

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, March 1, 2026

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

Monday, March 2, 2026

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

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

7:45 AM Men's Study (@Waterfall Diner)
6:30 PM Ladies Devotions

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

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, March 5, 2026

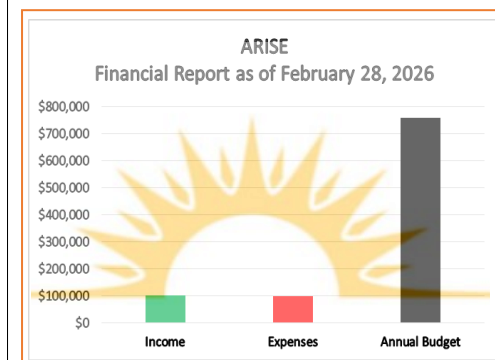
6:30 PM Youth Group

Saturday, March 7, 2026

10:00 AM FBC Sewing

Little Birthday Angels

Little Birthday Angels is in need of children's socks. Drop off locations are: Narthex, FLC & Church Office.



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Wednesday

Fellowship Dinner - 5:00 PM

Chicken, yellow rice, veggies, roll & butter, dessert. - Supper \$8 each

Deacon of the Week

Dave Johnson

Men's Bible Studies * Mondays at 6:30 PM and Tuesdays at 7:45 AM

Get into God's word and join in accountability as "iron sharpens iron". Monday group meets in the executive library. Tuesday group meets at Waterfall Restaurant for Bible devotion and prayer.

Easter Lilies

Order a lily for Easter Sunday to honor 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 \$15 each. Lily request forms are available all around the church campus. Place your order by Sunday, March 15, 2026.

Happy Birthday!

Pastor Joe LaGuardia
March 4

News and Notes

FBC Preschool Registration

Starting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 7:30 AM – Enrollment Requests open to the community. All Enrollment requests are time stamped, available spots are filled on a first come, first served basis. You will be notified of availability within 72 hours of your request. The available spots will be tentatively held until registration process is complete. Registration forms and fee must be picked up and returned completed within a week from notification of availability or the spot becomes available to the next student.

Change to Tuesday Men's Bible Study * Tuesdays, 7:45 AM

Our men's Tuesday Bible study and prayer group is meeting at the Waterfall Restaurant, 2227 14th Ave, and a new time: 7:45 AM. We hope to see you there!

Ladies Devotions * Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM

All ladies are invited to come and fellowship. Bring a friend, a snack and a devotion to share. Ladies devotions will take place in the Large Social Hall in the Family Life Center.

FBC Sewing * Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 10:00 AM

We are getting together in the Family Life Center to sew. We have a couple of extra sewing machines and fabric that are available for use. Come join us! Enjoy a great time of creative fellowship! Call Millie at 772.321.3261 for any questions. We will be making pot holders.



Daylight Savings Time * Sunday, March 8, 2026

Don't forget! Daylight saving time begins Sunday morning at 2:00 AM. Spring Forward one hour!



Cornerstone University Chorale Concert * Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 7:00 PM

One night's housing is needed for singers! 2 students per home (may share a bed), transport students home following the 7:00 PM concert (9:00 PM), provide breakfast the following morning and transport back to the church the following morning (time TBA). Contact Pam Stanfield if you are able to provide housing at 772.480.3720.

Church Workday/Youth Car Wash * Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 8:00 AM

We will have something for everyone to help with - both inside and outside. Come and fellowship with us as we care for our church campus. Lunch will be provided. "Many hands make light work!"

TCC Concert * Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 4:00 PM

The Treasure Coast Chorale Presents *Ain't No Mountain High Enough: A Salute to Motown*. Doors will open at 3:00 PM. A free will offering will be taken.

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EVENT



Scan code for tickets

FBC Preschool Spaghetti Dinner & Art Show *

Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Join us for a night of fundraising and family fellowship! Student Art Show * Silent Auction * Spaghetti Dinner. For sponsorship opportunities - contact LeeAnne Parrish at 772.562.3037 or email at preschool@fbcvero.org for more information. All tickets MUST be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$15 each.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Donald Hinz. Donald was the father of Donna Vocelle. He was a member of FBC for 53 years.

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.

TO LOVE
OUR GOD
THE REASON WE LIVE

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Loving God in the World...

Indeed, God did not send the Son
into the world to condemn the world
but in order that the world might be saved
through him.

