

## 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, February 9, 2025

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

#### Monday, February 10, 2025

6:00 PM Risk Takers for Christ  
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study  
7:00 PM TCC Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, February 11, 2025

7:30 AM Men's Prayer  
6:00 PM Church Council Meeting (FLC)  
7:15 PM Deacons Meeting (FLC)

#### Wednesday, February 12, 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

#### Thursday, February 13, 2025

10:00 AM Church office will open  
7:00 PM Youth Group

#### Birthday Wishes - February Nonagenarians (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to our nonagenarian members:  
Janet Paul - February 21 (99) and Doris Sanders - February 28 (92)

#### Welcome Our New Deacons

In 2025, we welcome these new deacons: Dominica Anderson, Tommy Anderson, Alice Bays, Bob Hiller, Casey Lunceford, Cristina McClure, Carla Rumas, Chris Rumas and Paul Schlicht. A commissioning and ordination service will take place on Sunday, February 16, 2025. Deacons rotating off will also be recognized.

#### Contributions

Thank offering was given in honor of the ministers. Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of Daryl Stephens, Tim Coffman, Bob Jackson, Jim Graves, Jeanette McDaniel, Ed Taylor, Amasa & Margaret Brown and Robert & Roger Brown.



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#### Deacon of the Week

Barbara Wight

#### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who have donated paper to the church office. It is greatly appreciated!

## News and Notes

#### St. Simons Sr. Adult Retreat Meeting \*

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 6:45 PM

If you are attending the CBF-GA Sr. Adults Retreat in St. Simon's Island, Georgia, in May, please plan to attend this brief meeting to touch base and catch up on lodging and travel plans, as well as the retreat agenda.

#### Vero Beach Prayer Breakfast \* Thursday, February 13, 2025

Some of the church staff will be attending the Vero Beach Prayer Breakfast so the church office will open at 10:00 AM instead of 8:30 AM.

#### One Worship Service, Communion, Ordination, Lunch, Church Conference \*

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 AM and one Worship Service (Deacon Ordination) at 10:30 AM next week! We will have lunch to celebrate our Living the Vision campaign, followed by church conference in the Family Life Center.

#### Motion for Sabbatical \* Church Conference, Sunday, February 16, 2025

The Personnel Committee voted several years ago to afford Pastor Joe a clergy sabbatical. The sabbatical will be for 12 weeks (or 8 weeks depending on receiving a grant) in late summer of 2026. Information is located in a tri-fold brochure in the welcome center and at <https://www.fbcvero.org/pastor-sabbatical-2026/>. Please see Pastor Joe or Adam Crawford for any questions or concerns.

#### Call to Prayer \* Thursday, February 20, 2025

Our next monthly prayer meeting will be in the Prayer Chapel from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Pray for our church, families, community, nation and world.

#### Church Workdays/Youth Car Washes Scheduled for 2025

Our first church workday/youth car wash is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2025. We will have something for everyone to do - both inside and outside. Our history room will also be open each workday for those who wish to help organize our church historical documents. The second church workday/youth car wash will be on Saturday, July 12, 2025. It will be a mostly inside church workday event as it is in the middle of summer. The final church workday/youth car wash for the year will take place on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Once again, there will be inside and outside things for us to do on the church campus. Lunch will be provided on each workday. Mark these dates on your calendar! *"Many hands make light work!"*

#### February Committee Meetings:

Monday, February 10, 2025

6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting (FLC)

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

6:00 PM Church Council Meeting (FLC)

7:15 PM Deacons Meeting (FLC)

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

6:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting (Conference Room 107 Building B)

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

4:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (Executive Library)

Thursday, February 20, 2025

4:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting (FLC)

5:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting (Conference Room 107 Building B)

#### Scholarship Applications

Applications and criteria are available for the 2025 year on our website [www.fbcvero.org](http://www.fbcvero.org) G.R.O.W. tab. Deadline for submitting applications is Friday, March 14, 2025.

#### Wednesday Night Supper

Ham, sweet potato casserole, veggies, roll/butter & dessert  
Dinners are \$8 each



**The Worship of God**  
**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Sunday, February 9, 2025

## Worship Service at 8:30 AM

**Opening Praise** - *Everyday*

**Prayer & Welcome** - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

**Worship Songs** - *You're Worthy of My Praise / Step By Step*

**Pastoral Prayer** - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

**Deacon Testimonies** - Chris and Carla Rumas

**A Response** - *Cry of My Heart*

**Scripture Lesson** - Luke 5:1-11 (NT p. 47-48) - Barbara Wight  
This is the Word of God for the people of God. / **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia - "A Disciple-Making Mission"

**Time of Response** - *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

**Offertory Prayer** - Barbara Wight / **Offertory** - Dr. Ray Adams

**Benediction** - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

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

The Christian Calendar proclaims God's story of redemption throughout the year. Today is the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany in the Christian Year. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world. In the Season after Epiphany we continue that emphasis, calling attention to how the church presents Christ to the world. The color for this Sunday is green, which is symbolic of the growth of Christ's renown.



### Pastoral Ministry Team:

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

### Ministry Assistants:

Aaron Marckel, Millie Portante,  
Pat Smith and Roy Strickland

### Worship Team:

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

### Technical Support Team:

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

### First Baptist Church Preschool

René LaRosa and Leeanne Parrish

### Nursery Workers

Kim Piscitelli, Zoe Gordon, and Shyanna Nowell

## Worship Service at 10:30 AM

The voice of God calls us this day.  
Christ beckons us to leave our old lives behind.  
Will we heed? Will we follow?

Music Upon Gathering Dr. Ray Adams, organ

Call to Worship (# 231, stanzas 1,2) MADRID

*Come, Christians join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!  
Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!*

Invocation & Welcome Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Opening Sentences

Leader: The voice of God is calling: "Whom shall I send?"

**People: We are here to answer God's call.**

Leader: The voice of Christ is calling: "Who will be my faithful disciples?"

**People: We are here to answer Christ's call.**

Leader: The voice of Spirit is calling: "Who will be a light to the nations?"

**People: We are here. Send us, we pray!**

\*Hymn of Worship (# 591) ELLESDIE

*Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling*

Choral Affirmation Sanctuary Choir

*Come, Follow Me* (Ken Holland)

\*Hymn of Affirmation (# 483) FOOTSTEPS

*Footsteps of Jesus*

Tithes and Offering of a Grateful People

\*Offertory Prayer Barbara Wight

Offertory Dr. Ray Adams

\*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Children's Sermon Patti Carter

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Deacon Testimonies Chris and Carla Rumas

Musical Affirmation (# 293, stanzas 1, 4)  
*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea;  
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow Me!"  
Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call,  
Give our hearts to Thine obedience, serve and love Thee best of all.*

Scripture Lesson - Luke 5:1-11 (NT p. 47-48) Barbara Wight  
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Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia  
"A Disciple-Making Mission"

\*Hymn of Response (# 305) ASSAM  
*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

\*Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

\*Closing Affirmation (# 462) MALOTTE  
*Our Father, which art in heaven...*

\*Music upon Departure Dr. Ray Adams, organ

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\*All who are able, please stand.

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### 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.