

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, January 26, 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 Sanctuary Choir Warmup (Choir Room)
10:30 AM Worship Service

Deacon of the Week
Casey Lunceford

Monday, January 27, 2025

6:00 PM Risk Takers for Christ
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM TCC Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

7:30 AM Men's Prayer

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

3:45 PM Clothing Room Opens
5:00 PM Wednesday Friends
5:00 PM Fellowship dinner
5:45 PM Prayer & Bible Study
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 30, 2025

7:00 PM Youth Group

Birthday Wishes - January Nonagenarians (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to our nonagenarian members:
Myrtle Holman - January 7 (93) and Lowell Mowry - January 26 (97)

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. Thank you!

Sanctuary Flowers

The beautiful flowers gracing our sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of my mom, Brenda Asafaylo, for her birthday.

- By Kim Orndorff



"Love Thy Neighbor"

News and Notes

Monthly Scripture Writing Fellowship

If you are a part of our scripture writing for January, we invite you to join us on Saturday, February 1st at 10:00 am at the home of Pastor Joe and Kristina to share together how the scripture spoke to each of us this month. We will have a light breakfast and juice. **Please RSVP to the church office or email Kristina by January 30th.** Not yet a part of the scripture writing group? To get started, please email Kristina LaGuardia at familyminister@fbcvero.org

G.R.O.W. Team Meeting * Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 2:00 PM

G.R.O.W. meets the first Tuesday of each month for about an hour in the Family Life Center (Building C). We reach out to others with a card, letter or phone call. We have cards and stationary for you to use. If you have questions, please contact the church office. (office@fbcvero.org)

Ladies Devotions * Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:30 PM

All ladies are invited to come for our Valentine's Day fellowship. Bring a friend, a snack and a devotion to share. We will have prayer items available for you to take. Ladies devotions will take place in the Large Social Hall in the Family Life Center.

Church Game Night * Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 5:00 PM

We are getting together for a game night! Bring your favorite game and game night snacks! Tea and water will be provided. Come and have a great time with friends!

Welcome Our New Deacons

In 2025, we welcome these new deacons: Dominica Anderson, Tommy Anderson, Alice Bays, Bob Hiller, Casey Lunceford, Cristina McClure, Carla Rumas, Chris Rumas and Paul Schlicht. A commissioning and ordination service will take place on Sunday, February 16, 2025. Deacons rotating off will also be recognized.



One Worship Service & Church Conference * Sunday, February 16, 2025

Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 AM and one Worship Service at 10:30 AM. At 11:45 AM church conference will meet in the sanctuary.

Church Workdays/Youth Car Washes Scheduled for 2025

Our first church workday/youth car wash is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2025. We will have something for everyone to do - both inside and outside. Our history room will also be open each workday for those who wish to help organize our church historical documents. The second church workday/youth car wash will be on Saturday, July 12, 2025. It will be a mostly inside church workday event as it is in the middle of summer. The final church workday/youth car wash for the year will take place on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Once again, there will be inside and outside things for us to do on the church campus. Come and fellowship with us as we care for our church campus. Lunch will be provided on each workday. Mark these dates on your calendar! **"Many hands make light work!"**

February Committee Meetings:

Monday, February 3, 2025

6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

6:00 PM Church Council Meeting

7:15 PM Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

6:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting - Conference Room 107

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

4:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting - Executive Library

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The Worship of God

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Worship Service at 8:30 AM

Opening Praise - *Come People of the Risen King*

Prayer & Welcome - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Songs - *That's What We Came Here For / Trading My Sorrows*

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

A Response - *Lord, Be Glorified*

Scripture Lesson - Luke 4:14-21 (NT p. 47) - Casey Lunceford

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

Message - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia - "A Mission of Jubilee"

Time of Response - *Change My Heart, O God*

Offertory Prayer - Casey Lunceford / **Offertory** - Dr. Ray Adams

Benediction - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

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

The Christian Calendar proclaims God's story of redemption throughout the year. Today is the Third Sunday after the Epiphany in the Christian Year. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world. In the Season after Epiphany we continue that emphasis, calling attention to how the church presents Christ to the world. The color for this Sunday is green, which is symbolic of the growth of Christ's renown.



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, Lance Lunceford, Richie Mola,
Hunter Scoville, and Billy Smith

Technical Support Team:

Jim Aldendorf, Roger Butler, Hayden LaGuardia,
Philip Smith, and Stephen Smith

First Baptist Church Preschool

René LaRosa and Leeanne Parrish

Nursery Workers

Kim Piscitelli, Zoe Gordon, and Shyanna Nowell

Worship Service at 10:30 AM

As we gather today, let us consider how we can personally embody the message of Jesus, bringing hope and healing to those around us.

Music Upon Gathering Dr. Ray Adams, organ

Call to Worship ST. THOMAS

Rise Up, O Church of God!! Have done with lesser things;

Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.

Break out, O Church of God, break thro' the wall of pride.

The love and justice of our God must not be locked inside.

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;

As children of the Lord our God, rise up, O Church of God

Invocation & Welcome Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Opening Sentences

Leader: Come, let us gather in the presence of the Lord, for the Spirit of the Lord is upon us.

People: Let us proclaim good news to the poor, release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind.

Leader: Today, we are called to be instruments of God's grace, to bring freedom and healing to a world in need.

People: Let us open our hearts to receive this message of hope and commit ourselves to living as living testaments to the power of the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus Christ.

*Hymn of Worship (# 83) FESTAL SONG

Arise, Your Light Has Come

Choral Affirmation Sanctuary Choir

Reading: *The Work of Christmas* by Howard Thurman

When the Angels Song is Silent (John Carter)

*Hymn of Affirmation (# 611) WYE VALLEY (ABRIDGED)

Let Your Heart Be Broken

Tithes and Offering of a Grateful People

*Offertory Prayer Casey Lunceford

Offertory Dr. Ray Adams

*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Children's Sermon Patti Carter

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Musical Affirmation (# 277, stanzas 1 & 4)

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,
at the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal Throne,
it shall be Thy royal throne.*

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Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

"A Mission of Jubilee"

*Hymn of Response (# 569) SCHULER

Make Me a Blessing

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Closing Affirmation (# 462) MALOTTE

Our Father, which art in heaven...

*Music upon Departure Dr. Ray Adams, organ

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*All who are able, please stand.

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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.