

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 27, 2025

9:15 AM The Gathering (FLC)
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Worship Team Warmup
10:00 AM Summer Choir Warmup (sanctuary)
10:30 AM One Worship Service
3:00 PM Faith and Culture Movie Series: War Room (FLC)

Deacon of the Week
Jonnie Hill

Monday, July 28, 2025

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

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

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

Thursday, July 31, 2025

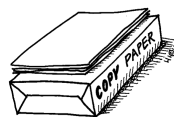
7:00 PM Youth Group

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

Faith and Film * FBC Summer Movies Series

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

- **Today - War Room - 3:00 PM**
- Sunday, August 24, 2025 - Bonhoeffer Pastor, Spy Assassin - 3:00 PM

These 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

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 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.

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



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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.



The Worship of God A JAZZ SERVICE Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 27, 2025

Speak to one another with psalms,
hymns, and songs from the Spirit.
Sing and make music from your heart
to the Lord!
Ephesians 5:19

We have not been to heaven and have not seen
God Himself. But God gives us music as
a reflection of the goodness and beauty of God's
presence. The words of the songs, Psalms,
and hymns we sing proclaim the story
of salvation, and the music gives us an aural
expression of the story while also appealing
to our human emotions.

Marie Greenway



Worship With a Jazz Twist!

Welcome to worship! 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 Seventh 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 are especially glad to welcome worshipers from our 8:30 service as we fellowship, worship, and commune with God and with one another. Special thanks to all the musicians who enhance our worship of God!

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, Patrick Gordon,
Jacob Longnecker, Lance Lunceford, Richie Mola, Sam Moss,
Joey Rumberger, Hunter Scoville, Billy Smith, and Jax Trojanoski

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 Combined Worship Service

Music Upon Gathering The Band

After You’ve Gone / Nardis

Opening Sentences Based on the poetry of Susan Palo Cherwien
& Hymn 435 by Fred Pratt Green

Leader: In a thousand voices, in a thousand faces God’s majesty is proclaimed! Do we stop and listen? Do we hear the song of God’s majesty and love?

People: When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!

Leader: Music vibrates in the heart. It can rouse to battle or soothe to slumber. It can express sweet love or bitter despair. It can heal the wounded spirit and call back the wandering soul.

People: How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

Leader: David was called to Saul’s court to comfort the tormented King with the tones of the harp. Jesus sang with the twelve before submitting to arrest and death.

People: And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light? Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight: Alleluia!

Leader: A rare and mysterious gift is music: whether rattled, brushed, whispered, blown, pounded, touched, or sung by a thousand voices, and a thousand faces. Is ours among them?

People: Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia!

*Hymn of Praise (# 216) AZMON
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Invocation—Spoken (Words by Sharlande Sledge) Meghan Toupin
Sung by All

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

When directed, please join in singing hymn # 448, stanza 3:

When my feeble life is o’er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o’er to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.
Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord,
Let it be, dear Lord. Let it be, dear Lord, let it be,
Let—it—be.

Words of Welcome Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Choral Affirmation Summer Choir
Sanctuary / Total Praise (arr. Jay Rouse)

*Songs of Praise Congregation & Worship Team
How Great is Our God / How Great Thou Art

The Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful People
*Offertory Prayer Jonnie Hill
Offertory Take Five The Band
(Paul Desmond)
*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Children’s Sermon Patti Carter

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Michael Carter

Scripture Lesson: Galatians 5:22 - 6:5 (NT p. 147) Jonnie Hill
Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
“Church Freedom”

Communion The Bread, The Cup
All those who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
are welcome at Christ’s Table.
Please hold the communion elements until directed to partake.

Footprints (Wayne Shorter)

*Hymn of Response (# 456)
Precious Lord, Take My Hand (arr. J. Schrader)
Introduction—Choir / Stanza 1, stanza 2, stanza 1 (again) as directed

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Closing Affirmation
Oh, when the saints go marchin’ in, oh, when the saints go marchin’ in
Oh, Lord I want to be in that number, when the saints go marchin’ in!
(repeat)

*Music upon Departure The Band
When the Saints Go Marchin’ In

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