

Welcome Guests!



We're so glad you joined us today! We would love an opportunity to meet you! Please stop by our "First Time Guest Tent." You can also meet Pastor Brian after the service in the alcove near the east entrance.



Be sure to get yourself a cup of coffee at our coffee bar! Located in The Commons near the main stairs.

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Find Out More!

DOWNLOAD OUR APP

For Apple, Android and Windows devices, go to your app store and look for First Baptist Church Plant City.

GET CONNECTED

Three ways to fill out a Connect Card:

- In the seat back pocket in front of you.
- From our church app.
- On our church website, www.fbcpc.com.

STARTING POINT LUNCHEON

Whether you just started attending church, or you've been coming for a while, attending Starting Point will help you connect and learn the ins and outs of our church. Have lunch, meet our pastors, and get your questions answered.

Next Starting Point: Sunday, January 13, 2019
Please RSVP online at fbcpc.com/starting-point.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?

Download the FBCPC App, click on SERVE, and get connected!

Sermon Notes, December 16, 2018

Dr. Brian Stowe | Genesis 12:1-3

Believe!
"In the Beginning" Christmas Series

"An account of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham...."
Matthew 1:1

Learn from the right steps of this couple and be warned by their missteps.

1. _____ and _____. **12:1-3**

A. God called Abram to a different _____.

1. Get away from your _____ - "your land, your relatives...." Why?

2. Get away from their _____ - "your father's house...."

B. God called him to a different _____.

"So Abram went...." verse 4. **He _____ to obey.**

What has your focus: _____ or obedience?

"Abram believed the Lord, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Genesis 15:6

2. _____ and _____. **Genesis 16, 21**

A. When little was happening, Abram and Sarai decided to _____. Genesis 16

B. Improvising the will of God is the same as _____ the will of God - and it is always disastrous.

Our improvising will give birth to problems we never needed to deal with in the first place.

Where are you improvising/compromising? If you're tired of trusting because you just don't see anything happening and you are tempted to improvise (compromise):

1. _____.

2. Keep doing what you _____ you're supposed to do.

3. _____ the Lord completely - especially when it doesn't make sense.

4. _____ some more.

3. _____ and _____ **Genesis 22**

A. God gave Abraham a _____ with extremely _____ stakes.

B. _____ precedes _____.

What now?

1. **God uses _____ people that will trust Him.** That means God can use YOU.

2. **God has a different playbook and timetable. So, _____ Him.**

3. **God fulfilled His _____.**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PLANT CITY

WELCOME
We're glad you're here!

Service Times

Sundays, 9:00 am, Blended Service
and 10:30 am, Modern Service
Wednesdays, 6:15 pm

Small Groups

Sundays, 8, 9, and 10:30 am
Home Groups at various times.
Call 813-752-4104 for information.

Today's Message

Dr. Brian Stowe | In the Beginning, Genesis 12:1-3

December 16, 2018



In the beginning, God had a plan! He really did. As we celebrate this Christmas season with family, exchanging gifts, and enjoying great food, and giving thanks the Savior of the world was born, remember that God had a plan. And we see the promised plan all the way back in Genesis 3! I like to say of the Scripture that the Old Testament tells us that the Savior is coming. The Gospels tell us that the Savior came. And the Revelation tells us that the Savior is coming again!

So, let's celebrate the birth of the One that changed EVERYTHING this Christmas season. And let's tell those around us how Jesus – the One born in the manger between animals, would die between thieves, would resurrect from the grave, and ascend to heaven between the clouds – how HE has changed our lives! What a new beginning He brings!

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PLANT CITY



SPOTLIGHT!

**CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight Service**
5:00 pm, December 24

WORSHIP

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
PLANT CITY

**SUNDAY
SERVICE TIMES**

BLENDED 9:00 AM **MODERN 10:30 AM**

GROW

**SMALL
GROUP
BIBLE
STUDIES**

PRESCHOOL
CHILDREN
STUDENTS
COLLEGE
YOUNG PROS
SINGLES
YOUNG ADULTS
MEDIAN ADULTS
SENIOR ADULTS
SPANISH
FAITH RIDERS

LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER! JOIN A SMALL GROUP TODAY!

REACH

FALL OUTREACH

Mondays
6:00 - 7:15 pm

Join us for our Fall Outreach Program on Monday nights in the Commons! No lesson, no assigned teams, just come and gather with 2 others and VISIT!

* No childcare available

SERVE

First Baptist Church is proud to be an official host church for Night to Shine on February 8, 2019! Night To Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older.

For more information and to register as a guest or volunteer, visit www.fbcpc.com/nighttoshine

NIGHT to Shine
SPONSORED BY THE **TIM TEBOW** FOUNDATION

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

In The Beginning
The last performance of our spectacular Christmas musical is tonight at 6:00 pm.

Lottie Moon Post Office
The Lottie Moon Post Office is in The Commons. Bring in your cards for church members and donate the postage to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Poinsettias
Pick up your pre-ordered poinsettias at the Christmas Program tonight from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. There are extra poinsettias available for \$15. You may pick those up today as well. All proceeds go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Visit our Lottie Moon Prayer Walk
Take an interactive journey through the nations highlighting our International Mission's Partnerships. Beginning Dec. 23rd at 6:00 pm (Hallway by elevator)

Christmas Eve, 4:00 - 7:30 pm
Week of Christmas (26-28,) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday, December 30th, 8:00 am - noon.

