

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

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 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 Sanctuary Choir Warmup
10:30 AM Worship Service

Deacon of the Week
Barbara Wight

Monday, June 9, 2025

6:00 PM Risk Takers for Christ/Living H2O Initiative
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

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

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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

Thursday, June 12, 2025

7:00 PM Youth Group

Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Flag Day

10:00 AM Funeral Service in Sanctuary - Imogene Chatham
11:00 AM Gravesite
12:00 PM Reception in the FLC

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 for the whole family. Pizza, refreshments, and desserts will be served; and there is no cost to attend (thanks to our sponsors). The series of movies will take place in the Family Life Center. Please text your RSVP and # attending to Jean and Richard at 561.350.0643 or call the church office.



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News and Notes

Pentecost Sunday * Today at 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

The Christian holiday of Pentecost is a moveable feast, which is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

Sunday Prayer Ministry * Prayer Chapel after Worship, 8:30 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>



Upcoming Committee Meetings

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

6:00 PM Church Council Meeting
7:15 PM Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

6:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting

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.



Did You Know? Flag Day * Saturday, June 14, 2025

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day.



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.

Wednesday Friends Needs

Bug Spray, Deodorant, Shampoo, Women's Underwear (size 6,7 & 8), Men's Sneakers (size 9 & 10), Blankets, Sheets and Men's Pants (size 30 to 36).

Prayer Letters * www.fbcvero.org/prayer-request

Do you know someone who would like a prayer letter or a congratulations letter? Please visit our website & send us their name & address.

Memorial Garden

Our Memorial Garden, located on 16th Ave and 23rd Street, is a peaceful place to pray, meditate or just sit and enjoy the beauty of the garden.



The Worship of God Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025

Easter Stories: Walking with Jesus as Easter People

*God of wind and flame,
ignite a fire in our hearts
and fill us with your courage and power.
On this day of Pentecost,
may our young people see visions
and our elders dream dreams.
Blow open the doors of our shut up hearts
and send us into the world
to spread the good news of your saving love.*

8:30 AM Worship Service

Opening Praise - Church on Fire

Welcome and Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Dramatic Reading - Acts 2:1-21 (NT p. 90)

Worship Songs - Send It on Down / Holy Spirit, Rain Down

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

A Response - Lord, Listen to Your Children / Spirit of the Living God

Sermon - “Sealed and Set Ablaze” - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Time of Response - There is a Redeemer

Offertory Prayer - Barbara Wight / 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 Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost has Jewish roots: it was first associated with a grain offering and later became a feast to commemorate the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai. For Christians, the Day of Pentecost recalls the giving of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church (Acts 2:1-41). The color for Pentecost is red, which recalls the fire of the Spirit. Cover photo by Pisit Heng, unsplash.com.



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

Nursery Workers

Kim Piscitelli, Zoe Gordon, and Shyanna Nowell

10:30 AM Worship Service

Music Upon Gathering Joey Rumberger, organ

Dramatic Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21 Charlie Winters, Leader

*Hymns of Pentecost
(# 247) Come, Thou Almighty King (1,2,3) ITALIAN HYMN
(# 395) God of Grace and God of Glory (1) CWM RHONDDA

Invocation and Welcome Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

An Affirmation (# 243)
There’s a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
And I know that it’s the spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know that it’s the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heav’nly Dove,
Stay right here with us filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

Choral Affirmation Sanctuary Choir
Spirit, Sing (Joseph Martin)

*Hymn of Affirmation (# 242) OLD-TIME POWER
Pentecostal Power

The Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful People

*Offertory Prayer Barbara Wight
Offertory Joey Rumberger, organ
*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Children’s Sermon Patti Carter

A Call to Prayer
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Missions Moment - Baby Bottles for Carenet Nancy Griffis

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
“Sealed and Set Ablaze”

*Hymn of Response (# 238) TRUETT
Breathe on Me

*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

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.