

# CUBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Empowering Our Youth Fund  
Living Our Faith Fund



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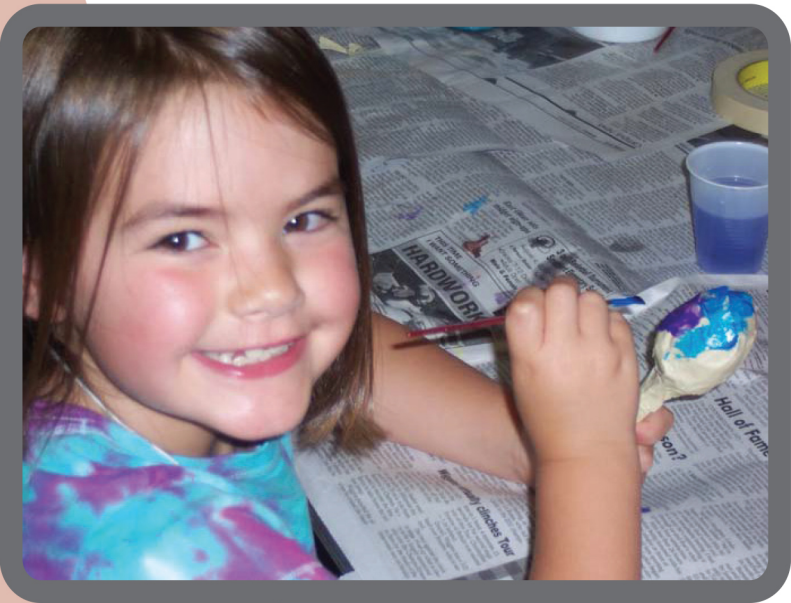


“Thank you God for my brand new backpack,’ were the first words out of my 4-year-old daughter’s mouth the Sunday after receiving her backpack and all the supplies she needed for school. As a single mother of two and very new to the community, the Cuba First Baptist Church has provided us with a helping hand on many occasions. When we walked into the church that day, we were greeted by beautiful, smiling faces and open arms. All in all, I just want to say thank you to God and to the Cuba First Baptist Church for our brand new backpacks and so much more. You have touched our lives in so many ways and for that I am so grateful. I do believe not all angels live in heaven and have wings. There may be one sitting right next to you.”

*– from a recipient of the  
“Pencils and Crayons from Heaven”  
missional outreach program*

# EXPANDING Cuba First Baptist Church's Ministries for Future Generations

Two very important ways that **Cuba First Baptist Church** fulfills its mission are through youth/educational and missional outreach programs.



We need to raise the resources to continue these vital ministries.

**Your generosity can ensure the church's future for new generations!**

# Empowering Our Youth

**Cuba First Baptist Church** engages children of all ages in children's/youth ministry programs such as **Sunday School, Junior Church, Preteen Club 320, Camp Vick, Retreats, VBS** and other youth activities. By teaching them about God's love, service to others and leadership, we hope they will become active disciples for Christ.

"Cuba First Baptist Church first came into my life when Pastor Larry invited me to attend the Camp JYC Youth Retreat for the first time during the summer before 2nd grade. My family joined the church when I was in 3rd grade. Through the church, I have had some amazing opportunities like youth group, which really established the presence of God in my life. I also attended the Southern Tier Baptist Youth Retreat at Watson Homestead, which is where I really accepted God into my life. To further my Christianity, I started going to a Christian school. If it weren't for this church, I would have never had these opportunities to connect with the Lord."

- Courtney Wilday  
youth member



# Living Our Faith

**Cuba First Baptist Church** is fulfilling its vision of being the hands and feet of Jesus in the community through missional programs such as *Pencils and Crayons from Heaven*, *Love the Little Children*, *Safe Crib and Car Seat Project*, *Elder Care*, *Rummage Rooms*, and many more.

"I just wanted to thank the Cuba First Baptist Church for your generous contribution of a baby crib. I recently moved from Texas to get out of an unhealthy situation. With my last paycheck, a broken spirit, a baby on the way, and feeling like a complete failure, my children and I moved back to New York to live in a room above my grandma's garage. It is very humbling to ask for help, but because I trusted God to help me through this time of hopelessness and was informed by my social worker of your program, I now feel God building on my little bit of faith.

This crib is so greatly appreciated!"

– from a recipient of the  
*Safe Crib & Car Seat Project*



# A CALL TO GIVE

For 180 years, the **Cuba First Baptist Church** has served generations of individuals and families. We are calling upon all our many church family members and friends to generously donate so that the church may minister to future generations.

## Ways to Give

- Donate Cash
- Gifts of Stock
- Create a Charitable Gift Annuity or Trust
- Add Cuba First Baptist Church as a beneficiary in your will, retirement fund or life insurance policy



We humbly accept both immediate gifts and pledges. Pledge cards are available. For more information, please contact:

**Rev. Larry Poelma at 585.968.1531 or [rev\\_poelma@cubafirstbaptist.org](mailto:rev_poelma@cubafirstbaptist.org)**

# BIG DREAMS

Not only do we want to continue our ministries, we also would like to GROW them. Resources allocated to our endowment funds will help sustain current efforts as well as be used to fulfill bigger dreams.

## **Empowering Our Youth Fund**

- Investing in and expanding youth programming so our youth become active disciples for Christ.
- Nurturing our youth by developing opportunities for service.
- Adding resources to accomplish these goals.

*Examples: Renovating Sunday School classrooms; hiring a youth pastor; supporting youth mission projects*

## **Living Our Faith Fund**

- Developing missional programs and services for the community.
- Providing scholarships/resources for mission trips.
- Making our facility community friendly.

*Examples: Improving access to the Rummage Rooms and Food Pantry; supporting mission trips and projects*





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