Wednesdays for Women
6:15 pm, Rooms 111-112
Join us for a Christmas Craft Night with Liz Aguero this Wednesday, December 19th.

Living Nativity at Christmas Lane
Come out and support the FBCPC Living Nativity team on **December 21st at the Florida Strawberry Festival. 7:00 & 8:00 pm.**

Parent / Child Dedication

Evangeline Noelle Brook
Jeremy and Daniela Brook

Lauren Scott Clark
Marlin and Gina Clark

Jacob Douglas Driggers, Jr
Jake and Melissa Driggers

Sophie Jayne Elliott
Reuel and Taryn Elliot

Barrett Lee Elliott
Millie Wren Marie Elliott
Franklin and Morgan Elliott

Kara Lynn Ellison
Kaylen Lorraine Ellison
Kathryn Elizabeth Ellison
Travis and Patrisha Ellison

Tyler Bryce Gullede
Jason and Meagan Gullede

Rynlee Kate Hansen
Rob and Tabitha Hansen

Elly Grace Heynio
Chris and Susannah Heynio

Addisyn Faith Lawson
Kason Andrew Hoffman
Kristen Hoffman

Harper Enrique Oyola
Haven Carol Oyola
Javier and Lindsey Oyola

Eleanor Rose Schatzinger
Margaret Belle Schatzinger
Tom and Amanda Schatzinger

VITAL SIGNS

NEW MEMBERS 12.9.18

Andrew Ventimiglia
1307 Gordon Rd.
By Baptism

Alyx Maddox
Grade 12
By Baptism

Jayden Garcia
Grade 2
By Baptism

JoAnne Burr
Grade 2508 E. Morrell Dr.
By Letter

Christina Jackson
6511 Dorchester Rd., Lakeland
By Statement

MEMORIALS

Chuck Campbell
Ed & Rose Stanfield
Buddy & Susan Raburn
Ray & Janice Wood

Al Berry
Steve & Terry Sparkman

Floyd Hall
Steve & Terry Sparkman

Margie Menefee
Alice & Connie Martin
Sara Mott

In Honor Of Sue Harrell
Carol Ann Mathis

STATISTICS

Small Group Attendance: 1234

Budget Receipts: \$69,681.83

Wills & Trusts: \$0.00

Budget Requirements: \$76,119.98

YTD Budget Receipts: \$677,847.47

YTD Requirements: \$761,199.81

Generations to Come

Pledges: \$5,652,281.67

12/9/18 Receipts: \$14,703.50

Received to Date: \$5,463,219.20

HOW TO GIVE

You can give during the worship service by check or cash when the offering is collected. You may want to download our Apple or Android app titled "FBC Plant City," and follow the Give link at the bottom of the screen. You may also give at any time on our website at fbcpc.com. Thank you for supporting the ministry of First Baptist Church Plant City.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, December 16
8:00, 9:00, & 10:30 am | Small Group Bible Study
9:00 am | Blended Service | Worship Center
10:30 am | Modern Service | Worship Center
4:30 pm | English Class | Admin. Building
6:00 pm | In the Beginning Christmas Musical
6:00 pm | Spanish Church | Admin. Building

MONDAY, December 17
6:00 pm | REACH | The Commons

TUESDAY, December 18
9:00 am | KIT Group | Admin. Bldg.
6:45 pm | Adult Small Group | Keith & Susan Venning's home

WEDNESDAY, December 19
10:30 am | Library Open | Admin. Building
5:00 pm | Kid's Choirs | 4-K, 208; 1st-6th, 200
6:00 pm | AWANA Christmas Party and Store
6:15 pm | Men's Ministry | 110
6:15 pm | Women's Christmas Craft night | 111,112
6:15 pm | Adults: Wednesday in the Word | 114
6:15 pm | First Student Worship | The Landing
7:30 pm | Adult Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal
7:30 pm | College & Young Pros | Krazy Kup

THURSDAY, December 20
9:00 am | MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) | 112
7:00 pm | Biker Bible Study | Krazy Kup, downtown
7:30 pm | Co-Ed Bible Study in English | Fellowship Hall at Admin. Bldg.

PLEASE NOTE:
There will be no regular Wednesday evening activities on **December 26th**.
There will be one worship service at 10:00 am on Sunday, **December 30th**.

OUR MISSION **ABOUT US** **OUR PASTOR**

We exist to lead people beyond just good enough to experience "L.I.F.E." in Christ, and we do this by helping you to **Worship, Grow, Serve, and Reach.**

At First Baptist Church Plant City our mission is to lead people beyond just good enough to experience LIFE in Christ. Our passion is to ensure that people hear the Good News of the Gospel and that God is glorified.

First Baptist Church of Plant City is associated with the Southern Baptist Convention. While each Southern Baptist congregation is an autonomous body unto itself, we adhere to a statement of generally held convictions called The Baptist Faith and Message.

Dr. Brian Stowe

Pastor Brian came to First Baptist Church in 2013. He and his wife Bonnie have four children, Sarah, Hannah, Andrew, and Elizabeth.

Dr. Stowe earned his Doctorate in Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also holds a MDiv from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas and a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.