

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, April 26, 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 (Choir Room)
10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, April 27, 2026

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

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

7:45 AM Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 29, 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

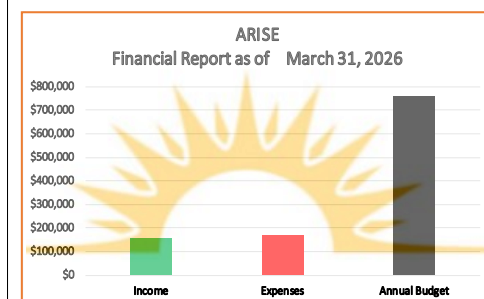
Thursday, April 30, 2026

6:30 PM Youth Worship

Little Birthday Angels

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

NO Ladies Devotions in May



Wednesday

Fellowship Supper - 5:00 PM

Beef stroganoff over noodles, salad, roll/butter & dessert - Supper \$8 each

Deacon of the Week

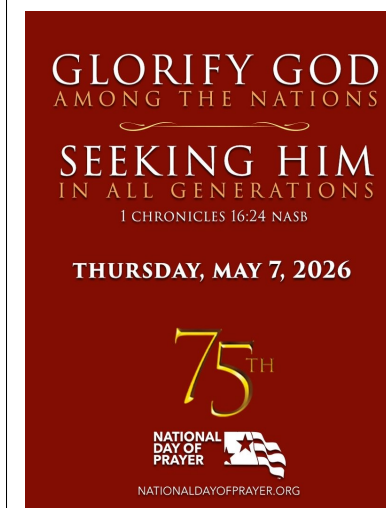
Laura Attwood

Birthdays Wishes - April

Nonagenarian (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to our nonagenarian member:

Peggy Wood - April 4 (92)



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News and Notes

75th National Day of Prayer * Thursday, May 7, 2026

Let this day remind us to pray for our country and its leaders! The 2026 theme is Glorify God among the nations seeking Him in all generations. 1 Chronicles 16:24 NASB.

May Meetings

Monday, May 11, 2026

6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting (please note date change)

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

6:00 PM Church Council Meeting

7:15 PM Deacons Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2026

5:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

6:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

4:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting

First Baptist Church Preschool Upcoming Events

Monday, May 11 - Friday, May 15, 2026

Teacher Appreciation Week at First Baptist Church Preschool.

Friday, May 22, 2026

Pre-K Bridge Crossing Ceremony & Last Day of School!

One Worship Service, Communion & Church Conference * Sunday, May 17, 2026

Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 AM and one Worship Service at 10:30 AM. At 11:45 AM Church Conference will meet in the sanctuary.

The Treasure Coast Chorale presents "Let Freedom Ring" Concert *

Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 4:00 PM

The Treasure Coast Chorale is proud to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States at our next concert. The doors will open at 3:00 PM.

God, Bless America



Scholarship

Scholarship criteria/application can be found on our website: fbcvero.org/scholarship. Email completed application to scholarship26@fbcvero.org. The applications are due back to the church office by May 28, 2026.

Birthdays Card Writing * First Wednesday of Each Month

We meet in the Family Life Center Building C to write a birthday card or letter. For questions, please email the church office at office@fbcvero.org.

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.

Thursdays * Youth Worship at 6:30 PM

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

DEEP LIFE
Life Together in Christ
Arise! Eastertide Series

Arise!

First Baptist Church of Vero Beach
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

8:30 AM Worship Service

Opening Praise - *Send It On Down*

Welcome & Invocation - Ex. 20:8-11 (OT p. 51) - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Songs - *Every Move I Make / Shout to the Lord*

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Scripture - Leviticus 25:1-10 (OT p. 87) - Laura Attwood

Message - "Keeping Sabbath" - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Time of Response - *In Christ Alone*

Offertory Prayer - Laura Attwood / **Offertory** - *There's Something About That Name*

Ministry Opportunities / Benediction - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Closing Song - *May the Peace of God*

Today, in God's Great Story of Redemption known as the Christian Year, is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The church decided long ago that one day was not enough to contain all the joy, celebration, and importance of Easter, so the Season of Easter lasts for fifty days. This festival season begins with Easter Sunday and ends on the Day of Pentecost. Through joyous proclamation, prayer, righteous living, and worship, we, as Easter people, proclaim that Christ is risen indeed! The color for the Easter season is white. Photo cover by Cristian Palmer on unsplash.com.

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, Dezmund Moss, Joey Rumberger, 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 and Dylan Johnson

10:30 AM Worship Service

Music Upon Gathering Dr. Ray Adams, organ

Introit Sanctuary Choir

O Day of Rest and Gladness

Opening Sentences

Leader Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.

**People: We will give You thanks, for You have answered us;
You have become our salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

(singing # 359:)

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. This the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

(singing # 361:)

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him. We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him. We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord. Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Welcome & Invocation Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Exodus 20:8-11 (OT p. 51)

Hymn of Affirmation Sung to *BEACH SPRING*

*God of dawn each day's renewal brings the world into your light.
As your sun defeats the shadows, drives away the darkest night:
We would greet this new beginning as your call to start again,
Lead us on with hope and courage, make your will and purpose plain.*

*Praise to God who spoke creation, giving life to time and space.
Praise to Christ, whose living presence showed the world your human face.*

Praise the Spirit, daily witness to your ever-loving way.

Take us now and reawake us, challenge us to use this day.

Choral Affirmation Sanctuary Choir

Remember the Sabbath (David Huntsinger)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Hymn of Affirmation (# 58) WYE VALLEY

Like a River Glorious

Tithes and Offering of a Grateful People

*Offertory Prayer Laura Attwood

Offertory Judy Carter, piano

*Doxology (# 253) *OLD 100TH*

Children's Sermon Patti Carter

Scripture Lesson: Leviticus 25:1-10 (OT p. 87) Laura Attwood

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

"Keeping Sabbath"

*Hymn of Invitation (# 446) *HOLINESS*

Take Time to Be Holy

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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REMEMBER THE
Sabbath day
BY KEEPING IT HOLY

EXODUS 20:8

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.