

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, June 22, 2025

- 7:45 AM Worship Team Warmup
- 8:30 AM Worship Service
- 9:15 AM The Gathering in the FLC
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Summer Choir Warmup (sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

Deacon of the Week
Meghan Toupin



Monday, June 23, 2025

- 6:30 PM Men’s Bible Study
- NO Risk Takers for Christ/Living H2O Initiative

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

- 7:30 AM Men’s Prayer Group

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

- 3:45 PM Clothing Room Opens
- 5:00 PM Fellowship dinner
- 5:00 PM Wednesday Friends
- 5:45 PM Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Fellowship Dinner:
Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with
gravy, veggies, roll/butter
& dessert
Dinners are \$8.00 each

Thursday, June 26, 2025

- 7:00 PM Youth Group

Independence Day

The Fourth of July – also known as Independence Day or July 4th – has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

Did you know New York City has the biggest fireworks display in the United States and that three U.S. presidents died on July 4?

John Adams, Thomas Jefferson & James Monroe

News and Notes

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has 2 openings: Trustees Committee 3 year term and Sr. Adults Committee balance of the 2025 term. Contact Tammy Jones 772.559.2137 if interested.

South Carolina Mission Team * June 23 - 27, 2025

Liberty Southern Church from Hemingway, S.C. will be coming to stay in our Family Life Center for a few days. These students will be helping around our community. When you see them around our campus be sure to welcome them to our church.

One Worship Service, Sunday, June 29, 2025 * 10:30 AM

Join us for ONE worship service at 10:30 AM (no 8:30 AM service). Sunday School classes will meet as scheduled, and we have the Gathering in the Family Life Center from 9:15 AM for pastries and coffee.

Faith and Film * FBC Summer Movies Series

This summer, FBC is hosting several series exploring the intersection of faith and culture. Join us:

- Sunday, June 29, 2025 -The Forge - 3:00 PM
- Sunday, July 27, 2025 - War Room - 3:00 PM
- Sunday, August 24, 2025 - Bonhoeffer Pastor, Spy Assassin - 3:00 PM

These three faith-based movies will be followed by a brief time of discussion. Pizza, refreshments, and desserts will be served; and there is no cost to attend (thanks to our sponsors). Please text your RSVP and # attending to Jean and Richard at 561.350.0643 or call the church office.

July 4th Celebration * Friday, July 4, 2025 at 12:00 PM

Celebrate Independence Day with us during a time of food, fellowship and fun. We will meet in the Family Life Center. This event is sponsored by the Senior Adult Committee.

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 (early service), Chris and Carla Rumas (second service) and Dr. Cristina McClure (playground).

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

Let the community know that First Baptist Church is on mission! We now have the ability to purchase shirts and apparel online through Scott's Sporting Goods! Choose from a variety of styles, colors, and price points. Find our online store at:
<https://scottssportinggoods.chipply.com/FBCvero>



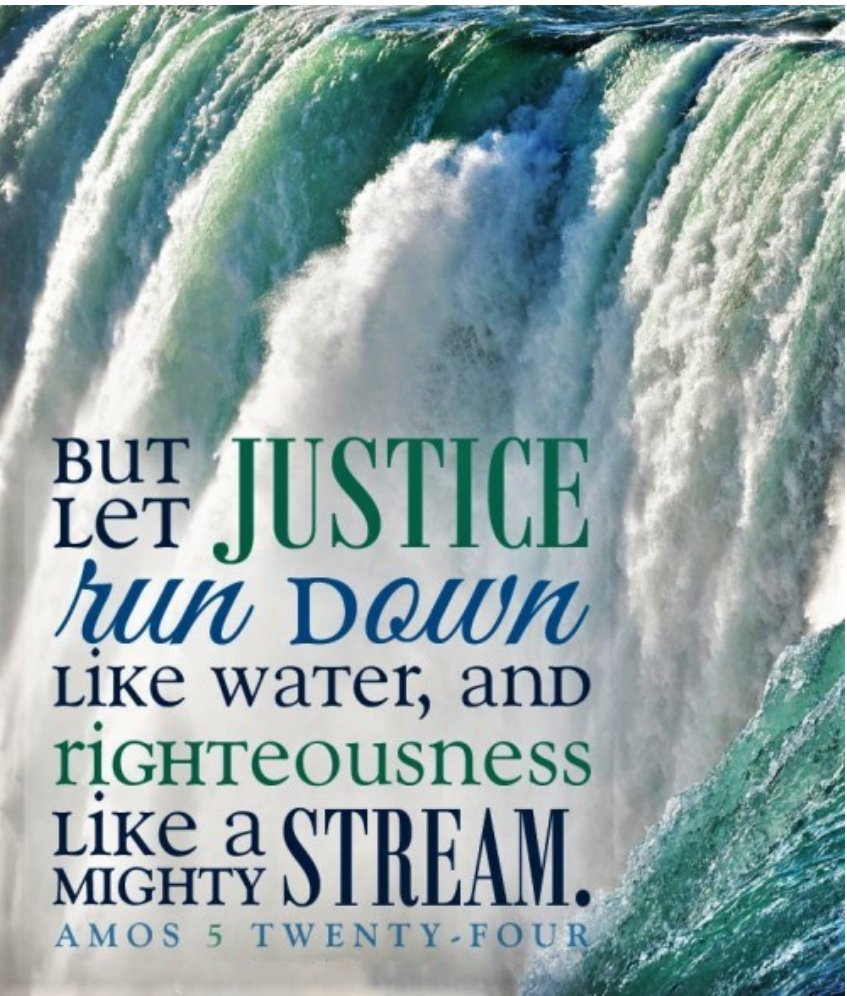
Hurricane Season Is Here!

