

FLORIDA BAPTIST COLLEGE

Charting the Course for Ministry



A MINISTRY OF WEST GATE BAPTIST CHURCH

TAMPA, FL

A WORD FROM

Our President

Florida Baptist College (FBC) is committed to excellence in education - Christian education. Our primary role in the field of higher education is to offer quality academic programs while training students how to serve God through solid Bible teaching and practical experience.

As a ministry of West Gate Baptist Church in Tampa, FL, FBC is a pastor-led, Independent Baptist college. We offer Bachelor's and Associate's religious degrees approved by the Florida Department of Education, with a focus on local church ministry.

This brochure will give you a panoramic view of Florida Baptist College and what it has to offer. For more detailed information about FBC, visit us at www.floridabaptistcollege.com.

Thank you for considering FBC, and I look forward to sharing in your future education.

Sincerely,



George A. Pirt
President



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My Anchor Holds

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DANIEL B. TOWNER

1. Tho' the an-gry sur-ge roll On my tem-pest-driv-en soul,
2. Might-y tides a-bout me sweep, Per-ils lurk with-in the deep,
3. I can feel the an-chor fast As I meet each sud-den blast,
4. Troub-les al-most 'whelm the soul; Griefs like bal-lows o'er me roll.

I am peace-ful for I know; Wild-ly though the winds may blow,
An-gry clouds o'er-shade the sky, And the tem-pest ris-es high,
And the ca-ble, though un-seen, flares the way - y strain be true,
Tempt-ers seek to lure a-stray; Storms ob-scure the light of day.

I've an an-chor safe and sure, That can en-ter-men-on - dare,
Still I stand the tem-pest's shock, For my an-chor grips the rock,
Thro' the storm I safe-ly ride, Till the turn-ing of the tide,
But in Christ I can be bold, I've an an-chor that shall hold.

And it holds my an-chor holds; Blow your wild-est tem-pest,
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gale, O'er my bark, no wind can tear, For the great I stand on
fast, O' gale,
fast, For my an-chor holds, I know, True is truth,
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*There is no commensurable danger, in which it is not impossible for
God to be; we might have a strong conviction, with him, that the
refuge in his hand upon the deep, is higher and further than we
have in our notion of the same, that we could not suffer.*

Refrain - G. D. G.

PEARL RIVER

BAPTIST FUNDAMENTALS

Florida Baptist College is founded upon and exists to perpetuate the following Baptist fundamentals:

- Preaching and teaching exclusively from the King James Bible
- Scripturally sound, expository preaching
- The autonomy and primacy of the local church as God's vehicle for performing His work
- New Testament soul-winning, church planting, and missions
- Personal holiness and separation from the world
- Preservation of historical Baptist doctrine
- Christ-honoring music that is conservative and uplifting
- Christian education as a biblical mandate for people of all ages
- Ecclesiastical separation from apostasy, evangelicalism, neo-evangelicalism, and progressivism

THE LOCAL CHURCH

Florida Baptist College is a pastor-led, independent Baptist college under the sole authority of West Gate Baptist Church. We are a local church that seeks to support other local churches. Our students are encouraged to serve in their local church ministries on the weekends if possible, while receiving in-class instruction during the week. This way, the local church sees the fruit in their Sunday schools and bus routes on a weekly basis. Then, upon graduation, the local church has the honor of either hiring their students or sending them out for the work of the ministry.

In order to help financially, we offer students the Local Church Offering Scholarship (LOCO), which was designed to allow local churches the opportunity to assist their young people desiring a Christian college education.

- All students whose home church supports Florida Baptist College for \$200 per month will not be charged tuition fees.
- All students whose home church supports Florida Baptist College for \$100 per month will have their tuition fees reduced to half.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

At Florida Baptist College, we present a balanced method of ministry training. Using our method, students study all sixty-six books of the Bible, gain practical experience in ministry service, participate in major-specific internships, and benefit from one-on-one interaction with professors.

Our programs include:

- **Bachelor of Theology**
 - Pastoral Ministry
 - Missionary Ministry
 - Youth Ministry
- **Bachelor of Biblical Studies**
 - Pastoral Ministry
 - Missionary Ministry
 - Youth Ministry
 - Support Ministry
- **Bachelor of Arts**
 - Church Music
- **Bachelor of Science**
 - Christian Music Education
 - Christian Elementary Education
 - Christian Early Elementary Education
 - Christian Secondary Education
- **Associate of Science**
 - Church Secretarial
- **Associate of Biblical Studies**
 - Church Ministries
- **Diploma of Biblical Studies** (1-Year Bible)





SERVANT LEADERSHIP



PASTOR GEORGE PIRT
President



MARK VERCELES
Vice President



BEN JACKSON
Dean of Students



DR. ARLO ELAM
Outreach Director

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

RECREATION ROOM

The Recreation Room offers ping-pong tables, foosball, and pool tables. The lounge area has a large, flat-screen TV where students can watch staff-monitored sporting events or play video games. It is a great place to relax and spend time with fellow students.

OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Students participate in four Super Activities each year. In the past, students have enjoyed golfing, boat tours, go-karting, riding on the world's largest speedboat, and attending professional baseball games.

CHAPEL

Each week, students hear preaching by outstanding preachers from the local area, as well as across America.

LIBRARY

The library is equipped with desktop computers, printers and copiers, and wireless Internet. It provides a place for college students to perform their academic work and projects. There are thousands of volumes of books available to students for research papers or personal reading.





AFFORDABILITY

TUITION

- **Full-Time Students**
 - Tuition (12-18 credit hours) - \$1,200.00
 - Tuition (per credit hour over 18) - \$90.00
- **Part-Time Students**
 - Tuition (per credit hour under 12) - \$140.00
 - Audit (per course) - \$70.00

HOUSING

- Room - \$1,200.00 per semester

FEES

- Application - \$25.00
- Registration - \$600.00
- Graduation (final semester seniors) - \$100.00

**Books are purchased separately by each student and average between \$100-\$200 per semester.*

**Additional fees may apply for some courses.*

Local Church Offering Scholarship (LOCO)

- This scholarship is available to all students whose home church supports Florida Baptist College for \$200 per month. *The amount of this scholarship will cover current tuition fees.* All students whose home church supports Florida Baptist College for \$100 per month *will have their tuition fees reduced to half.* LOCO support from churches is considered a full-year (twelve month) pledge. Students on the LOCO scholarship will be charged the regular tuition rate if their churches do not support the college for a full year during each year of their scholarship.

Other Financial Aid Available:

- Christian Worker's Scholarship
- Academic Scholarship
- Patriot's Scholarship
- First Student Scholarship

**Please see our website for more details*

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you are interested in touring the campus of Florida Baptist College or have further questions, please contact the College Office at 888-FBC-3030. During a visit of the campus, you can sit in on college classes and attend chapel services.



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