Couch

Coleman & Sue Davis

Margie Menefee

Larry & Gayleen Scott  
Bettye Jean Manee  
Eleanor Poppell  
Coleman & Sue Davis  
Ida Bledsoe  
Voncille Calhoun

Mattie Crouse

The Encourager's Class  
Beverly Hoover

BEREAVEMENT

Our Pastor & Church Family extend their deepest sympathy and love to:

Anita McDonald and children, Bryan, Glenn, Kary, Teresa and Denise,

STATISTICS 11.11.18

Small Group Attendance: 1169

Budget Receipts: \$51,304.65

Wills & Trusts: \$0.00

Budget Requirements: \$76,119.98

YTD Budget Receipts: \$397,579.31

YTD Requirements: \$456,719.88

Generations to Come:

Pledges: \$5,652,281.67

11/11/18 Receipts: \$7,083.04

Received to Date: \$5,416,827.20

HOW TO GIVE

You can give during the worship service by check or cash when the offering is collected. You may want to download our Apple or Android app titled “FBC Plant City,” and follow the Give link at the bottom of the screen. You may also give at any time on our website at [fbpc.com](http://fbpc.com). Thank you for supporting the ministry of First Baptist Church Plant City.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, November 18

8:00, 9:00, & 10:30 am | Small Group Bible Study

9:00 am | Blended Service | Worship Center

10:30 am | Modern Service | Worship Center

2:00 pm | Route 456 Shoebox Packing

2:00 pm | Christmas Drama Rehearsal

3:00 pm | Christmas Choir Rehearsal

2:30 pm | Student Band Rehearsal

3:45 pm | Amplify Student Choir | 2nd Floor

4:30 pm | English Class | Admin. Building

5:00 pm | Adult Small Group | Britt Home

6:00 pm | Spanish Church | Admin. Building

6:00 pm | College Small Group | The Landing

6:00 pm | Young Pro’s Small Group | The Helms’ home. Call Daniel at 813-943-8894 for more info.

WEDNESDAY, November 21

No regularly scheduled Wednesday activities

THURSDAY, November 22

Church office closed

No regularly scheduled Thursday activities

FRIDAY, November 23

Church office closed

MONDAY, November 19

6:00 pm | REACH | Not meeting this week

TUESDAY, November 20

9:00 am | KIT Group | Admin. Building

6:45 pm | Adult Small Group | Keith & Susan Venning’s home

OUR MISSION

We exist to lead people beyond just good enough to experience “L.I.F.E.” in Christ, and we do this by helping you to **Worship**, **Grow**, **Serve**, and **Reach**.

ABOUT US

At First Baptist Church Plant City our mission is to lead people beyond just good enough to experience LIFE in Christ. Our passion is to ensure that people hear the Good News of the Gospel and that God is glorified.

First Baptist Church of Plant City is associated with the Southern Baptist Convention. While each Southern Baptist congregation is an autonomous body unto itself, we adhere to a statement of generally held convictions called The Baptist Faith and Message.

OUR PASTOR

Dr. Brian Stowe

Pastor Brian came to First Baptist Church in 2013. He and his wife Bonnie have four children, Sarah, Hannah, Andrew, and Elizabeth.

Dr. Stowe earned his Doctorate in Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also holds a MDiv from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas and a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.