



# FIRST BRADENTON

## July Newsletter



Join us for a special Wednesday night worship service of music and prayer.

Go to [firstbradenton.com/nightofworship](http://firstbradenton.com/nightofworship) to find out more information.

### Men's Bible Study

Every Thursday at 6:00 AM  
in Office Bldg. Room #100

Start your day out right  
with Bible study and friends.

### First Kids

The Gathering - Parents, Volunteers, & Leaders  
Wednesday, August 1 at 6:30 PM

A gathering for those who are Children's Ministry  
**PARENTS, LEADERS,** and **VOLUNTEERS** to  
hear about the exciting ministry First Bradenton  
has for children during the 2018-2019 school  
year.

Childcare is provided with RSVP only.

Desserts will be served.

RSVP to [Vilma@firstbradenton.com](mailto:Vilma@firstbradenton.com) by July 27.

### First Steps Class

Sunday, July 22 at 9:00 AM in Room #200

This is a one-session class for you to get to know  
First Bradenton. If you are a new member or a  
new friend, come and get to know us better.

## FBC BALLARD

For the past five years, First Baptist Church has shown God's love to Ballard Elementary school and the surrounding community. We have done this by providing resources for families, supporting teachers and staff, and sharing Jesus with children.

Our kickoff for this next school year will be at the August 9<sup>th</sup> Open House on the school campus where we will distribute shoes, backpacks, and school supplies.

Here is the supply list you can bring in through August 5:

### Backpack Supplies Shopping List

Spiral Notebooks (single subject)

Loose Leaf Wide-Lined Paper

2-Pocket Folders with Clasps

4 oz. bottle Elmer's Glue

10-count markers - Pack of Pencils

Pack of Pencil Top Erasers

Scissors - Glue Sticks

24-count crayons

Baby Wipes/Clorox Wipes

Box of Kleenex

Bottle of Hand Sanitizer

Pack of Highlighters

Pack of Dry Erase Markers

Pack of Colored Pencils

Ear Buds - Composition Books

Beside the school supplies listed,  
we will be purchasing 400 pairs of shoes.

Give by designating your gift

to "FBC loves Ballard"

on your envelope or online.

Our vision is to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ.  
Join in on the exciting work of multiplying, maturing and mobilizing Christians  
in declaring the gospel and caring for the hurting.

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# First Events Monthly Bulletin July 2018

## First Events

July 4 - Independence Day  
July 4 - Church Office is closed  
July 9 - Harvest Food Pantry  
July 11 - Revolution @ Riverwalk  
July 22 - First Steps Class  
July 25 - Night of Worship  
July 29 - Denver Mission Trip

### Coming Events:

Aug. 1 - The Gathering - Children's Ministry Meeting  
Aug. 9 - Ballard Open House  
Aug.. 13 - Harvest Food Pantry  
Aug. 15 - First Kids Back-to- School Bash  
Aug. 16 - Passage Reception - New Exhibit  
Aug. 22 - Revolution Back-to-School Bash  
Aug. 24 - First Students Game Night/Grand Prix  
Aug. 29 - Annual Business Meeting

## May Church Report

Monthly Budget	\$107,563.83
Budget Gifts	\$ 72,397.66
Budget Expenses	\$105,837.96
Average Attendance	328

### Ways to Give:

Did you know you can give to the ministry of FBC through your smartphone? Just text "Fbcb" to 73256. It is that simple.

You also can give by credit card now.

To learn more about all your giving options, go to [Firstbradenton.com/give](http://Firstbradenton.com/give).

## Christian Sympathy

To David and Linda Billa on the passing of their daughter-in-law, Debbie.

To Margaret Frey on the passing of her husband, Chuck.

## The Summer Surge

It is common to think about everything slowing down in the summer months. It happens for a lot of people. In fact, in church life, we even have a name for it: the Summer Slump.

But in our community, just because the summer heatwave is upon us, there is no less amount of people in need of the Gospel. I want to encourage you to reject the slump and embrace a Summer Surge. There is no need to wait to invite that friend to Life Group. Do it today. Don't hold off until school starts back to ask that family to be a part of our Sunday worship services. Even though people are running around on vacation, you can still invite a neighbor over for a cook-out or ice cream.

Every day of the year, people need God's love and the church's attention. Surrounding us are the lost who need us to surge forward with grace. Summer may be a time of slow down for some but not for the church in our urgency for the lost to be saved and the saved to be encouraged. Let me encourage you to jump into the Summer Surge with these activities:

- When you meet a visitor in worship, invite them to sit with you and then take them to lunch.
- Pray with a neighbor this week.
- Call your Life Group leader and thank him/her for their faithful ministry.
- Talk to the next retail worker you encounter about their life and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you toward a presentation of the Gospel.
- Start a new Life Group in your home for your neighbors.
- Start a Bible reading group using the F260 Plan.
- Serve in the preschool, kids, or student ministry this summer.
- Make it your goal to share the Gospel at least once a week.

*Pastor Philip*

## June additions to the FBC Family: 4

By letter - 2

By statement - 2

**YTD total - 27**

By baptism - 7

By statement/letter - 20