

Upcoming Events

May

Mother's Day Breakfast8th at 8 am
Suncoast Baptist Association Meeting
at Grace Community Church.. 13th at 12 pm
Pastries & Prayer..... 14th at 8:30 am
Church Wide PicnicBoca Ciega
Millennium Park Shelter #7 14th at 11 am
Youth Sunday/Fundraiser .15th at 10:30 am
HIS Team Project.....21st at 9 am
Memorial Day (office closed)30th



Thank you to all who volunteered to make the HIS Church Event in April a big success! And a special thank you to our leadership team that helped organize the event.

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Around First Baptist

Vacation Bible School is coming!

June 20th through 24th at 6 PM each night, kids will flock in to hear about God and his love for them.

This is a time where we can come together as a church to show that we care for these children, so much so that we want them to know about he who saved us.

Here's what you can do to help:

Volunteer for the week by seeing Brittany Gieselman or emailing her at bgieselman@fbcpp.org.

Donate goods and supplies, current needs include paper towel rolls . See Brittany or check the weekly bulletin for more needs.

Invite some children. Tell your neighbors, family, and friends about VBS. You can send them to fbcpp.org/vbs to find out more information (registration coming soon).

Pray! Be in prayer for:

- The workers, that they would be ready to minister.
- The children, that God might move in them to understand his love.
- The families, that they may be strengthened and embraced by our church.

Scripture of the month:

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Proverbs 31:30-31 (ESV)

From the Pastor's Desk



This month I have been thinking on the subject of worship, and I was challenged by an article that I read recently. I came across it through the ministry of Dr. R.C. Sproul who has written several books that helped me in my studies of the Scriptures. I wanted to share it with you this month, and I hope you will be challenged by it as well.

In Christ Alone,
Pastor Dewayne Slusher

Invading the Human Soul from Ligonier Ministries

Biblical worship invades the human soul. It is the soul that too often has been banished from modern worship. We are a people preoccupied with self-image, self-esteem, and self-gratification. Yet in all this we don't even know what a "self" is.

The human soul is in exile from our thinking. No wonder, then, that it is not considered relevant to worship. Heaven is too distant to contemplate. Our lives are lived within the restricted boundaries of our terrestrial horizon. We have so despised the notion of pie in the sky that we have lost our taste for it altogether.

But when our souls are engaged in worship, our gaze is lifted heavenward, our hearts are set aflame by the divine fire, and we are ready to be done with this world. There is such a thing as mystic sweet communion with Christ in worship.

I'm speaking about something that goes beyond emotion (but includes it); that transcends passion (but doesn't annul it); that penetrates to the deepest core of our being, where we sense—nay, we know—that we are in the presence of the living God.

<http://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/invading-human-soul/>

Servant of the Month



Karen Finch has been a quiet but very active servant at First Baptist. Karen never draws attention to herself nor does she ask to be given titles or recognition. However, Karen plays a great part in the ministry done at First Baptist. It seems as if anytime volunteers are needed for a particular event or project Karen is always there. Karen faithfully helps in our Sunday School by assisting the 1st-2nd grade class each week. She was a huge help in getting the HIS Church Event organized. She also has been involved with Vacation Bible School and helping out in reaching out to the children and families in our area. Karen is always willing and ready to serve in the church where she is needed and always does what's asked with joy. Due to Karen's faithfulness to the Lord and the work of the ministry here at First Baptist we are honoring her as our servant of the month.

Missions' Monthly

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

(James 1:27 ESV)

During the month of May we emphasize the Florida Baptist Children's Home Mother's Day offering.

The Children's Home has served orphaned and neglected children since 1904, not only in Florida but internationally as well.

Those taking part in the Guatemala missions

trip this August are partnering with the Children's Home.

Learn more about this ministry by visiting www.fbchomes.org.

You can take part in this ministry by giving during one of the Evening Services this month.