

# 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 20, 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  
Casey Lunceford

### Monday, July 21, 2025

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

### Tuesday, July 22, 2025

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

### Wednesday, July 23, 2025

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

### Thursday, July 24, 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.

### 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.



# News and Notes

## 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 Capital Repair's. 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 worshiping 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.

## 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.

## New Season of Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study begins August 6, 2025

Dinners and Bible study begins for a new season on August 6, 2025 at 5:00 PM. Our next Bible Study series will be "Parables: Stories Jesus Still Tells".

## 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](http://www.yfcirc.com/united)

## AED/CPR Class \* Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 8:30 AM

The cost for this course is \$50 per person. RSVP is required to attend. Limited space is available so email [office@fbcvero.org](mailto:office@fbcvero.org) to reserve your spot.

## 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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 2025

*The Word of God is alive!*

*It lives in the world today;*

*Correcting, consoling,  
connecting mankind,*

*The Word of God is alive!*

*L.W. Terley (hymn # 265)*

8:30 AM Worship Service

Opening Praise - Rock of Ages with How Firm a Foundation

Welcome - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Songs - Wonderful Words of Life / Ancient Words

Ministry Moment - Clothes Closet - Tammy Jones and Wayne Haines

Pastoral Prayer - Association Appreciation Day - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

A Response - Firm Foundation / Thy Word

Scripture Lesson - Galatians 4:21-5:1 (NT p. 146) - Casey Lunceford  
This is the Word of God for the people of God./Thanks be to God!

Sermon - “Bible Freedom” - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Time of Response - Speak, O Lord

Offertory Prayer - Casey Lunceford / Offertory - Judy Carter

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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Sundays following Pentecost highlight the Church’s work in the world and acknowledge 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 is green, signifying the growth of the Church. We thank Judy 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 Led by Casey Lunceford

Leader: Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom—  
teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and  
spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord!

People: And whatever we do in word or deed, let us do it all in the  
name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

(Singing) How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He  
hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Leader: All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable  
for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in  
righteousness;

People: That the people of God may be perfect, thoroughly  
furnished unto all good works.

(Singing) Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you; we  
have come with open hearts, oh, let the ancient words impart.

People: Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word  
be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be  
known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be  
shown. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise (# 262) AUSTRIAN HYMN  
Word of God, Across the Ages

Invocation and Passing of the Peace Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Choral Affirmation Summer Choir  
Order My Steps (arr. Jack Schrader)

Ministry Moment - Clothes Closet Tammy Jones and Wayne Haines

Pastoral Prayer - Association Appreciation Day Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

\*Hymn of Affirmation (# 261) WORDS OF LIFE  
Wonderful Words of Life

The Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful People

\*Offertory Prayer  
Offertory Judy Carter, piano  
\*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Children’s Sermon Patti Carter

Sermon - Galatians 4:21-5:1 (NT p. 146) Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia  
“Bible Freedom”

\*Hymn of Response (# 263) BREAD OF LIFE  
Break Thou the Bread of Life

\*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 Scholarship Fund  
by the Joy Class in memory of  
Irene Bush.

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.