

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

Welcome to First Baptist Church, where we celebrate God's love and Christ's salvation, engage in ministry near and far, and empower each person to be the good news of Jesus Christ in Vero Beach. Please see an usher for any concerns, and fill out a Connection Card for the offering plate.

We welcome children in our worship services: The presence of children is a gift, and we celebrate their wiggles, cries, and play as we teach them how to "play" and be the church! We hope that you feel the warm embrace of the First Baptist family and grow deeper in the Lord. Nursery is provided for infants and preschool children in both services.

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, October 19, 2025

7: 45 AM Worship Team Warmup
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:15 AM The Gathering
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Warmup
10:30 AM Worship Service

Deacon of the Week
Beverly Hill

Monday, October 20, 2025

5:30 PM FBC Sewing Group
6:00 PM RiskTakers for Christ - Living H2O Initiative
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM TCC Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

7:30 AM Men's Prayer
5:30 PM FBC Sewing Group
NO Trustees Committee Meeting



Wednesday, October 22, 2025

3:45 PM Clothing Room Opens
5:00 PM Wednesday Friends
5:00 PM Fellowship Dinner
5:45 PM Prayer/Bible Study
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday Supper Menu

Baked tilapia or breaded scrod,
rice pilaf, veggies, roll/butter &
dessert
Dinners \$8 each

Thursday, October 23, 2025

5:30 PM Trunk or Treat
6:30 PM Youth Group

Friday, October 24, 2025

4:30 AM VB Football Breakfast

Saturday, October 24, 2025

1:00 PM Julia Adams Funeral Visitation
2:00 PM Julia Adams Funeral Service
Reception will follow the service in the FLC.

Birthday Wishes - October Nonagenarians (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to our nonagenarian members:
Johnny Carpenter - October 6 (91)
Rolland Laramore - October 8 (92)



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News and Notes

Trunk or Treat * Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Join us for fun and fellowship, games, music, prizes, kid-friendly costumes, and snacks. Volunteers are needed to participate, set up and clean up. Donations of individually wrapped candy and trinkets are appreciated. Trunk or treat parking spaces are limited. Please call to reserve your spot. Contact FBC Preschool Director, René LaRosa at 772.562.3037 for any questions.



Samaritan Soup Bowl * Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Join us in the Family Life Center 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM for the 33rd Annual Soup Bowl Event benefiting Catholic Charities' Samaritan Center. We will be serving soup, fresh bread, iced tea, water and dessert. Eat-In or To-Go Soup: \$5.00 - & \$15 - Quart. Pottery Bowls (\$20 each) will be sold here as well as the Heritage Center 2140 14th Ave on Thursday, November 6, 2025 -9:00 AM - 7:00 PM.



Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study

Join us for dinner at 5:00 PM and Bible study begins at 5:45 PM. Our Bible Study series is on Sacred Pathways: Avenues of Christian Growth.

Youth Fellowship * Thursdays 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Middle and High School youth are invited to the gym with the Youth Team for a time of fellowship, devotional, and fun. Email Kristina LaGuardia for more details at familyminister@fbcvero.org



Music Rehearsals Resume

Treasure Coast Chorale - Mondays at 7:00 PM
Sanctuary Choir - Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Both of these rehearsals will meet in the Music Building D.

Little Birthday Angels

Little Debbie Birthday Cakes are being collected for our ministry partner, Little Birthday Angels. Drop off areas for the cakes: Sanctuary Narthex and Church Office.

Poinsettia Orders

Order a poinsettia for the Advent Season to honor an individual or to memorialize a loved one. Bring your message to the church office or drop it in the offering plate with a check or cash for \$20. Order deadline is Sunday, November 9, 2025.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

OCC shoeboxes will be available to pick up and fill. For any questions, please call Kim Orndorff at 772.532.1816. Shipping for each shoebox is \$10.



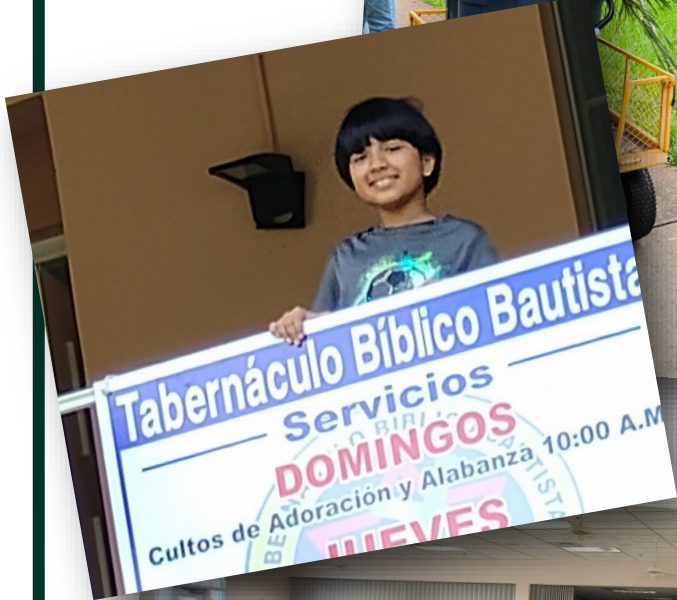
Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to the people who came to our rescue when Chris fell in the restroom after church on Sunday morning, October 5th. To our family of brothers and sisters who responded that day, you're the epitome of Good Samaritans. - Sincerely, Chris & Carla Rumas

Contributions

Gifts were given to the Preschool Fund in memory of Margaret Pierce.
Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of Bertha Sharp.

