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, August 10, 2025

7:45 AM Worship Team Warmup

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:15 AM The Gathering (FLC)

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Summer Choir Warmup (sanctuary)

10:30 AM Worship Service

4:00 PM Zoom Sunday School Class

Monday, August 11, 2025

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

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM G.R.O.W. Meets

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

3:45 PM Clothing Room Opens

5:00 PM Wednesday Friends

5:00 PM Fellowship Dinner

5:45 PM Prayer/Bible Study

Thursday, August 14, 2025

6:00 PM Preschool Parent Orientation 6:30 PM Youth Group

Friday, August 15, 2025

4:30 AM VB Football Breakfast 9:00 AM FBC Preschool Parent Open House

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

water, food, medications, batteries, pet food, etc.





August Staff Birthdays

Kristina LaGuardia August 13 René LaRosa August 21

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



News and Notes

New Season of Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study

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

G.R.O.W. Team Meeting * Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 2:00 PM - Date Change

If you are interested in connecting with others, please attend this G.R.O.W. Team Meeting. If you have questions, contact the church office.

Preschool Parent Orientation * Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM

First Baptist Church Preschool will hold their parent orientation meeting in the church sanctuary. For more information, please email Preschool Director, René LaRosa at fbcpreschool.org

Preschool Open House * Friday, August 15, 2025 at 9:00 AM

FBC Preschool will hold an open house for all incoming preschoolers and parents. Open house is 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM in the Children's Ministry Center, Building E.

VBHS Fighting Indians Football Breakfast Starts * Friday, August 15, 2025

Indian River County Sports Ministry will host a weekly breakfast during the High School football season. Come and help serve the football team and cheerleaders as they fellowship and hear an encouraging, Bible-based testimony. The day begins at 4:30 AM in the Family Life Center, Large Social Hall.

Sunday School, One Worship Service, Communion & Church Conference * Sunday, August 17, 2025 Starts at 9:15 AM

Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 AM and one Worship Service with communion at 10:30 AM.

Church Conference agenda includes a vote on motion from the Memorial Endowment Committee for \$161,000.00 for repairs and maintenance on campus. A detailed list of these repairs is available at the welcome center in the Narthex and on the credenza in pass through.

"A Call to Prayer" Prayer Group * Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Our next monthly prayer meeting will be in the Prayer Chapel from 3:00 PM 4:00 PM. Pray for our church, families, community, nation, and world.

Faith and Film * FBC Summer Movies Series * August 24, 2025 * 3:00 PM

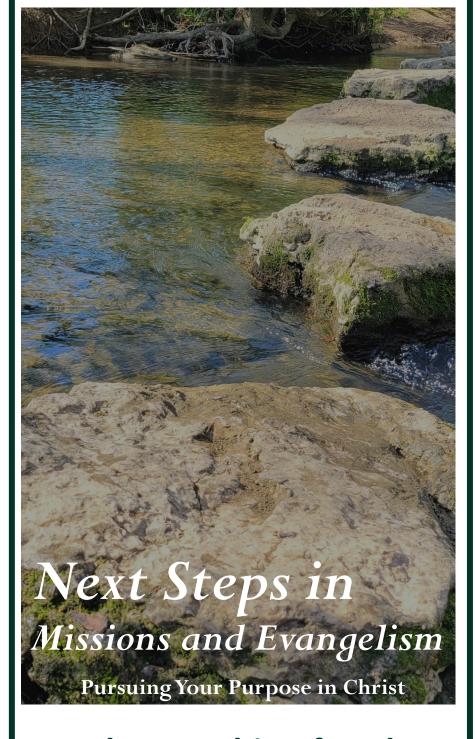
This summer, FBC is hosting several series exploring the intersection of faith and culture. Join us: Sunday, August 24, 2025 - "Bonhoeffer Pastor, Spy, Assassin". This final faith-based movie will be followed by a brief time of discussion. This movie is PG-13. Pizza, refreshments, and desserts will be 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.

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 10, 2025

O Christ, by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way, the path of prayer You also trod; Lord, teach us how to pray! **James Montgomery**

8:30 AM Worship Service

Opening Praise - Shout to the Lord

Welcome - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Songs - I Walk By Faith / I Will Call Upon the Lord

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

A Response - Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying / Seek Ye First

Scripture Lesson - Luke 11:5-13 (NT p. 55) - Barbara Wight

This is the Word of God for the people of God./**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon - "Persistent Prayer" - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Time of Response - Change My Heart, O God

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 the Ninth 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 Patti Carter and Joey Rumberger for their leadership in worship! Cover photo by Sierra Williams.

Pastoral Ministry Team

Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia, Rev. Dr. Michael Carter, Dr. Ray Adams and Kristina LaGuardia

Ministry Assistants

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

Leader: We are here,

People: in the name of Christ Jesus.

Leader: So ask right now,

People: and it shall be given to you.

Leader: Seek right now, **People: and you will find.**Leader: Knock right now,

People: and the door will be opened.

(Singinghymn # 478)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness And all these things shall be added unto you

Allelu alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find Knock and the door shall be opened unto you Allelu alleluia

Prayer, Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Hymn of Praise (# 379)

HOLY MANNA

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Choral Affirmation

Summer Choir

Just a Little Talk With Jesus

Cleavant Derricks

(When directed, please sing)

Lord, listen to Your children praying.

Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to Your children praying.

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Song of Praise (# 445)

SWEET HOUR

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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

Scripture Lesson: Luke 11:5-13 (NT p. 55)

Barbara Wight

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

"Persistent Prayer"

*Hymn of Response (# 294)

ADELAIDE

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Closing Affirmation (# 462) MALOTTE

Our Father...

Music Upon Departure Joey Rumberger, organ

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*All who are able, please stand. Streaming License #2036378

SERMON NOTES

Birthday Wishes - August Nonagenarians (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to our nonagenarian members:

Wanda Knight - August 21 (92) Shirley Jones - August 25 (90)

Contributions

A gift was given to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Irene Bush. A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Jan Watterson. A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Haynes McDaniel.

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, Chris and Carla Rumas and Dr. Cristina McClure (playground).

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.