



Welcome!

We are glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and hope that you experience a meaningful time with God and a caring community of faith. Here are a few things you may need to know:

- ▶ The **offering** that is passed in the middle of the service is primarily for church members. Don't feel obligated to give anything although you are more than welcome to if you desire.
- ▶ If you need any **assistance** before, during, or after the worship service contact an usher near the rear of the room.
- ▶ **Restrooms** are located through the door to the right as you face the platform. Follow the hall to where the water cooler is located.
- ▶ **Childcare** is provided for children through pre-k. You will receive a pager to notify you if you are needed. Childcare is optional and you are more than welcome to keep your child with you, but please be considerate of others around you. The foyer is available to you should you need to step out. A **nursing mother's room** is also available in the preschool area.
- ▶ Children in kindergarten through 5th grade may participate in a **Children's Sermon** at the front stage about 10 minutes into the service.

Thanks again for worshipping with us today!

Today's Worship

Today's Message

What's In A Name?

Isaiah 9:6,7
Bob Block

Choir Special

All Is Well

Congregational Worship

O Come All Ye Faithful

The First Noel

O Holy Night

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Away in a Manger

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Flowers

Donors of the poinsettias given to decorate the Worship Center will be listed in the worship folder on December 25.

Prayer Concerns

The staff prays for all known concerns during the weekly staff meeting on Monday mornings. You can share a concern on the *Prayer Concern* card in the pew pocket and then drop it in the offering plate.

Message Recordings

Messages are available online through iTunes, at fbctampa.org, or a CD can be duplicated for you by contacting the church office.

build **UP** the body

▶ The Truth Project

Begins January 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

Everyone has a worldview. Would you believe that only 9% of professing Christians have a biblical one? In this 13-week Focus on the Family study learn why it is important to have a biblical perspective of life and how to develop one. This study will be led by Geoff and Anne Weihe and will meet in their home. Space is limited so contact the Weihes, Brian Dembowczyk (brian@fbctampa.org) or register online (fbctampa.org/registration) today.

▶ Joy Bells Concert

December 18 @ 6 p.m.

Our preschool choir will share their Christmas program tonight at 6 p.m. in the Dining Room.

▶ Vesper Service

December 24 @ 6 p.m.

Join us for a special worship service including the Christmas carols, candlelight, and the Lord's Supper.

▶ Winter CrossTraining

January 4 - March 28 @ 6:30 p.m.

The next semester of CrossTraining, a program designed to equip you for a life of missional living, will feature four courses: *Introduction to Doctrine 2*, *Financial Peace University*, *The Life of David*, and *So You Want to be Like Christ*. You can register online at fbctampa.org/registration.

▶ Children's Ministry

Sunday AM: *Birthday party for Jesus*
Kids On Mission: *South Asia*
Kids Praise: *The Big Picture*

▶ Student Ministry

Epicenter: *Reveal Series*
Submerged: *Secret Church*
Fuel: *Reveal Series*
Submerged JV: *Genesis*

▶ College & Young Adults

Paramount: *Digging Deeper*

▶ Adults

Sunday AM: *Numbers*
Sunday PM: *Ecclesiastes*

▶ End of Year Giving

Contributions to be credited to the 2011 tax year must be postmarked before December 31, 2011. The last day to hand deliver year-end contributions to be credited to your 2011 giving is Thursday, December 29 before 5 p.m.

go **OUT** to the world

▶ Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

During December we will be collecting for the Lottie Moon offering which supports international missionaries. Special envelopes will be available in your worship folders. The national goal is \$175 million. This is also the week of prayer for international missions. Daily prayer guides are online at imb.org.

▶ Christmas Caroling Outreach

December 18 @ 6 p.m.

Bring a pot of chili and join us tonight at 6 p.m. for the children's choir brief program and be ready to go out caroling afterward. Following the Joy Bells performance we will sing Christmas carols in a selected neighborhood and then return to the church for chili.

▶ Angel Tree

We will again support the Florida Baptist Children's Home with Christmas gifts for the 43 children residing there. Please return gifts to the church office by December 21. Contact Christ Haight (chris@fbctampa.org) for details.

Christmas & New Year Schedule

Please note that the church office will be closed **Friday, December 23; Monday, December 26; Friday, December 30; and Monday, January 2, 2012**. Also, note that there will only be morning worship on **Sunday, December 25**; no activities on **Wednesday, December 28**; and no evening activities on **Sunday, January 1**. Please visit fbctampa.org/calendar for the latest schedule and event updates.

Connecting to FBC Tampa

How to Join: At the close of each service the pastor will invite anyone who would like to become a member of the church to talk to him or one of the other ministers standing down front during the final musical selection. You can join FBC Tampa by baptism, letter from another church indicating your prior membership there, or statement of previous membership in a church of like-minded faith.

Sunday AM Bible Study Groups: The best way to become immersed in community at FBC Tampa is to participate in a Bible Study group. Various groups are offered for all ages. Groups meet at 9:15 a.m. Stop by the Connection Desk for more information.

Beyond Membership Course: This course is required for all new members but prospective members are also encouraged to participate. It is available on four consecutive Sunday mornings or evenings or on a Saturday mornings once a year.

serve **IN** the church

▶ Upward Basketball & Cheerleading Volunteers

January 7 & 14 @ 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Several volunteers are needed to help with our two player evaluation days including people who will simply smile and greet families or help with registration. Volunteers get a t-shirt! Contact Brian Dembowczyk (brian@fbctampa.org) for details.

▶ Operations Help

If you have extra time and don't mind getting your hands dirty, the Operations Staff can use your help with cleaning and resetting rooms for events, security, gardening, and transportation (CDL license required). For specific areas where you can help please contact Greg Bentley (greg@fbctampa.org).

Still need more info? Stop by the Connections Desk located by the church office directly across from the dining room or visit fbctampa.org.

