

## Welcome to First Baptist Church!

Welcome to First Baptist Church, where we celebrate God's love and Christ's salvation 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 Communication Card for the tithe box so we can follow up with you.

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, February 28, 2021—Church Conference

7:45 AM Worship Team Warmup  
8:30 AM Celebrations Worship Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
9:45 AM Music Ministry Warmup  
10:30 AM Traditions Worship Service  
11:45 PM Church Conference  
Nursery is provided for both services.

**Deacon of the Week**  
Moree Leatherman

### Monday, March 1, 2021

6:30 PM Missions committee Meeting  
4:00 PM RSVP for Wednesday Dinner to-go  
NO Trustees Committee Meeting

**Fellowship Dinner:**  
Chicken pot pie, roll & dessert  
\$6.00 each

### Tuesday, March 2, 2021

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting  
2:00 PM G.R.O.W. Meets  
2:30 PM YFC Campus Life Club

**Wednesday Worship need:**  
We need blankets for our  
Wednesday Worship group.  
Please drop off blankets at the  
church office.

### Wednesday, March 3, 2021

4:30 PM Wednesday Worship to-go dinner pick-up  
5:30 PM FBC to-go dinner pick-up  
6:00 PM Prayer meeting

### Thursday, March 4, 2021

3:00 PM Children's Walk and Talk  
7:00 PM Youth Group

### Birthday Wishes -

#### February Nonagenarian (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to our nonagenarian member:  
Janet Paul (95) - February 21

### Birthdays this Week:

Betty Hedrick, Jay Sharp, Sharon Bittle, John Rockhill, Sherrie Fancher, Pat DuBose, Carl Elliott, Jr., Jim Thompson, Joe LaGuardia, Nina Pezzetti, Haleigh LaGuardia, Connie Nowakowski, Kathy Masor, Sydney Banack and Jessica Cox

### Contributions

A gift was given to the Sr. Adults in honor of Pat DuBose. A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Rose Hill. A gift was given to the General Fund by Dr. Helen Smith in memory of Sherman Smith and parents, Dr. & Mrs. Clarence Hoffman.

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## News and Notes

### **Church Conference \* Today**

Church conference will be held immediately following our 10:30 AM worship service in the sanctuary.

### **Wednesday Night Supper \* Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 5:30 PM**

RSVP for Wednesday supper, and pick up your food from 5:30 PM—6:00 PM. You may choose to eat your meal in the Family Life Center, but all dinners will be in to-go boxes. Price is \$6.00 per dinner. Please RSVP by Monday at 4:00 PM.

### **Baby Blanket Need**

The baby blanket ministry is in need of baby blankets to crochet on the edges for our hospital ministry. Please drop them off at the church office during business hours. Thank you.

### **Youth For Christ - Campus Life Club \* Tuesdays at 2:30 PM**

All high school kids (9th - 12th grade) are invited to join YFC in the Educational Building B, room 206.

### **These Committees will meet in March.**

Monday, March 1 - 6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting (Building C, LSH)  
Tuesday, March 9 - 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting (Building C, SSH)  
7:15 PM Deacons Meeting (Building C, LSH)  
Thursday, March 18 - 5:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting  
(Building B, Room 107)  
5:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting (Building C, SSH)

### **Scholarship Applications**

Scholarship applications are now being accepted through the church office for the 2021 FBC Scholarships. You can access the application and criteria online through the church website. The applications need to be submitted by Monday, April 19, 2021 for all new and renewable applicants. [fbcvero.org/scholarship](http://fbcvero.org/scholarship)

### **Easter Lilies**

Order a lily for Easter Sunday to honor an individual or to memorialize a loved one. Bring your message to the church office or drop it in the tithe box with a check or cash for \$10 each. Lily request forms are available all around the campus. Place your order by Sunday, March 21, 2021.