We want to remind everyone that hurricane season is from June 1 to November 30. Please be sure to stock up on supplies such as water, food, medications, batteries, pet food, etc.



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The Worship of God Second Sunday after Pentecost June 22, 2025

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world
as your love would have it:

a world where the weak are protected,
and none go hungry or poor;

a world where the riches of creation are shared,
and everyone can enjoy them;

a world where different races and cultures
live in harmony and mutual respect;

a world where peace is built with justice,
and justice is guided by love.

Give us the inspiration and courage to build it,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8:30 AM Worship Service

Opening Praise - Hear Our Praises

Welcome - 1 John 3:18-24 (NT p. 188) - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Songs - This Is Amazing Grace / Amazing Grace (My Chains...)

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

A Response - Give Thanks

Scripture Lesson - Amos 5:18-24 (OT p. 662) - Meghan Toupin
This is the Word of God for the people of God./Thanks be to God!

Sermon - “Breaking Barriers” - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Time of Response - Change My Heart, O God

Offertory Prayer - Meghan Toupin / Offertory - The Band

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 Second Sunday after Pentecost. The Sundays following Pentecost deal with the Church’s work in the world. The Church acknowledges and engages 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 of the Christian Calendar is green, signifying the growth of the Church.

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, Riley Faulknier, Jacob Longnecker,
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 Joey Rumberger, organ

Opening Sentences

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise God!

People: For the word of the Lord is right and true; God is faithful in all God does.

Leader: The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God’s unfailing love.

People: (singing hymn 173, stanzas 1 & 5)

Leader: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst...

People: come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

Leader: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed...

People: come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

Leader: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war...

People: come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

Leader: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness...

People: come worship a God who gives life meaning. Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end!!

*Hymn of Praise (# 587) DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign

Invocation and Passing of the Peace Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
1 John 3:18-24 (NT p. 188)

Choral Affirmation Summer Choir
Give Thanks (Vicki Tucker Courtney)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Hymn of Affirmation (# 611) WYE VALLEY (Abridged)
Let Your Heart Be Broken

The Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful People
*Offertory Prayer Meghan Toupin
Offertory Joey Rumberger, organ
*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Children’s Sermon Patti Carter

Scripture Lesson: Amos 5:18-24 (OT p. 662) Meghan Toupin
Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
“Breaking Barriers”

*Hymn of Response (# 401) ST. THOMAS
Break Out, O Church of God

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

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

*Music upon Departure Joey Rumberger, organ

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SERMON NOTES



Contributions

Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of
Irene Bush & Joyce DuMars.

Birthday Wishes - June Nonagenarian (90-99)

We would like to say Happy Birthday to our nonagenarian member:
Sam Nall - June 6 (90)

Summer Choir * 10:00 AM Each Sunday

The Sanctuary Choir, Bells and TCC are on holiday during the summer. Summer Choir will be leading us in worship at the 10:30 AM service. We invite all singers to join us in the choir loft at 10:00 AM every Sunday for a brief rehearsal. For more information contact Pastor Michael Carter at music@fbcvero.org

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.