

To First Baptist Church

Let me start by saying what an awesome God we serve! He is the beginning and the end of every day, every breath, every comfort, every laugh, etc. Words cannot describe the amount of love He gives to fill our mortal and broken hearts. Thank you Lord for all the blessings You freely give.

The youth had such a great time at Student Life at the Beach 2009. Wow! What a church family we have become! Thank you for all who participated in loving support toward our youth program and Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. We are a blessed body of Christ Jesus.

As I sit and ponder this note of thanks, I begin counting the people who were involved in Student Life Camp 2009. Soon the number becomes gigantic and I am overwhelmed. I cannot describe with words the awe-inspiring feeling of love I have for the people of First Baptist Church DeLand. In the same moment I have a great feeling of fear that I will forget to thank some people who had their hands in last week's camp. So, at this point I can only think to humbly ask your forgiveness and assure you that in my imperfection, even if I forget to thank you, God won't.

Without you this camp would not have been able to support the 55 people who lived in the FLC for five days and nights at Student Life Camp 2009. Thank you youth group members of FBC-DeLand. Our own youth members organized and jump started camp by playing games and welcoming fellow youth members, new youth members and Fifth Avenue youth members.

Thank you to all who prayed for SL Camp 2009. We may never know who you are, but we know people were praying for us and SLC-2009. Thank you again for taking time.

The New Creations Sunday School class provided a great Mexican dinner Tuesday night.

Thank you Earl and Roe. God has entrusted you with more children than you know.

Thank you Jim and Carolyn Bradford who delivered goodies early in the week.

Thank you Bob Brandon for providing a great soup and salad fellowship dinner Wednesday night. Bob also made sure the kitchen was open and ready as early as 5:30 each morning. Bob helped with cooking instructions in a commercial kitchen, climate control in the FLC, and restocking of paper and plastic consumables.

Thank you, Johnny Williamson, who made sure all four bathrooms in the FLC were generously stocked. Johnny also discarded pounds upon pounds of trash very discreetly. These were only a few of the many tasks Bob and Johnny performed. Thank you Johnny and Bob for such loving support.

Thank you Stan O'Neal who chauffeured all day Thursday and returned early the next morning to chauffeur back and forth to DeLeon Springs for camp breakfast and Family Group Bible Study. Stan also offered to stay at parent pick-up until the last child was safely on his way home. Thank you Stan!

Thank you Bill Moody for your willingness to be the "Camp Life Guard" at the beach and pool cookout. We also thank you for your efforts during camp set-up and for your surprise visits to offer help. Thank you for coordinating with the Mize's Sunday night youth group pool party gathering and dinner while Cameron and I were on vacation. Thank you, Bill.

Thank you, Jim and Carolyn Mize, for offering to host a pool party the Sunday after camp.

Thank you Jon Cheney, for putting this camp in front of your job and chauffeuring all week long, three 15 hour days in a row and two half days on either end of the week. Your time was a huge gift to the function of SLC-2009. Thank you for your willingness to give so much to our FBC youth. Thank you, Jon.

Thank you to all who delivered goodies, donated money, coupons and food vouchers. We did not see many of you who delivered these precious resources, but we know you donated these things for love of your church, the youth program, and God. Thank you all so much; your gifts were very appreciated and mostly consumed.

Thank you Johnny Long, for coordinating many things, praying for Cameron and me and this camp, and assuring us God will provide. Well, God provided abundantly. Camp lacked for nothing. Thank you Johnny Long, for calling people out of the woodwork and for being such a rock.

Thank you Patricia Lane, for soliciting for more drivers and looking for a passenger van. Thank you, Fred and Patricia, for rescuing my dog when in the midst of it all, I left her at the church.

Thank you Dolores and Ann, for fielding all the administrative things a camp such as this must thrust at you: additional phone traffic, notarizing countless forms, intercepting and directing students and adults alike. Thank you both for your loving assistance.

Thank you to my very own ten year old daughter, Emma, who helped me the entire first and second day in the kitchen. Thank you Emma for getting home at 11:30 p.m. and waking up at 5:30 a.m. without the slightest sigh of protest. I love you.

Thank you John LaPlant, who is our neighbor in Lake Helen. John kept our small farm afloat and all our animals fed the week of camp. He did this to allow Cameron and me to focus on the kids who needed to be at Student Life 2009. John continued this loving care of our farm and animals during our vacation time as well. Thank you John.

Thank you Steve and Barbara Manuel, for blessing many meals and just being there to support SLC in any way the moment sculpted. Thank you, Barbara, for your cinnamon rolls and for coming to the beach. I pray God provides more time for you there.

Thank you Fifth Avenue Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, for coordinating all family group Bible Study sessions. Thank you for your willingness to blend and lead at the same time.

Thank you, James and Barbara Wright, for treating our kids to breakfast at DeLeon Springs Sugar Mill Friday morning. What a fabulous finale!!

Cameron and I are humbled by the outpouring of responses from FBC-DeLand. You all welcomed an unfamiliar church to live in our FLC. We are in awe of what we have seen this church accomplish during Student Life Camp 2009. It is a blessing to serve our Heavenly Father.

With Love,

*Teresa Lane*