



# FIRST BRADENTON

## January Newsletter

### Jordan Dinner

**Monday, January 14 at 6pm**

The mission team that went to Jordan will host a dinner to share about their trip and give you a chance to financially support ministry needs in Fuheis. The team will prepare a Jordanian meal for you to enjoy. Reservations are requested; they can be made at Guest Services or by calling the church office.

### Adults on Mission

#### Hope Seeds Adults on Mission

**Thursday, Jan. 3 at 10:30 AM in the Snack Bar**  
PLANT A SEED! FEED A SOUL!

Hope Seed is a ministry that provides seeds and agricultural education through Christian missionaries around the world.

Join us as we pack seeds for distribution.

There will not be lunch served this month.

### A New Life Group has started:

**Common Thread - for women in their 20's - 30's**  
**Meeting Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the 1<sup>st</sup> Kids Building - third floor.**

### New Beginnings (Widows/Widowers Ministry)

**Saturday, Jan. 19 at 2:00 PM**

Join us as we go to Manatee Viewing Center at the Big Bend Power Station at Apollo Beach. We will get to see manatees enjoy the warm water by the power station.

### GriefShare Group

**Beginning Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30 PM**  
**And again, Wednesday, January 9 at 1:00 PM**  
**Office Building, Room #310**

You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment. An oasis on your journey through grief.

You can sign up online at [firstbradenton.com/grief](http://firstbradenton.com/grief) or call the Church Office. Books \$15.

### Senior Adult Lifestyle Festival

**Hosted by TNT**

**Thursday, January 10 at 10:00 AM in the Gym**

All senior adults are invited to this free event.

Over 35 exhibitors will share information about how to live an active and healthy lifestyle.

Bring your friends and neighbors.

*The Blood Mobile will be with us. Please stop by the TNT Table in the courtyard to schedule giving blood.*

### First Couples PASSAGE Exhibit:

A February exhibit in PASSAGE will feature wedding photos of couples in our church. We want to celebrate your big day, no matter when it was. Please submit your framed/ready-to-hang photos by January 31; the exhibit reception will be February 7. Any questions, email

[Arts@firstbradenton.com](mailto:Arts@firstbradenton.com).

### Mission Team Report

**Wednesday, January 16 at 6:30 PM in the Chapel**

The mission teams that went to Jordan and to Uganda will share how God is working in these two countries.

### Growth Groups starting this month:

**Men:**

**The Series – A Man and His Design**

**Starting Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 AM at the home of Tim Newby**

**Women:**

**Beginning Tuesday, January 22 at 10:00 AM**

**Office Building, Room #110**

**Sermon on the Mount by Jen Wilkin**

For this study, childcare is by reservation only.

**Beginning Wednesday, January 23 at 6:30 PM**

**Office Building, Room #110**

**One in a Million: Journey to Your Promised Land**

**by Priscilla Shirer**

*For these two women's studies, you can register on Sunday in the Manatee Ave. Lobby*

*Or at [firstbradenton.com/women](http://firstbradenton.com/women)*

*Books are \$13*

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# First Events Monthly Newsletter January 2019

## First Events

- Jan. 2 - First Students - Movie Night
- Jan. 3 - Adults on Mission
- Jan. 8 - GriefShare begins - PM
- Jan. 9 - Men's Growth Group begins
- Jan. 9 - GriefShare begins - AM
- Jan. 9 - Wednesday activities resume
- Jan. 10 - Senior Adult Lifestyle Festival
- Jan. 12 - Adult Life Group Leader Training
- Jan. 14 - Harvest Food Pantry
- Jan. 14 - Jordan Dinner
- Jan. 16 - Mission Team Report - Chapel
- Jan. 17 - Ballard Single Mom's Program begins
- Jan. 19 - New Beginnings
- Jan. 22 - Women's Growth Group begins:  
Sermon on the Mount
- Jan. 23 - Women's Growth Group begins:  
One in a Million
- Jan. 31 - Last day to submit wedding pictures  
for Passage exhibit

## November Church Report

Monthly Budget	\$107,563.83
Budget Gifts	\$83,316.49
Budget Expenses	\$87,443.18
Average Attendance	309

## December Additions to the FBC Family - 2

- by statement/letter - 2
- YTD Total Additions - 47**
- by baptism - 17
- by statement/letter - 30

## Adult Life Group Leader Training

**Saturday, January 12 at 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

All leaders of Adult Life Groups will join together for a focused time of prayer and training for healthy Life Groups in the new year.

**As we begin 2019, I've got three challenges for you.**

**1. Bible Engagement.** The number one factor for growth in a Christian's life is their level of Bible study. The great Christian leader and prayer warrior George Muller once stated, "The vigor of our spiritual life will be in direct proportion to the place held by our Bible in our life and thoughts." Let me encourage you to use a Bible reading plan in 2019. If you do not have one yet, download the Foundation 260 Plan from Replicate Ministries. Make it your goal to engage the Bible daily throughout the year.

**2. Dinner with Friends.** Each of us have friends, neighbors, coworkers, and acquaintances that are unchurched, de-churched, and never-churched. Because they may have some hesitation about attending a Bible study or worship service, invite them to your dinner table. As we've navigated through a difficult 2018 as a church with declining attendance, there is a key factor that can immediately change our trajectory: personal investment in friendships with the lost and unchurched. Your sincere friendship with the lost will allow you to introduce them to the life of the church and new life in Christ. Make it your aim in 2019 to invest in friendships with people separated from Christ.

**3. Life Group Involvement.** Life Groups are our ongoing Bible study groups where you connect to a group of friends to study the Word, pray, care for each other, and get involved in ministry together. We have Life Groups that meet on Sunday morning and various nights of the week. If you're not in a Life Group, let us help you get plugged in. If you've been in one for a while, consider helping the church launch a new one. The more Life Groups we have, the more opportunities we offer for connections. Plan on being a part of a growing and multiplying Life Group in 2019.

*Pastor Philip*