

FIRST BRADENTON

July/August Newsletter

FBC BALLARD

For the past six years, FBC has shown God's love to Ballard Elementary school by providing resources for families, supporting teachers and staff, and sharing Jesus with children. It is easy to say that First Baptist Loves Ballard.

Our plan for the 2019/2020 school year are:

- **Backpacks/Supplies/Shoe Distribution at Ballard Elementary Open House** on August 8.
- **Classroom Sponsorship** supporting the teachers and students with resources for the classrooms.

- **Ballard Elves** helping to provide Christmas presents for the neediest Ballard Students.

We are committed to our partnership with Ballard. Join us by praying for Ballard Elementary school and the surrounding community, supporting these events, and participating in the sponsorship program. Thank you for being part of this ministry reaching out to our community.

For more information, pick up a FBC  Ballard flier in the lobbies.

1st Students Back-to-School Bash **Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 6:00 PM**

Starting the new school year with a live Band, inflatables, games plus hot dogs & hamburgers on the grill. Be sure to invite a friend!
Guest Speaker: Gus Cabrera
Founder of More Than Words Ministry

Outdoors Work Day, Saturday **July 20; 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM**

This is a morning to work on the outside of our campus. Bring your work gloves and your sunscreen. Let's make FBC look its best!

Sunday, August 11 is Shift Sunday

This is the Sunday that all of the kids and students move up to their next grade.

1st Kids Back to School GLOW Event **Wednesday, August 21 at 6:00 PM**

Welcoming the return to school in a colorful way!! Kids, be sure to wear white! We will be playing GLOW in the dark games. And bring a friend. An evening of games, color and food.



Family fun for Everyone! **Wednesday, July 24 at 6 PM** **In the Family Life Center**

Ugly Hawaiian Shirt Contest

Fun Crafts

Snowball Cornhole

Reindeer Horse Shoes

Photo Booth

Food & Ice Cream Bar





First Events Monthly Newsletter July/August 2019

First Events

- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 4 - Church Office is closed
- July 8 - Harvest Food Pantry
- July 10 - 1st Students/Revolution Resumes-Luau
- July 20 - Work Day-Outdoor projects
- July 24 - Christmas in July-All Church Fellowship
- Aug. 8 - Ballard Back-to-School Night
- Aug. 9 - 6th Grade Orientation
- Aug. 11 - Shift Sunday
- Aug. 12 - Harvest Food Pantry
- Aug. 21 - Annual Business Meeting
- Aug. 21 - 1st Students-Back to School Bash
- Aug. 21 - 1st Kids-Back to School-GLOW Event

May Church Report

Monthly Budget	\$100,307.17
Budget Gifts	\$71,119.09
Budget Expenses	\$82,520.71
Average Attendance	278

Christian Sympathy

- to Beth Trent and her family on the passing of her father, Art Brannon
- to Clair "Doc" Butler and his family on the passing of his wife, Edie

SUMMER GIVING CHALLENGE

Ways your family can "be in":

- Give more routinely
- Add more to each gift
- Give a lump sum
- Give online when you are away



Total through June 25:

\$72,740

Goal:

\$300,000

Dear First Family,

Transition? Transition is not just a nice way to say change. It is the inner process through which people come to terms with a change, as they let go of the way things used to be and reorient themselves to the way things are now.

In its most basic function, transition helps you come to terms with the anxieties of change. Transition reorients you so that you can mobilize your energy to deal successfully with your new situation.

A vital key to a church during transition is a healthy evaluation of its organization, ministries, personnel, mission approach, and financial structure. It is recommended during this time that a Transition Focus Team (made up of a good cross-section of the membership) be formed to evaluate the church from top to bottom. This team will be guided by the Transition Team Leader and the Transition Pastor to examine the organizational structure of the church. The Transition Team will work together with the entire congregation to restore hope for the future, integrity within the community, and health to the Body; they will also seek to discover mission and vision.

In the days ahead of us, your Committee on Committees will be presenting a recommendation, formulating the Transition Focus Team, and asking for congregational affirmation for this team. They will work alongside the Transitional Pastor as he serves as a counselor and guide to assist in the process.

Remember the Transition Focus Team will lead a *process* and not a *program*. The Transition Team does not take over the church. It does not do the work for the church. Instead, the team's role is to develop strategies to engage the congregation in each process so that the church body will be impacted through the process.

I am asking you to pray for one another. Please pray for the Committee on Committees as they seek and recommend to you those who will form the Transitional Focus Team. Pray for me and the FBCB staff as together we move forward into this exciting new adventure.

Be Strong and Courageous!

Pastor Allen