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# CHRISTmas Perspectives

The Christmas Story Through the Eyes of Those Closest to Jesus



First Baptist Church Plant City exists to lead people beyond “**just good enough**” to experience L.I.F.E. in Christ. We do this by offering opportunities to Worship, Grow, Serve, and Reach. These opportunities are available to everyone.

## Upcoming Opportunities



**Sign-up in The Commons!**

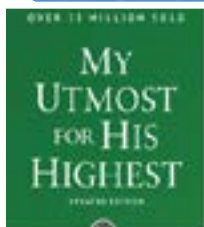


# startingpoint

THE FIRST STEP IN GETTING CONNECTED

**NEXT LUNCHEON:** December 11th, 11:30 in the Commons

**For more info and to REGISTER:** [FBCPC.com/events](https://fbcpc.com/events)



## Pastor Recommended Devotional for 2023

**Book on sale in the Commons until December 18th**



**Cost is \$10 (\$5 from each book will help support Lighthouse Ministries in Lakeland)**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NIGHT *to Shine*  
SPONSORED BY THE TIM TENO FOUNDATION

**EVENT DATE:** February 10, 2023 | 6 - 9 PM

[fbcpc.com/nighttoshine](https://fbcpc.com/nighttoshine)

**Mandatory Meeting**

January 17th or 19th 6:00 - 7:30 PM



Scan QR Code to register as a volunteer!

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# ONE STEP FLURTHER

*the city giving*

## 2022 Giving Challenge

	Last Year		This Year	
Budget	Goal	Given	Goal	Given
<i>for our ministry</i>	\$525,000	\$685,300	\$700,000	\$ ???,???
<i>for our obligations</i>	\$493,353	\$549,385	\$600,000	\$ ???,???
<i>for our World</i>	\$67,500	\$72,962	\$100,000	\$ ???,???
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$1,085,853</b>	<b>\$1,307,647</b>	<b>\$1,400,000</b>	<b>\$ ?,???,???</b>

### Africa Mission Trip

Do you have a desire to support our missionaries serving all over the world? Do you like working with children and teenagers? We are looking for a team of people to travel to Africa and work with Missionary Kids this coming spring! Join us for a brief informational meeting on **Sunday, December 18th** to learn more about the upcoming trip. The meeting will take place in rooms 111-112 immediately following the second service.

### Twenty Year Anniversary for our Children's Pastor!

Today we celebrate the 20 year anniversary of our **Children's Pastor, Bill Bender**. Join us in honoring Bill and Carol and family with a love offering and recognition in each worship service!



## Vitals

### STATISTICS (11.27.2022)

Budget Rec'd:	\$ 62,604.32
Budget Req'd:	\$ 95,238.40
To Date Budget Rec'd:	\$ 774,789.68
To Date Budget Req'd:	\$ 857,145.63

### destination next

Pledges:	\$ 4,145,307.88
Rec'd 11.27.2022:	\$ 4,673.00
Rec'd to Date:	\$ 4,491,522.13
Building Debt:	\$ 13,042,939.66

## Giving



**Our love for God shows in many ways, including how we use the resources He has given us.** The faithful stewardship of our financial resources further the mission and ministry that He has for First Baptist Church of Plant City. You can give in the receptacles at each Worship Center entrance, on the church website (FBCPC.com), or through the church app (FBCPC.com/Get-App).

**1. Your plans may be good, but God's plan is \_\_\_\_\_ . Luke 1:26-38**

A. Surely Mary had some plans and longings and goals. Most people do.  
He spoke of her,

1. Conduct.
2. Conception.
3. Call.

B. It doesn't matter what God's plan for your life may be; it just matters that you will surrender yourself to His plan and do it!

**2. Your plans may be manageable, but God's plan is \_\_\_\_\_ . Luke 1:39-45**

A. Though Mary and Elizabeth may have had in mind goals and dreams that were manageable, God had something meaningful in store for them.

B. God's plan for you has always been a meaningful life.

**The difference between done and "well done" is obedience here.**

**3. Your plans may be pain free, but God's plan is \_\_\_\_\_ . Luke 2:25-38**

A. After Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph took Him to the temple according to the command in the Law.

B. No one intentionally goes looking for pain.

*"It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until he has hurt him deeply. God actually rises up storms of conflict in relationships at times in order to accomplish that deeper work in our character. We cannot love our enemies in our own strength. This is graduate-level grace. Are you willing to enter this school? Are you willing to take the test? If you pass, you can expect to be elevated to a new level in the Kingdom. For He brings us through these tests as preparation for greater use in the Kingdom. You must pass the test first." A.W. Tozer*

Have you given up trying to save yourself? Are you still flailing? It's only when you surrender your life - all of it - to the Lord that you finally begin to experience what you've wanted all your life - a life of meaning and purpose - that's the life that God will give you.

**One Step Further**

**In my walk with Christ I will:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord, listen to Him (through His Word and the Holy Spirit), and obey.

**In my walk with others I will:**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ compare my failures to their highlight reel.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ on fellow believers to be obedient - fully obedient - to God's leading and redirecting.

## *Our Pastor*



Dr. Brian Stowe came to First Baptist in 2013. He and his wife Bonnie have four children: Sarah, Hannah, Andrew, and Elizabeth. Pastor Brian earned his Doctorate in Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also holds a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

# This Week

## **SUNDAY 12.04**

8, 9 & 10:30 am | Small Groups  
9 & 10:30 am | Worship Services  
6 pm | Glorious Night Light Show

## **MONDAY 12.05**

3 pm Learn English/Spanish w/  
Pastor John  
6 pm | Glorious Night Light Show

## **WEDNESDAY 12.07**

5:15 pm  
Children's Choir  
6:00 pm  
Preschool  
AWANA | Children's Church  
First Students | The Landing  
Glorious Night Light Show  
6:15 pm  
Life Together | Rm 109-110  
Women's Bible Study | Rm 111-112  
Wednesday in the Word: *Gospel of Mark* | Room 113-114  
Men's Bible Study | Modular 2  
(Ministerio Hispano)\* (John Foxx)  
6:30 pm  
Worship Choir Rehearsal | Modular 1  
Orchestra Rehearsal | Worship Center  
7:30 pm | College & Young Pros \*\*

## **THURSDAY 12.08**

6 pm | Glorious Night Light Show

## **FRIDAY 12.09**

6 pm | Glorious Night Light Show

## **SATURDAY 12.10**

6 pm | Glorious Night Light Show

## **MINISTERIO HISPANO**

### **LOS DOMINGOS:**

9:00 am | Servicio en Español\*

11:00 am | Escuela Dominical\*

### **LOS MIERCOLES:**

6:15 pm | Estudio Biblico en Español\*

\* = Fellowship Hall (503 N. Palmer St.)

\*\* = Midweek Bldg. (105 E. Baker St.)

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*"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching." 1 Tim 5:17*

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