

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, July 13, 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
Rusty Banack

Monday, July 14, 2025

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

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group
6:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

3:45 PM Clothing Room Opens
5:00 PM Wednesday Friends

Thursday, July 17, 2025

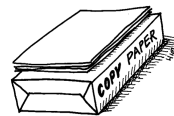
7:00 PM Youth Group

Birthday Wishes - July Nonagenarians (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to our nonagenarian members:
Beverly Adkins - July 4 (96)
Nancy (Nan) Carroll - July 16 (90)

Office Supplies

The church office is in need of letter size, 20lb weight, white copy paper. If you would like to donate some paper please drop it by the office.



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

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>



News and Notes

No Wednesday Night Supper or Bible Study in July

We will have dinner for our Wednesday friends. Wednesday night supper & bible Study will resume on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

Special Called Church Council, Tuesday July 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Church Council will meet for a special called meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, to discuss matters related to Trustees and building maintenance. All chairs and/or co-chairs and staff are encouraged to attend. If you have any new business, please email Pastor Joe before the meeting so we can plan accordingly.

One Worship Jazz Service, Sunday, July 27, 2025 * 10:30 AM

Join us for ONE worship service at 10:30 AM (no 8:30 AM service) with communion. 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. We will have some of the finest young musicians – along with our choir and worship team - lead us in worshipping God through music! The service will include: *Just a Closer Walk, Precious Lord, I Saw the Light, Total Praise*, and many more! Invite a friend, and make sure you don't miss this one!

Faith and Film * FBC Summer Movies Series

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

- **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.

Youth For Christ Prayer Walk * Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 8:30 AM

Join us for a morning of prayer, united as the body of Christ, as we lift up students and teachers before the school year begins. This event will take place at the VB High School, 1707 16th Street. Breakfast & Natalie's Juice will be provided, as well as a YFC tee for those who need one. Free registration at www.yfcirc.com/united

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).

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.

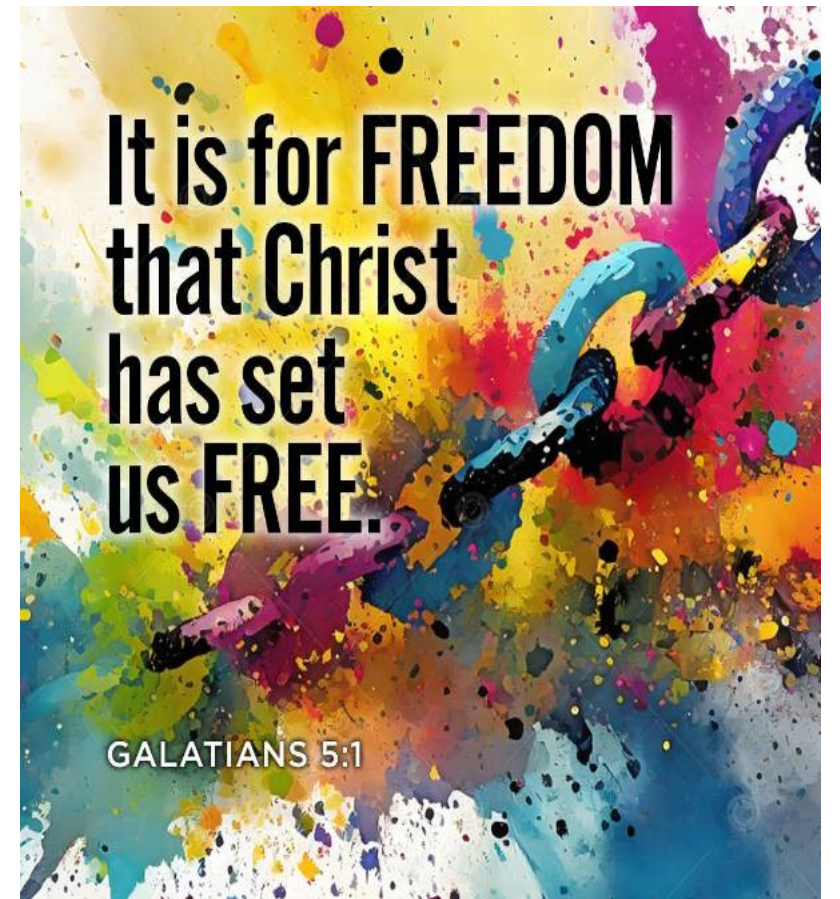


Nominating Committee

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.

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The Worship of God Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 13, 2025

*Our relationship with God
is an individual responsibility.*

It is God to whom we are ultimately responsible.

*Soul freedom, all freedom, and responsibility
is God's supreme gift to humanity.*

*The dignity and respect afforded to persons
comes from God as revealed in Scripture.*

8:30 AM Worship Service

Opening Praise - *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Welcome - Kristina LaGuardia

Worship Songs - *Every Move I Make / My Life is In You*

Pastoral Prayer - Kristina LaGuardia

A Response - *The Potter's Hand*

Scripture Lesson - Galatians 1:11-24 (NT p. 144) - Rusty Banack
This is the Word of God for the people of God./**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon - "Soul Freedom" - Kristina LaGuardia

Time of Response - *Step By Step*

Offertory Prayer - Rusty Banack / **Offertory** - Judy Carter

Ministry Opportunities / Benediction - Kristina 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 Fifth 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. We thank Judy Carter, Patti Carter, Casey Lunceford, and Meghan Toupin for their musical leadership!

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 Ali Crawford

Leader: We are called to Freedom!

People: We are called to Love!

Leader: We are called into a mysterious future

People: following the God who makes a way out of no way.

Leader: In the turning that bends too quickly, too sharply,

People: God invites us to make this wondrous journey.

Leader: In the weight of chains we've come to befriend,

People: God lures us into an unimaginable freedom.

Leader: In the very moments when it seems most impossible,

People: God calls our hearts to blossom with love.

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free!

People: This is the God we have gathered to worship!

*Hymn of Praise (# 626) ST. ANNE

In Christ, Our Liberty

Invocation and Passing of the Peace Ali Crawford

Choral Affirmation Summer Choir
We Will Be Your Church (Tina English)

Pastoral Prayer Kristina LaGuardia

*Hymn of Affirmation (# 628) DIADEMATA
A Servant of the Least

The Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful People

*Offertory Prayer Rusty Banack

Offertory Judy Carter, piano

*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Children's Sermon Patti Carter

Scripture Lesson: Galatians 1:11-24 (NT p. 144) Rusty Banack

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Kristina LaGuardia

"Soul Freedom"

*Hymn of Response (# 390) AUSTRIAN HYMN

We Are Called to Be God's People

*Benediction Kristina LaGuardia

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

*Music upon Departure Joey Rumberger, organ

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SERMON NOTES

Contributions

A gift was given by the Joy Class to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Irene Bush. A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Irene Bush & Joyce DuMars.

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.