Worship Service at 8:30 AM

Opening Praise - *Every Move I Make*

Invocation and Welcome - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Song - *How Great is Our God / Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ministry Moment - Cornerstone University Chorale

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Scripture Lesson - John 3:16-18 (NT p. 71-72) - Dave Johnson
This is the Word of God for the people of God./**Thanks be to God!**

Message - "To Love Our God in the World" - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
Ezra 9:1-6; 10:1-5, 44 (OT p. 334)

Time of Response - *Nothing But the Blood*

Offertory Prayer - Dave Johnson

Offertory - *Set a Fire* - Dezmond Moss

Benediction - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

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

Today, in God's Great Story of Redemption known as the Christian Year, is the Second Sunday in Lent. Lent is a forty day period (Sundays are excluded from the count) that aids us in preparing for the transforming power of Easter. The color for Lent is purple, which represents royalty and repentance. It reminds us to take inventory of our life in preparation for Easter. Our theme this year is *To Love Our God*. Each week in Lent we will focus on Jesus, our example of how to love our God through all the seasons of our life.

Pastoral Ministry Team:

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

Ministry Assistants:

Millie Portante,
Pat Smith and Roy Strickland

Worship Team:

Dr. Ray Adams, Judy Carter, Lance Lunceford,
Richie Mola, Dezmond Moss Rogers 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

Nursery Workers

Kim Piscitelli, Zoe Gordon, Sam Guymon and Shyanna Nowell

Youth Volunteers

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

Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Music Upon Gathering

Dr. Ray Adams

A Call to Love Our God

Leader: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. O Church, it's easier to love God "in here". But how do we love God "out there" in the world?

ALL: We raise our eyes to the mountains. From where will our help come? Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. God won't let our feet slip. Our protector won't fall asleep on the job. No! Our protector never sleeps or rests! The Lord will protect us on our journeys "out there" from this time on and forevermore!

Choir: *To Love Our God* (Mark Hayes)

ALL (singing hymn # 211)

*I love Thee, I love Thee, I love Thee, my Lord;
I love Thee, my Savior, I love Thee, my God:
I love Thee, I love Thee, and that Thou dost know;
But how much I love Thee my actions will show!*

Invocation & Welcome

Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Sentences

Leader: Maker of heaven and earth, when we face times of trial out in the world,

People: Lift our eyes to the hills to find our help.

Leader: For you meet us in our need,

People: And you lift us from the cares and toils that weaken our spirits and sap our strength.

Leader: Call us this day as you called your followers of old,

People: For we long to experience your awesome power and respond with faithful, loving hearts and willing spirits.

Leader: Bless us this day,

People: That we might share the promise of your blessings with a world struggling to find its way.

*Hymn of Worship (# 4)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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Ministry Moment - Cornerstone University Chorale

Pam Stanfield

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Choral Affirmation

Sanctuary Choir

If You Search With All Your Heart

(Craig Courtney)

*Hymn of Affirmation (# 290)

I AM THINE

I Am Thine, O Lord

Tithes and Offering of a Grateful People

*Offertory Prayer

Dave Johnson

Offertory

Dr. Ray Adams

*Doxology (# 253)

OLD 100TH

Children's Sermon

A Prayer of Confession—(Prayed in unison)

God, we are often impatient like the people of Israel.

We want things our way and we want them in a hurry.

Forgive us when we think this way.

Lord, we are sinful. Please take away our sin.

Help us to seek your way and to love you with our whole heart.

A Time for Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

An Affirmation

All (Singing)

Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul.

Thank You, Lord, for making me whole.

Thank You, Lord, for giving to me

Thy great salvation so rich and free!

Scripture Lesson: John 3:16-18 (NT p. 71-72)

Dave Johnson

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon - Ezra 9:1-6; 10:1-5, 44 (OT p. 334)

Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

"To Love Our God in the World"

*Hymn of Invitation (# 450)

NEED

I Need Thee Every Hour

Opportunities for Service & Benediction

Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Closing Affirmation (# 462)

MALOTTE

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name...

*Music upon Departure

Dr. Ray Adams, organ

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*All who are able, please stand.

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It is with great joy that we welcome Dezmond Moss Rogers to our church as our new Contemporary Worship Service Leader! During his High School days, Dezmond played bass for our early service. He went on to earn degrees in traditional bass and jazz bass. Currently he is the Orchestra Director and one of the music teachers at Charter High School. For the past few years he has also played bass in our Messiah orchestra. Welcome back, Dezmond!