



FIRSTBRADENTON

June Newsletter

5th Sunday Fellowship

Sunday, June 30

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Breakfast will be served in the Gym. Following breakfast, a presentation will be given by Samaritan Counseling Center and our GriefShare team.

8:15 AM - 12:15 PM

SunCoast Blood Bank will be partnering with FBC to save lives. A sign-up to schedule your time to donate blood will be available on Sunday mornings in the courtyard.

Mark your calendar for "5th Sunday Fellowships" on September 29 and December 29.

VBS-In the Wild

Monday, June 10 to Friday, June 15

9:00 AM to noon

Buckle your seatbelt! VBS will take the kids on a wild adventure—with elephants and egrets, polar bears and penguins, cockatoos and crocodiles. As they seek out exotic animals, they will also find snapshots of real-life encounters with Jesus in Scripture.

Please pray for this special week in the life of these kids.



Ministry Connection

Sundays, June 16 & 23 at 9:00 AM

Office Building Room #200

We want to help you grow as a disciple and into a disciple-maker. This 2-week class, led by Pastor John, will help you discover your unique, God-given ministry purpose and how to connect in ministry at FBC. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

1st Students Beach Baptism

Saturday, June 29 at 4:00 at Coquina Beach

Everyone is invited to rejoice together as some of the members of our 1st Students group follow the Lord in baptism.

New Beginnings - Widows & Widowers Ministry

Annual Root Beer/Coke Float Fellowship

Saturday, June 22 at 2:00 PM in the Snack Bar.

We will be reflecting about what we did this year and bring your ideas of activities for the upcoming year.

First News

Did you know that you can get a weekly reminder of the activities at FBC delivered to your email each week? Just sign up at firstbradenton.com/media and the email will be delivered to you each Thursday.

Harvest Food Pantry

Open the second Monday of each month from 9:30 am to 11:00 am

This ministry of FBC provides non-perishable food to families who are in need. The goal of the Harvest Food Pantry is to minister to the body and the spirit of these families.

If you are interested in volunteering with us (buying groceries, praying with our guests, filling food bags and more) please contact Bonnie Oyler or call Beth in the Church Office for more information. If you would like to donate to help with the purchase of food, please mark your donation "food pantry".

We thank you for praying for this outreach ministry to those in our community.



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First Events

Monthly Newsletter

June 2019

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June 5 - 1st Students - Wet n' Wild
June 10 - Harvest Food Pantry
June 10 - 14 VBS
June 16 - Father's Day
June 16 & 23 - Ministry Connections Class
June 17 - 21 1st Students Camp Anderson
June 22 - New Beginnings
June 29 - 1st Students - Beach Baptism
June 30 - 5th Sunday/Blood Drive

July 4 - Independence day
July 4 - *Church Office is closed*
July 8 - Harvest Food Pantry

April Church Report

Monthly Budget	\$100,307.17
Budget Gifts	\$73,145.61
Budget Expenses	\$60,741.35
Average Attendance	338

Christian Sympathy

- to Tim Newby and his family on the passing of his mother, Helen Newby
- to Patsy Cox and family on the loss of Buster Cox
- to Gerri Hicks for the loss of her brother-in-law, George
- to Pat Browning on the loss of her brother-in-law, Arden
- to Maurice Cooper and his family on the loss of his aunt, Suzie

Dear First Family,

Often I remind myself that our leadership is merely temporary stewardship, that God in His providence has put us in our roles for a season. The ministry is ultimately His, not ours.

Moses prayed, "Lord, teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts."
(Psalm 90:12)

The journey that is ahead of us is one that I am excited and encouraged to be a participant. I am thankful that in God's plan he has allowed me to return to you a second time. During this time of transition I invite you to join me in discovering **who we are, what God has called us to do, and how He wants us to do it.**

And so, this is my invitation to you, commit yourself not only to participation but prayer. Please pray for First Baptist Church, pray for your ministry staff, pray for one another, and pray for me. Pray that God will refresh, revive, and restore His church during these days of transition.

I look forward to joining you on Sunday, June 9, 2019, as we embark on this discovery journey together!

10,000 Blessings,



Pastor Allen

SUMMER GIVING CHALLENGE

Summer is upon us. It's a great time for families and ministry. It's also known to be a season of financial slump for churches. We can all play a role in avoiding the typical church financial slump.

To avoid that, we have created the **Summer Giving Challenge**. The challenge is two-fold: **participate & increase**. We are asking God not to just help us maintain but to actually bless us with an increase. The challenge for this summer is to reach \$300,000.

Your family can participate by asking God how you can give more this summer. For your family, that might mean you just give more routinely. It may mean giving in the same rhythm but just adding more to each gift. It could mean that God blesses you where you can give a lump sum beyond your regular tithe. For all of us, it could mean taking a proactive step by giving online when you are away on vacation.

Whatever "increase" means for your family, we ask that you pray about the commitment God has for your family. We know we are his children. He is on our side. He longs to hear our bold, offensive prayers. Our prayer can be, "**God, supply all our needs according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus**" (Philippians 4:19). Together, let's lead one another to rise to the challenge this summer.