

CHRISTMAS CHOIR KICKOFF

Saturday, August 15th at 10 AM in the fellowship hall

Anyone interested in singing for Christmas is welcome to come
and preview the music and be a part of the Christmas Choir.

Refreshments are provided.



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Public school begins on Tuesday, August 11th.

Please be in prayer for the students, teachers, staff, bus drivers, and homeschool families as they begin the new school year.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped in one way or another with our Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway! Because of your faithfulness, we were able to tangibly and spiritually be the hands and feet of Jesus at our community event.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF POLK CITY

The purpose of this Church is to worship and enjoy the Lord Jesus Christ, share His plan of Salvation with the world, teach people how to live as Jesus followers, and share His love with everyone.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Sunday:

(For ALL ages)

Sunday School	9:00 AM
Worship Service	10:00 AM
Children's Church	10:00 AM
Choir Practice	5:00 PM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

Monday:

Men's Prayer Meeting	6:00 AM
Ladies Prayer Meeting	9:30 AM
Visitation	6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Kids Club (K – 5th grade)	7:00 PM
Catalyst (6th – 12th grade)	7:00 PM
Adult Bible Study & Prayer	7:00 PM

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Back to School! A time of learning.

In the Natural Sense, August is a time to return to school and higher education.

In the Spiritual Sense, it is an opportunity to become involved in a Bible study group. We have many learning and sharing opportunities through our Sunday School – a great opportunity to become personally involved with other members, supporting and encouraging each other and to enjoy studying the scriptures together. We have classes for all ages and I encourage you to come join us at 9am each Sunday.

David Bridges: Sunday School Director

Promotion Sunday is on Sunday, August 9th.
Kids will move up to their next class that day.
Adults, if you've been in the same class for some time, or don't currently go to Sunday School, now is a great time to try out a new class.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Conference – Growth Through Cell Multiplication

Date: September 12, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: Eastside Baptist Church | 1318 East Calhoun St, Plant City, FL 33563

Register: Sign up in the foyer by Sunday, August 23

A word from our pastor

*As August arrives, we
begin settling back
into familiar routines.*

Students return to school, vacations come to an end, and the pace of life begins to change once again. Seasons like these remind us that while our schedules may shift, the Lord never does. His faithfulness remains constant, and His grace is sufficient for every new challenge and opportunity that lies ahead.

Over the past several months, we have walked together through the book of Ephesians. God's word offers a beautiful reminder of who we are in Christ, the unity we share as His church, and the calling to walk in a manner worthy of the gospel. As we conclude this study, my prayer is that these truths would not simply remain lessons we have learned but convictions that shape the way we live each day. May we continue to stand firm in the strength of the Lord, clothed with the whole armor of God as we seek to faithfully represent Christ in our homes, workplaces, schools, and community.

As we move into this new season, I have been encouraged by the growing sense of unity the Lord is producing within our church. It is a joy to see His hand at work among His people. Let us continue encouraging one another, praying faithfully for one another, and seeking opportunities to share the hope of the gospel with those around us. I am grateful for the privilege of serving alongside each of you, and I look forward to all that the Lord will continue to do through His church in the months ahead.

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
Pastor Halston*

KidsClub will continue meeting on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM all throughout August. We love seeing your children grow, learn, and have fun each week! On Wednesday, September 2, we'll kick off the back-to-school season with a special Superhero Theme Party titled "We Are Only Super with Jesus." Kids are invited to wear their favorite superhero shirt as we celebrate the start of a new school year and remind them that Jesus is the source of our true strength.



Rachel Miller, Children's Ministry Leader

Hey there choir!

We are back!!! Starting on Sunday, August 2nd at 5pm we are back at rehearsals and then starting Sunday, August 9th we will be singing during the morning services again. I am excited to get back to doing what we do for the glory of God. I hope you are too! Make plans to be here and if you have never sung in the choir but are interested, come join us and see what it is all about. We have a spot for you!

