



FIRST BRADENTON

January & February Newsletter

Breathe - by Priscilla Shirer

Women's Life Group

Starting Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 10:00 AM

(Tuesdays only)

If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, the concept of Sabbath will change your life.

Childcare is available by reservation only.

And Ladies, look forward to

"Something Needs to Change" by David Platt

Starting

Tuesday, Feb. 25 & Wednesday, Feb. 26

First Steps

Sunday, January 12 at 9:00 AM

In the Office Building, Room #200

If you are new to First Baptist or if you just want to get to know us better, feel free to join us for this one-session class.

Mental Health Forum - Depression

Sunday, January 12 at 4:00 PM

In the Chapel

This forum is meant for church members and friends to gather together with the intent of stewarding one another toward good mental health.

Partnering with Samaritan Counseling to address the challenges of mental health.

GriefShare

Begins Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 6:30

In the Office Building, room #110

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 or call the Church Office.

1st Students

January 1 -Glow in the Dark Party

Be sure to wear something white...to shine!!

February 19 - Unbirthday Party

Come and uncelebrate!

Hope Seeds Service Project

Friday, Jan. 10 at 10:00 AM in the Gym

Hope Seeds is a Christian ministry which provides quality garden seeds to a hungry world through missionaries and mission teams to help feed the whole person - body, mind, and soul.

Everyone is invited to help prepare the seed packets that will be sent around the world!

Widows & Widowers Dessert Fellowship

Hosted by 1st Kids

Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 6:00

1st Kids would like to invite

all widows and widowers to join us for dessert.

We would like to get to know you better.

See you then!



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

A ministry of First Baptist Bradenton

Mystery lunch

Saturday, Jan. 18 at Noon

In the Snack Bar

All seniors are invited to a Mystery Dinner.

We can't tell you anything about it because it is a mystery.

Come and join us for a fun time.

At least we hope so, because it is a mystery!!

Billy Bailey-Winter Gospel Concert

Thursday, Feb. 6

Gospel music and great fellowship.

What a wonderful way to spend the afternoon.

We will be leaving together from church to go to the Bradenton Area Convention Center.

Watch for more details.

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First Events Monthly Newsletter January & February 2020

January Events

- Jan. 1 - New Years Day
- Jan. 1 - 1st Student's New Years Glow Party
- Jan. 1 - Church Office is closed
- Jan. 7 - Women's Bible Study begins - *Breathe*
- Jan. 10 - Service Project-Hope Seeds
- Jan. 11 - 1st Students - Winter Jam
- Jan. 12 - First Steps Class
- Jan. 12 - Mental Health Forum
- Jan. 13 - Harvest Food Pantry
- Jan. 14 - GriefShare begins
- Jan. 18 - New Beginnings/TNT Mystery Lunch
- Jan. 26 - Transition Roundtable

February Events

- Feb. 6 - Senior Adult Ministry/Bill Bailey's Gospel Concert
- Feb. 10 - Harvest Food Pantry
- Feb. 12 - 1st Kids/Widows/Widowers Dessert Fellowship
- Feb. 19 - 1st Student's Unbirthday Party
- Feb. 25 - Women's Bible Study begins
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- Feb. 26 - Women's Bible Study begins
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November Church Report

Monthly Budget	\$100,307.17
Budget Gifts	\$53,544.98
Budget Expenses	\$64,531.56
Average Attendance	280

And so with anticipation and excitement we move forward with clarity and vision. **I appreciate you and ask you** to continue to pray for me, for your staff, for our six standing committees, for our deacon/servants, for your Transition team, for one another, and for those who will come to personally know the Lord and become a part of this amazing body call First Bradenton.

I love you,



Moving forward together into 2020...

with vision and clarity

Dear First Family,

It's hard to believe, but true, we are moving into a new year and a new decade! Serving as your Transitional Pastor continues to be a wonderful joy! I am thankful for the seven-member transition team that represents First Bradenton. Please continue to lift each member up in prayer.

I am thrilled to communicate with you that on **Sunday, January 26, 2020**, the Transition team will once again host a Roundtable discussion for the entire congregation. Please make plans now to prioritize this gathering as it is critical and crucial that every member of the First Family participate. **Together we will discover the answer to some very important questions.** Like, what is the governance model of FBCB? How are decisions made? Who makes those decisions? How can I be most effective and productive not only for FBCB, but for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ? In what ways can my gifts and abilities be better utilized?

The Transition team is still in the process of analyzing who we are and fleshing out what we have been called to be and do as First Baptist Church of Bradenton. Moving forward together with vision and clarity will be our theme, and **prayer** is vitally important for this to happen. I am so thankful for all who have participated in our first two prayer gatherings. Please be watching for the announcement of future additional intentional prayer meetings.

In January 2020, I will be sharing four messages on the theme of **TRUST-THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL LIVING.** Several years ago I discovered something so shocking about the church I was leading that, at first, I refused to believe it! The truth that was revealed to me was that over 70% of our congregation had never been challenged regarding "true biblical stewardship." In other words, I along with previous pastors had failed to instruct, encourage, and inspire by simply sharing the Biblical message of stewardship.

During January 2020, we will enter into a consideration about trusting God. Can I trust God? Secondly, can God trust me? What happens when our whole relationship is based upon obedience and trust?

Finally, on weeks three and four as a congregation we will take the Trust Test. **Trust is the most important factor in knowing God and His will for my life and in growing His Kingdom and myself as a steward.**