

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. 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. We also have a "Family Room" for those who need time with their children—live stream and changing stations are available! Hearing devices are available for the hearing impaired. Please see an usher for any questions or concerns!

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, May 2, 2021 - Food Sunday

7:45 AM Worship Team Warmup
8:30 AM Celebrations Worship Service
9:15 AM The Gathering - FLC
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:45 AM Music Ministry Warmup
10:30 AM Traditions Worship Service

Monday, May 3, 2021

4:00 PM RSVP for Wednesday Dinner to-go
6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting
6:00 PM Treasure Coast Sports Ministry
Trustees will NOT meet

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

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

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

4:00 PM Wednesday Friends Ministry
5:00 PM FBC dinner
6:00 PM Bible Study

Thursday, May 6, 2021 - National Day of Prayer

7:00 PM Youth Group

Food Pantry

Did you know that when you bring nonperishable food items to church on Food Sunday (first Sunday of each month) or at any other time, you help stock The Food Pantry of IRC? The Food Pantry of Indian River County is here to insure that any resident in our community who needs food is able to receive it. The pantry is located at the north end of our Educational Building, Building B.

Birthday Wishes - May Nonagenarian (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to our nonagenarian member:
Joan Lee (97)

Birthdays this Week:

Jesse Boudet, Justin Mola, Jeanette McDaniel and AJ Lewis.

Office Supplies

The church office is in need of white letter size copy paper. If you would like to donate some paper, please drop it by the office. Thank you.

Attention

Doors on the back side of the sanctuary will be locked after the service begins. If you go out those doors please knock for assistance to come back in.

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News and Notes

G.R.O.W. Team * Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 2:00 PM

If you are interested in connecting with others, please attend this G.R.O.W. Team Meeting. If you have questions, please see Nan Carroll, Vea Smith (Smitty) or contact the church office.

National Day of Prayer * Thursday, May 6, 2021

Let this day remind us to pray for our country and its leaders! The 2021 theme is "Lord, pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, AND LIBERTY". 2 Corinthians 3:17: Now the Lord is the spirit, and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Church Conference * Sunday, May 16, 2021

The church conference will be held after the 10:30 AM service in the sanctuary. Constitution & By-Laws will present a motion for the Missions Committee to move from 6 members to 9 members due to the activities that this committee represents.

These Committees will meet in May.

Monday, May 3 - 6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting (Building C, LSH)
Tuesday, May 11 - 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting (Building C, SSH)
7:15 PM Deacons Meeting (Building C, LSH)
Thursday, May 20 - 5:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting
(Building B, Room 107)

Ascension Sunday * Sunday, May 16, 2021

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ commemorates the Christian belief in the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven.

Pentecost Sunday * Sunday, May 23, 2021

Please wear **RED** and join us as we celebrate the Spirit. The Christian holiday of Pentecost is a moveable feast, which is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

Trinity Sunday * Sunday, May 30, 2021

We will observe the Lord's Supper. Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Western Christian liturgical calendar. Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — three in one.

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.

Children's "Walk and Talk" * at Humiston Park

Children and their parents get together weekly for devotions and fellowship. Email Ms. Kristina for details at childrenministry@fbcvero.org.

Youth Fellowship * Thursdays at 7:00 PM

Middle and High School youth are invited to the gym with Pastor Bryce for a time of fellowship, devotional, and fun. See Pastor Bryce for more details.

Wednesday Friends' Needs

Our Wednesday Friends group needs men's jeans (32/30 & 34/30), AA & C batteries, and small flashlights. Please drop off items at the church office. Thanks in advance for helping those in need - Matthew 7:12.

Risk Takers For Christ * Treasure Coast Sports Ministry * Mondays

TCSM is back on campus on Monday nights at 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center gym.



Notice: Live video stream. You are being recorded.



The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021

Easter Tide Sermon Series:
Our Values

What Difference Does Easter Make?

8:30 AM Celebrations Service

Opening Praise - *That’s Why We Praise Him*

Invocation and Welcome - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia - Genesis 1:26-31

Worship Songs - *10,000 Reasons /Mighty to Save*

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Bryce Richard

A Response - *Let Truth and Mercy Find Here*

Scripture Lesson - Galatians 3:23-29 - Barbara Wight
This is the Word of God for the people of God. / **Thanks be to God!**

Message - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia - “Re-Righting History”

Time of Response - *You Are My King*

Offertory Prayer - Barbara Wight

Benediction - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

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

Today, in God’s Great Story of Redemption known as the Christian Year, is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The church decided long ago that one day was not enough to contain all the joy, celebration, and importance of Easter, so the Season of Easter lasts for fifty days. This festival season begins with Easter Sunday and ends on the Day of Pentecost (Sunday, May 23, 2021). Through joyous proclamation, prayer, righteous living, and worship, we, as Easter people, proclaim that Christ is risen indeed! The color for the Easter season is white.

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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

Opening Sentences Led by Rev. Dr. Michael Carter
Leader: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: **You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise.**

Leader: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place...

People: **Who are we that you are mindful of us?**

Leader: Creator of Heaven and Earth, thank You for creating us and loving us in a way that knows no limits.

People: **We acknowledge You as Lord and praise You for all of creation.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, we welcome You in this time of praise and worship.

People: **Please, Lord, shape us and mold us into the disciples of Jesus Christ that You are calling us to be.**

Leader: O LORD, our Lord,

People: **How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

*Hymn of Praise (# 47) *HYMN TO JOY*
God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Welcome Genesis 1:26-31 Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

An Affirmation
(All Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Sermon while we sing.)
(# 344) Jesus Loves Me / (# 592) Jesus Loves the Little Children

Children’s Sermon Patti Carter

Choral Affirmation *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* Music Ministry
The text is that of hymn 267 (arr. Richard Huggins)

*Song of Affirmation (tune: *The Church’s One Foundation*) *AURELIA*

1) Let truth and mercy find here a joyful meeting place.
And here let peace and justice be joined in warm embrace.
And in this congregation let strangers now be friends,
To do the gospel’s bidding ‘til wars on earth shall end.

2) Let truth’s bright flame be blazing in all the darkest hours,
Confronting schemes of darkness, exposing evil powers.
Let mercy’s gentle manner, so willing to forgive,
Fill warring hearts with longing ‘til in truth’s light we live.

3) So now let peace and justice be never far apart,
But flowing like a river for every thirsty heart.
These two shall be united, a mighty moving stream,
Upon whose banks we gather to work and pray and dream.

Tithes and Offerings of a Grateful People
*Offertory Prayer Barbara Wight

*Doxology (# 253) *OLD 100TH*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Bryce Richard

Musical Response Tom Smith
Because He Lives (William J. Gaither)

Scripture Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29 Barbara Wight
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
“Re-Righting History”

*Hymn of Invitation (# 390) *AUSTRIAN HYMN*
We Are Called to Be God’s People

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Closing Affirmation (# 395)
*God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy pow’r;
Crown Thine ancient church’s story, bring her bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

*Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee!
That we fail not man nor Thee!*

*Music upon Departure Dr. Ray Adams, organ

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Sermon Notes