



FIRST BRADENTON

September Newsletter

5th Sunday Fellowship Sunday, September 29

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Breakfast will be served in the Gym. Following breakfast, a presentation will be given by One More Child and Disaster Relief.

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.

5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

A New Life Group for 20's & 30's
Starting Sunday, September 1 at 9:00 AM
Kid's Building, Room 303
A new group for young adults.

Hands to Hearts Handcrafters
Saturday, September 21, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM,
in Church Library

We invite all who knit or crochet or those who would like to learn to join us in this unique and very rewarding ministry. Come help us share the love of God with comfort shawls and baby blankets. For more information, please contact Beth in the Church Office.

New Beginnings (*ministry for widows and widowers*)
Saturday, September 28, 2:00 PM in the Snack Bar

All widows and widowers are invited to share your family photos with us. Bring pictures of your spouse, parents, children and of course, those grands and great-grands!!

Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Adults on Mission Service Project
Monday, September 16, 9:00 AM to 11:15 AM

We will be feeding the Students at State College of Florida.

We will start in the Family Life Center to prepare the food. Then we will go to the college to set up for the students. We need volunteers to prepare the food or to help at the college or both. Contact Bonnie Oyler 941-773-4835 if you would like to be involved or if you have any questions.

Items Needed for Ditty Bags for Seafarers

Adults on Mission is collecting travel-sized items for ditty bags through October 20. The ditty bags will be given to Seafarers through Anchor House Ministry. Anchor House ministers, right here at Port Manatee, to seafarers from around the world.

You can pick up a list of the items needed at the Welcome Desk. The collection bin is in the Office Building.

Thank you for being part of this ministry that shares the Good News of Jesus to Seafarers.

KID'S FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY INVITE A FRIEND!

SEPT
15TH

FIRST
KIDS

BIBLE STUDY | MUSIC | CRAFTS | FUN ACTIVITIES

8:45 BREAKFAST | PARENTS ARE WELCOME

2ND FLOOR - FIRST KIDS BUILDING | 9:00-11:30AM

First Events Monthly Newsletter September 2019

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- Sept. 2 - Labor Day
- Sept. 2 - Church Office is closed
- Sept. 3 - Women's Life Group-Nehemiah begins
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- Sept. 9 - Harvest Food Pantry
- Sept. 15 - 1st Kids Friendship Sunday
- Sept. 16 - Adults on Mission Service Event at SCF
- Sept. 21 - Hands to Hearts Annual Meeting
- Sept. 28 - New Beginnings Fellowship
- Sept. 29 - 5th Sunday Fellowship & Lord's Prayer

July Church Report

Monthly Budget	\$100,307.17
Budget Gifts	\$62,638.57
Budget Expenses	\$73,431.76
Average Attendance	279

The Personnel Committee

welcomes Patrick Morris to our staff. Patrick started August 26 as our maintenance supervisor. You can reach Patrick in the Office Monday through Friday or send him an email to Patrick@firstbradenton.com.

20% DISASTER RELIEF FLORIDA

40% ONE MORE CHILD

40% Ballard Elementary Classroom Sponsorship

GOAL: \$7,500

September is Florida Mission Offering Month. Thank you for praying and giving to support these ministry partners.

Dear First Bradenton Family,

Please continue to pray daily for your Transition Team. I am enjoying working with them in this process and feel that our progress is positive. In the days ahead you will be hearing about Church-wide roundtable discussions that I hope you will prioritize and participate in. God is moving at First Baptist Church!

Surfing on the waves of technological and social change, each new generation is different than the previous generation. Generation clashes have developed in society and to a lesser extent in our churches as younger generations see things differently and have different values and expectations than the older generations. As postmodernism has taken hold, many churches have chosen to remain unchanged and unengaged with society.

To this extent, churches are having less impact on culture and society. No longer is there a dominant Christian cultural consensus. Multiculturalism is increasing at such a rate that by 2030 there will be no ethnic majority in the U.S.

The church must see itself as a missionary movement to its own culture. This means, among other things, that we will have to become better at changing our forms and methods in order to accomplish the functions of relating the gospel to today's culture. As we do that, there are some pitfalls to avoid.

First, we must not become so much like our current culture that the transforming truth of the gospel is lost. If we become too much like the culture, not only will we have lost the distinctiveness of the gospel, but we will also find that we have adopted the values of the unbelieving world we are trying to reach.

On the other hand, if we under-adapt to the culture, we lose the opportunity to speak to those immersed in the culture. We also fall prey to a different set of cultural values that appear to be spiritual on the outside but are actually lifeless and destructive on the inside. If we desire to reach all generations, we must adapt generationally, ethnically, and culturally.

May we never forget one charge against Jesus was that He enjoyed relationships with those in the culture rejected by the self-righteous Pharisees. Like it or not, change is being forced upon us. And the option to remain isolated and unchanging does not exist. We have to continuously remind ourselves that the Christian life and being a part of the Church community itself is all about change.

I remind you that the question I have been asking is, "What does Jesus want us to do?" I will continue preaching through the series "Jesus Wants His Church Back" and look forward to experiencing all that the Lord has for us in the coming days!

Come expecting God to do something in your life and in the lives of others. I am.

Your Transitional Pastor and Friend,

Allen T. Speer