I know you are ready for Christmas, and I am too. We will have our Christmas Choir Kickoff on Saturday, August 15th at 10 am in the fellowship hall. This is a time for us to hear the music we will be singing for our Christmas musical. If you or someone you know would like to sing for Christmas only, invite them to this kickoff. I would love to have a big choir for Christmas. It is such an amazing time of the year, and I am so excited to get started. Hope to see you then!

Making a joyful noise,
Joey Hufschmidt



Tithes and Offerings for the
Month of June:
\$35,780.10

*Be on the lookout for some exciting
changes coming to our church library.*



FCA is looking for dedicated individuals rooted in Jesus who have a desire and are willing to teach kids on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at Polk City Elementary School. If you are interested or have questions about it, please call the church office and Jaime will give you more information.



Women on Mission will be going on a trip on Tuesday, August 11th. We will be going to Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary. It looks interesting. Admission is free but please bring money for lunch. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 9 AM.

Update on this year's OCC packing party. We have not had enough participation, so we do not have enough items to have a packing party this year. We will still, however, have individual shoeboxes to be packed. We have collected \$550.50 towards postage so far this year. Remember, it costs \$10 to ship each shoebox.

Some dates to remember:

October 9th: Shoeboxes assembled

October 11th: Shoeboxes available for packing

November 8th: Shoeboxes due back

November 16th: Beginning of Collection Week

Love in Christ,
Marty Scott
Women on Mission Leader



Attention ladies! Sisters of Strength will meet on Tuesday, August 18th at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. Feel free to bring a dish to share and come join the ladies of FBC as we dig into God's Word together.

Dee Dee Schreibung,
Women's Ministry Leader



Summer is in full swing guys, and man is it hot!

We have an opportunity to serve at the Green Swamp Wild Game Dinner on August 22nd. If you would like to help in any way, please see me and I will sign you up. Apart from that I hope you will join us there in fellowship. It's going to be a great time with all the other churches in our community!

Also, we will have our Iron Disciples meeting on Thursday, August 13th at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. I hope you will invite a friend to come fellowship with us.

Serving Him together with you,
Andrew, Men's Ministry Leader

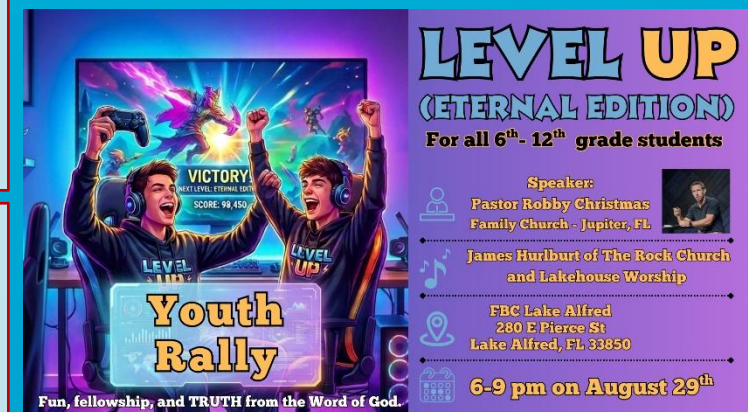


Howdy Catalyst,

Camp was awesome and we don't want to let that be the end of things, so we are going to keep praising the Lord and we are going to make this our best year ever for Christ. We have our camp report back on Sunday, August 2nd during the morning service. Then we are going to go to a Youth Rally on Saturday, August 29th at FBC Lake Alfred. It is from 6-9 pm and we will leave the church around 5:15 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the youth building. Be on the lookout for some new things in the youth building and be ready for our back to school bash in early September.

Just a reminder that we will continue to meet at 7pm on Wednesdays this month. I hope you are excited about this new school year and the opportunities God has in store for you and our group as we try to "cultivate" a deeper walk with Him.

See you soon,
Joey, Youth Minister



August is here and that means the heat is on! Keep your eyes open for fishing workshops coming soon and be sure to sign up for them as well.

Serving Him with you,
-Brother Andrew, Luke 5 Ministries

