

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
PLANT CITY



1 THESSALONIANS  
**FAITHFUL**  
COME WHAT MAY

OCTOBER 11, 2020

**startingpoint**  
THE FIRST STEP IN GETTING CONNECTED



**NEXT LUNCHEON:** Sunday, October 25th | 12:00 PM | Commons

For more info and to **REGISTER:** [FBCPC.com/Events](http://FBCPC.com/Events)

**FALL  
FESTIVAL**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**MAN A BOOTH, CREATE A TRUNK, OR DONATE CANDY!**

Register online or contact a member of the  
Children's Ministry Department!

[www.fbcpc.com/FallFestival2020](http://www.fbcpc.com/FallFestival2020)

# Upcoming Opportunities



**I'm a  
Christian  
Now!**

## "I'm a Christian Now!" Class

**Sunday, October 18 | 10:30 am | 2nd Floor (Children's Area)**

Has your child recently made a decision for Christ? This 4-week class is the next step prior to Baptism. Reserve your child's spot by emailing Michele Marino at [mmarino@fbcpc.com](mailto:mmarino@fbcpc.com).

## This Week

### SUNDAY 10.11.2020

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

Class List: [www.fbcpc.com/SmallGroups](http://www.fbcpc.com/SmallGroups)

**9 & 10:30 am | Worship Service |** Worship Center

**9 & 10:30 am | Streaming LIVE Online:**

**Church Website:** [www.fbcpc.com/live](http://www.fbcpc.com/live) -OR- Church Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistPlantCity](https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistPlantCity)

### WEDNESDAY 10.14.2020

**6:15 pm**

**Preschool**

**AWANA**

**First Student Worship** | The Landing

**Parenting Together** | Worship Center

**Women's Bible Study** | Room 111-112

**Men's Bible Study** | Mod Bldg, Room 2

**Wednesday in the Word** | Room 113-114

**7:30 pm**

**College & Young Pros** | Midweek Bldg

### THURSDAY 10.15.2020

**6:30 pm | Bible Study (English) | John Foxx\***

## MINISTERIO HISPANO

### LOS DOMINGOS:

**9:00 am | Servicio en Español\***

**11:00 am | Escuela Dominical\***

**6:15 pm | Servicio en Español\***

### LOS MIERCOLES:

**6:15 pm | Estudio Biblico en Español\***

\* = [www.facebook.com/spanishministry](https://www.facebook.com/spanishministry)

## Connect

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**First Baptist Church Plant City exists to lead people beyond just good enough to experience L.I.F.E. in Christ. We do this by helping you to **WORSHIP, GROW, SERVE** and **REACH**.**

## *Vitals*

### **MEMORIALS:**

***James & Earline Causey***

Billy & Carol Simmons

***Jack Johnson***

Coleman & Sue Davis

### **BEREAVEMENT:**

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

**Linda Johnson** and **Shannon Schulte**

in their loss of Linda's husband and Shannon's father, **Jack Johnson**.

### **STATISTICS (10.04.2020)**

Budget Rec'd: \$81,860.15

Budget Req'd: \$80,513.00

To Date Budget Rec'd: \$81,860.15

To Date Budget Req'd: \$80,513.00

destination  
**next**  
reach 43:19

Pledges: \$4,129,627.88

Rec'd 10.04.2020: \$7,656.89

Rec'd to Date: \$2,241,186.85

## *Giving*

Giving is an expression of our love for God and His ministry and mission through First Baptist Church.

You can give on the church website (FBCPC.com), through the church app (FBCPC.com/Get-App), or by clicking on the button to the right.



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**The Thessalonians were faithful, come what may, because they learned that God is faithful, come what may.**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ vv 1-5**

A. Great \_\_\_\_\_ moved Paul to act on his concern for the believers in Thessalonica.

Never miss an opportunity to affirm someone and encourage them in their living for the Lord.

**Trials form a necessary discipline in our lives** (MacDonald, W.):

1. They prove the \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith, and weed out those who are mere professors. 1 Peter 1:7
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ us to comfort and encourage others who are going through trials. 2 Corinthians 1:4
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ certain graces, such as endurance, in our character. Romans 5:3
4. They make us more \_\_\_\_\_ in spreading the gospel. Acts 4:29; 5:27-29; 8:3, 4
5. They help to \_\_\_\_\_ the dross from our lives. Job 23:10

B. \_\_\_\_\_ are you concerned about?

*"Bypass the cross in pursuit of a crown. Who of us does not have to pray, "Forgive me, Lord, for so often finding ways to avoid the pain and sacrifice of discipleship. Strengthen me today to walk with You no matter what the cost." - MacDonald, W*

When God raises concern in your spirit for someone, do something about it - even if it means you are greatly inconvenienced.

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ vv 6-10**

A. Paul's comfort from the good news was \_\_\_\_\_.

Three benefits of Comfort:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ heavy burdens. (v 7)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ life to future dreams and desires. vv 6, 10
3. \_\_\_\_\_ our prayer life.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ around you needs comforting words?

Find one person each day this week and give some comforting and encouraging words to them.

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ vv 11-13**

A. After expressing his desire to visit them again, Paul prayed \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Thessalonian believers.

Two requests:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ courageously v 12. Paul prayed the Lord would cause the Thessalonians to "increase and overflow with love for one another and for everyone...." Loving courageously doesn't mean you play "victim" status or that you just become a doormat or that you fully embrace what others believe.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ courageously v 13. Paul then prayed that the Lord would. "Make your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of the Lord Jesus with all His saints."

**The most courageous living is holy living.**

B. What will the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ of you when He returns?

**What now?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ are you concerned about? Make a commitment to pray by name for him/her.  
And ask the Lord for an opportunity to show that concern to him/her.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ God to put someone on your mind that needs a word of comfort.  
And then do it!
3. \_\_\_\_\_ courageous in your loving and living for Christ this week. Ask the Lord to help you love that difficult person this week. Ask the Lord to help you be consistent in your walk with Christ this week.

## Our Pastor



Dr. Brian Stowe came to First Baptist in 2013. He and his wife Bonnie have four children: Sarah, Hannah, Andrew, and Elizabeth. Pastor Brian earned his Doctorate in Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also holds a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

## Pastoral Staff

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