

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 6, 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

Deacons of the Week
Chris and Carla Rumas

Monday, July 7, 2025

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



Tuesday, July 8, 2025

7:30 AM No Men's Prayer this Week

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

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

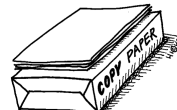
NO Call to Prayer in July.

Thursday, July 10, 2025

7:00 PM Youth Group

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.



Stock Up Now! 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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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.

Church Workday/Youth Car Wash *

Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 8:00 AM & 8:30 AM

Join us as we beautify our campus. We will have something for everyone to do - both inside and outside. Come and get your car washed to support our youth as we clean up our campus. Our history room will also be open each workday for those who wish to help organize our church historical documents.



"Many hands make light work!"

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 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 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.

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).

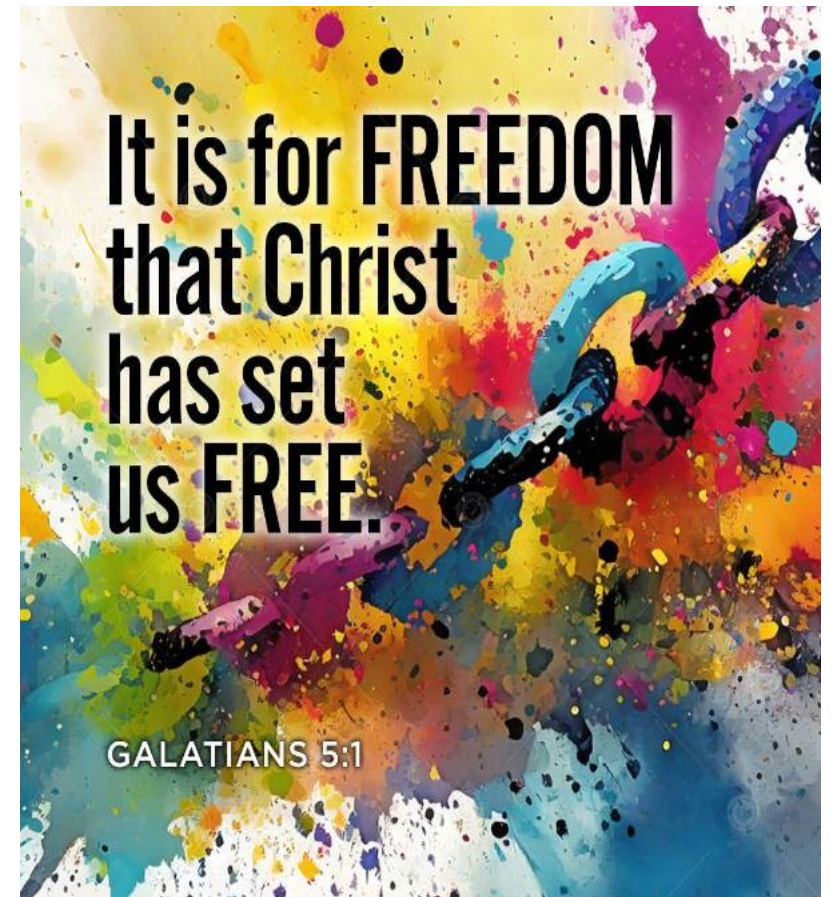
Nominating Committee

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.

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>



The Worship of God Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 2025

*Blessed is the nation
whose God is the Lord,
the people God chose
for God's inheritance.*

*From heaven the Lord looks down
and sees all mankind.*

Psalm 33:12-13

8:30 AM Worship Service

Opening Praise - Freedom Song

Welcome - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Songs - Hear Our Praises / Calling Out to You

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Scripture Lesson - Galatians 1:1-10 (NT p. 144) - Carla Rumas
This is the Word of God for the people of God./Thanks be to God!

Sermon - “Our Fragile Freedoms” - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Time of Response - Shine, Jesus, Shine

Offertory Prayer - Carla Rumas / 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 Fourth 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 Judy Carter, piano

Opening Sentences
Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free;
People: Let us stand fast therefore, and never submit again to a yoke of slavery.
Leader: We were called to freedom not as an opportunity for the flesh,
People: but through love to be servants of one another.
Leader: In this freedom we are led by the Spirit, and thus we live by the Spirit and also walk by the Spirit.
People: Thanks be to God for our freedom in Christ and our responsibility in the Spirit.

*Hymn of Praise (# 629) NATIONAL HYMN
God of Our Fathers

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

Choral Affirmation Summer Choir
Let Christ’s Freedom Ring (WJ & ML Reynolds)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Hymn of Affirmation (# 634) AMERICA
My Country ‘Tis of Thee

The Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful People

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

Children’s Sermon Patti Carter

Scripture Lesson: Galatians 1:1-10 (NT p. 144) Carla Rumas
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
“Our Fragile Freedoms”

*Hymn of Response (# 631) LYONS
We Utter Our Cry

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Closing Affirmation (# 633) BATTLE HYMN
Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.
Glory! Glory, hallelujah! Glory! Glory, Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory, hallelujah! Our God is marching on.

*Music upon Departure Joey Rumberger, player piano video
The Stars and Stripes Forever (J.P. Sousa)

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SERMON NOTES

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)

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.