



First Baptist Church

Discover the Love of Christ

Frostproof, Florida

April 2024

Dear Church,

What a great time as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. What hope and encouragement it gives to us who know Christ, knowing that because He lives, we too will be raised one day and we will rule and reign forever with Him. Our God rules and reigns no matter what the current state of affairs looks like in the world. At times it may seem that everything is out of control but God still has a plan. We pray and trust Him because He is our source of power and security and our God lives! We can celebrate Him every day.

For me, one of the priorities that should never change is Bible study ministries- small groups. We call them LIFE groups, because we are doing life together. I still sometimes say "Sunday School". In our LIFE groups, the "L" stands for learning and applying the Bible, "I" for involvement in the lives of others, the "F" stands for fellowship, and the "E" stands for evangelism and outreach. It is more than a Sunday morning Bible study. It is a 24/7/365 network of care, communication and outreach that assembles on Sunday morning for Bible study. It's all about connecting to God and connecting to others. Small group Bible study is a primary "Step 2" strategy for assimilating and discipling people. (Step 1 being worship attendance).

Keep these things in mind:

1. Since we have dedicated space for small groups, we can use it to continue to have Bible study for all age groups, to start new groups and reach people.
2. People need relationships. People can know others and be known. That's "community". That's why we emphasize grouping people together by similar ages or interests.
3. The strategy of Sunday School (LIFE Groups) is Biblical. It is a way to express obedience to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). We are teaching others, reaching, and influencing the next generation.

We always enjoy having our winter guests visit with us when they are here. They will soon be departing for their other home and we will miss them. Let's pray for them.

In His love,

Bro. Darrol

The fear
of the LORD
is the beginning
of wisdom;



all those
who practice it
have a good
understanding.

Psalms 111:10, ESV

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Seven Reasons to Praise the Lord

The Bible commands it.

As the Psalmist says, “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord” (Psalm 150:6).

Praise facilitates access to God

Therefore, “Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise” (Psalm 100:4).

Praise is where God lives.

His presence is especially intense in an atmosphere of praise. The Bible says God is “Enthroned upon the praises of Israel” (Psalm 22:3).

Praise promotes productivity.

According to the Word, the earth yields its produce in the presence of praise (Psalm 17:5-6).

Praise chases away despair.

There’s no better way to beat the blues than to change our focus from self to God. Such a shift produces “the oil of gladness instead of mourning” (Isaiah 61:3).

Praise is an effective weapon against the devil.

Satan, once the good angel Lucifer and God’s worship leader (Isaiah 14), was kicked out of heaven and doomed to destruction due to his desire to be like God. He has hated praise ever since because of its reminder of what he gave up and can’t regain.

God is worthy of it.

God alone deserves our heartfelt worship and supreme allegiance.

Two missionaries traveled to southern Mexico to work among the Chol Indians. Among other ministries, they labored 25 years to translate the New Testament into the local language. Today, more than 12,000 make up the Chol Christian Community. What’s most amazing, however, is that even though the locals didn’t know how to sing when the missionaries arrived, they’ve since become known as “the singers.” “They love to sing now,” said George Sweeting in *Psalms of the Heart*, “because now they have something to sing about.”

As believers, we not only have something to sing about, but Someone to praise! So, whether it’s privately or corporately, musically, verbally, or otherwise, let the praises begin.

By Pastor Todd Gaddis, writer and author, served as a pastor for 30 years.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Grief Share A-Wing Rom 3, 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 6:45 pm Fellowship Hall	2	3 Team Kid, Student Refuge & Bible Study 6:30 pm	4	5	6
7 Deacon serving: Larry Blackwelder	8 Grief Share A-Wing Rom 3, 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 6:45 pm Fellowship Hall	9 WMU Mtg. 9 am Fellowship Hall	10 Team Kid, Student Refuge & Bible Study 6:30 pm	11	12	13
14 Deacon serving: Larry Ogburn	15 Grief Share A- Wing Rom.3, 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 6:45 pm Fellowship Hall	16	17 Team Kid, Student Refuge & Bible Study 6:30 pm	18	19 Men's Ministry Mtg. 6 pm Fellowship Hall	20
21 Deacon serving: Dale Williams	22 Grief Share A- Wing Rom 3, 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 6:45 pm Fellowship Hall	23	24 Lifeline Screening 8:30 am Fellowship Hall - Team Kid, Student Refuge & Bible Study 6:30 pm	25	26	27 Joy Class Fellowship 4 pm Smith Bldg.
28 Deacon serving: Joel Campos	29 Grief Share A- Wing Rm 3, 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 6:45 pm Fellowship	30				

Visit our Church Library, we are open on Sundays 12:00-12:15 pm



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| 1 Brian Blanchard | 13 Marjorie Fann |
| 2 Leslie Roberts | 14 Dottie Castillo, |
| 3 Austin Meeks | Marcia Gordon |
| 5 Ed Butler | 16 Charles Marshall |
| 6 Hunter Brantley | 20 Ernie Wasdin |
| 7 Mary Frances | 23 Karen Pelton |
| Blackwelder, | 24 Danny Woolman |
| Cheryl Hadden, | 26 Wayne Beasley |
| Tim Hood | 30 Kevin Wilson |
| 9 Caroline Greenway | |

For God so loved
the world, He
gave His only
Son that who
ever believes
in Him, shall not
perish, but have
Everlasting LIFE!
John 3:16 ESV

...the **free**
gift of God
is **eternal life**
in **Christ Jesus**
our **LORD.**
Romans 6:23



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Connecting with God!
Connecting with Others!

First Baptist Church Ministry

Vision For FBC: God desires us to be a church that impacts our community with the Gospel.

Mission For FBC: Making disciples, leading believers to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

Strategy For FBC:

- **Connect** with God through worship and with others through relationships.
- **Grow** spiritually and numerically through small group Bible study.
- **Serve** others by joining a team engaged in ministry.

Service Schedules

Sunday

Life Group Classes 9:45am
Celebration Worship Service 11:00 am

Wednesday

Student Refuge 6:30pm
Team Kid 6:30 pm
Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm



Life Line Screening will be here at First Baptist Church of Frostproof on April 24, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical.

The five screenings offered are Carotid Artery, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Atrial Fibrillation (AFib), and Osteoporosis.

All five screenings are \$149.00. Please register for these potentially life-saving tests today by calling toll free (844) 558-0955.



Dear Church,

Savanna and I would like to thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Thanks for allowing us the use of the church and the food, and preparations. With the church's assistance, it definitely made it easier to plan.

Love in Christ,
Alan and Savanna