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The Worship of God

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 2025

We crave mercy, but we swim in a culture of judgment. And in that culture of judgment, even people who show mercy, who are quick to forgive, they hang out with anybody, they hang out with people who voted differently or think differently or live differently. People call them weak or spineless or unprincipled. Jesus got this a lot... Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners? What is wrong with this guy? But what if the question was actually: Why do those people want to hang out with him? Why are they drawn to a law-abiding Jewish rabbi? Because with him, they didn't have to hide. Jesus set a mercy table. There was no judgment there.

Mary Hulst

8:30 AM Worship Service

Opening Praise - *That’s What We Came Here For*

Welcome - Luke 18:1-8 (NT p. 62) - Kristina LaGuardia

Worship Songs - *In the Secret / There Is None Like You*

Missions Moment—Shoeboxes - Kim Orndorff

Prayers of the People - Kim Orndorff

A Response - *Every Move I Make*

Scripture Lesson - Luke 18:9-17 (NT p. 62) - Beverly Hill

Sermon - “Modeling Mercy” - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Time of Response - *Sanctuary*

Offertory Prayer - Beverly Hill / **Offertory** - Judy Carter, piano

Stewardship Moment - David Johnson, 2026 Budget

Ministry Opportunities / Benediction - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Closing Song - *May the Peace of God / Doxology*

First Baptist Church follows the Christian Calendar, which proclaims God’s Great Story of Redemption and helps mark the seasons of our life together. Today, in the Christian calendar, is the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Sundays following Pentecost highlight the Church’s work in the world and acknowledge the words of Christ in Acts 1:8: empowered by the Spirit, Christ’s followers bear witness of him to the ends of the earth. The color for this season is green, signifying the growth of the Church. We thank Judy Carter for her leadership in worship today! Cover photos are from work day.

Pastoral Ministry Team

Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia, Rev. Dr. Michael Carter,
Dr. Ray Adams and Kristina LaGuardia

Ministry Assistants

Millie Portante,
Pat Smith and Roy Strickland

Worship Team

Dr. Ray Adams, Judy Carter, Lance Lunceford, Richie Mola,
Joey Rumberger, Hunter Scoville, and Billy Smith

Technical Support Team

Jim Aldendorf, Roger Butler, Abigail Gast,
Hayden LaGuardia, Philip Smith, and Stephen Smith

First Baptist Church Preschool

René LaRosa and Leeanne Parrish

FBC Kids Staff

Kim Piscitelli, Zoe Gordon, Sam Guymon and Shyanna Nowell

Youth Volunteers

Willow Brown, Ali Crawford, Teagan Davis,
Dylan Johnson and Myla Wortham

10:30 AM Worship Service

Music Upon Gathering Judy Carter, piano

Opening Sentences

Leader: Let us speak of mercy and justice.
People: For these are the things suitable for our God.
Leader: Let us follow the ways of mercy and justice, for they are the ways of peace and community.
People: Let us lift up our hearts in conviction and our voices in commitment and praise to the Lord of peace and the God of justice; the hope and healing of humanity. Bless God’s wonderful name!

*Hymn of Praise (# 236) *WONDERFUL NAME*
Bless That Wonderful Name

Prayer, Welcome and Passing of the Peace Kristina LaGuardia
Luke 18:1-8 (NT p. 62)

Choral Affirmation Sanctuary Choir
Standin’ in the Need of Prayer arr. Patti Drennan

Missions Moment—Shoeboxes Kim Orndorff

Prayers of the People Kim Orndorff

*Hymn of Dedication (# 323) *RESTORATION*
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

The Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful People

*Offertory Prayer Beverly Hill

Offertory Judy Carter, piano

*Doxology (# 253) *OLD 100th*

Children’s Sermon Patti Carter

Scripture: Luke 18:9-17 (NT p. 62) Beverly Hill

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
“Modeling Mercy”

*Time of Response (# 307) *Just As I Am* *WOODWORTH*

Stewardship Moment - 2026 Budget David Johnson

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Closing Affirmation (# 462) *MALOTTE*
Our Father...

*Music Upon Departure Judy Carter, piano

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SERMON NOTES

In Mourning

We extend our Christian sympathies to the following families:
The family of Julia Adams (Ray Adams)
The family of Butch Cappelen
The family of Ann Carter (Judy Carter)

Messiah Rehearsals

Thursday, November 6 – (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM) – Music Building D
Tuesday, November 18 – (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM) – Music Building D
Monday, December 8 – (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM) – Sanctuary
Saturday, December 20 – (2:30 PM – 5:00 PM) - Sanctuary

First Baptist Church Apparel: Dress Shirts, Oxfords, and Golf Shirts!

Let the community know that First Baptist Church is on mission! Choose from a variety of styles, colors, and price points. Find our online store at:
<https://scottssportinggoods.chipply.com/FBCvero>



Sunday Prayer Ministry *

Prayer Chapel after Worship, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Anyone who needs prayer may join our prayer warriors in the Prayer Chapel every Sunday after worship. Our prayer warriors are Sheryl Farrington, Chris and Carla Rumas and Dr. Cristina McClure (playground).

Our Mission

To worship God and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and action with our local community and around the world.