



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Luke 2:1-14
Bob Block

Flowers

Thank you to everyone who has donated a poinsettia to help decorate our worship center. Please remember to take your plant home today.

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.

Congregational Worship

Angels We Have Heard on High

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Away In A Manger

Go Tell It On the Mountain

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

What Child Is This?

We Fall Down

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.

▶ 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.

▶ Financial Peace University

January 4 - March 28 @ 6:15 p.m.
Start 2012 off right by taking Dave Ramsey's course to strengthen your finances. This is not just for people with "money problems;" it is for anyone who wants to get a firmer grasp of their finances and honor God with all they have. This Cross-Training course will begin a little earlier and run a little longer than the other groups. Register online at fbctampa.org/registration or contact Bob Bishop (bob@robertbishopfinancialplanning.com) for details.

▶ Students to Winter Jam

January 14 @ 5 p.m.
Students attend this concert at the St. Pete Times Forum and will return to the church for pick-up at 11 p.m. Bring \$10 for admission plus additional money for food and merchandise. Visit jamtour.com for more information about the concert.

▶ Children's Ministry

Sunday AM: *Inked*
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 Deuteronomy*
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.

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.

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

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.

▶ Missional Living

In July we were encouraged to consider people we know who don't have a relationship with Christ and who God has put in our lives to impact. Over 300 names were submitted. Continue to pray for, and invest in the lives of, these individuals such as: Mack, Miranda, Charlie, Less, Sarah.

▶ Guardian ad Litem

Nearly 1,000 children in Hillsborough County who come from abuse or neglect situations need someone to watch out for their interests in the court system. Why not you? Visit gal.fl.gov or contact the church office for details.

Christmas & New Year Schedule

Please note that the church office will be closed **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**. Normal morning activities on **Sunday, January 1** but **no evening activities**. 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.