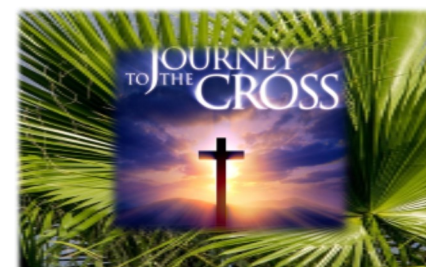
### **I Love FBC**

Share and show your love for our church by giving to the "I Love FBC" campaign during the month of February. Please prayerfully give above and beyond your offering to help us catch up the tithe for the New Year to express your love and support for our church, the staff, the many ministries and missions that take place on and beyond our campus! Thank you!



### **Copy Paper**

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.



# FOCUS

Following Jesus on a Journey to the Cross



## The Worship of God

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

A Sermon Series on what it means  
to be a Christ-Follower

## 8:30 AM Celebrations Service

**Opening Praise** - *All the Way to Calvary*

**Invocation and Welcome** - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

**Worship Songs** - *Blessed Be Your Name / Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**Pastoral Prayer** - Rev. Bryce Richard

**Musical Response** - *On Eagle's Wings* (Michael & Patti Carter)

**Scripture Lesson** - Matthew 4:1-11 - Moree Leatherman  
This is the Word of God for the people of God. / **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia - "Focus on God's Promises"

**Time of Response** - *Standing on the Promises*

**Giving Thanks/Offertory Prayer** - Moree Leatherman

**Announcements/Benediction** - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

**Closing Song** - *May the Peace / Doxology*

Today, in God's Great Story of Redemption known as the Christian Year, is the Second Sunday in Lent. Lent is a forty day period (Sundays are excluded from the count) that aids us in preparing for the transforming power of Easter. The color for Lent is purple, which represents royalty and repentance. It reminds us to take inventory of our life in preparation for Easter.

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### Pastoral Ministry Team:

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

### Ministry Assistants:

John Clark, David DeGraeve,  
Millie Portante, and Pat Smith

### Celebrations Worship Team:

Dr. Ray Adams, Patrick Gordon,  
Justin Mandell, Richie Mola and Jackson Squires

### Technical Support Team:

Jim Aldendorf, Roger Butler, Haleigh Santana LaGuardia, Casey Lunceford,  
Henry Richard, Ron Selph, Philip Smith, Stephen Smith, and Jackson Squires

### First Baptist Church Preschool

Patti Carter, Director  
René LaRosa, Assistant Director

### Nursery Workers

Diane Levow and Kim Piscitelli

## 10:30 AM Traditions Service

Music Upon Gathering/Sounding of the Chimes Dr. Ray Adams, organ  
The chimes call us to focus our attention on God. Please join in silent prayer—bringing yourself and your neighbors before God.

Call to Worship Led by Rev. Dr. Michael Carter

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Faithful Traveler, walk with us as we journey through Lent on our way to the cross.

**People: Abide with us and strengthen us as we face the many temptations that befall us each and every day.**

Leader: Save us in the time of trial, and send your angels to strengthen us when we consider taking the easy way out.

**People: Be our God, and we will be your people—a people raised to walk in newness of life through the gift of your Spirit and the love of your Son.**

(singing # 465)

*I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.  
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

Invocation & Welcome Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

\*Hymn of Worship (# 56) CWM RHONDDA

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah  
(All children are invited to come forward  
during the last stanza for the Children's Sermon.)*

Children's Sermon Patti Carter

Choral Affirmation Music Ministry  
*It Is Well With My Soul* (John Ness Beck)

\*Hymn of Affirmation (# 54) FAITHFULNESS  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful People  
\*Offertory Prayer Moree Leatherman

\*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Bryce Richard

Musical Affirmation Michael & Patti Carter  
*On Eagle's Wings* (Joncas/Schrader)

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11 Moree Leatherman

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Homily "Focus on God's Promises" Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

\*Hymn of Invitation (# 335) PROMISES  
*Standing on the Promises*

\*Ministry Opportunities / Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

\*Closing Affirmation (# 462) MALOTTE  
*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name....*

\*Music upon Departure Dr. Ray Adams, organ

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**\*All who are able, please stand.**

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### Worship Notes



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