Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

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March 7, 2021

SUNDAY CLASSES AVAILABLE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL

3-5 years old
Preschool Building

ELEMENTARY:

K-5 - 2nd Room 105 (9:30) 3rd - 5th Room 106 (9:30) K5 - 5th Room 406 (10:30)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6th-8th

Sunday Morning 9:30am

Room 423

Wednesday Night 7:00pm

Room 423

TEENS "THE EDGE"

Grades 9th-12th

Sunday Morning 9:30 am

Wednesday Night 7:00pm

Room 406

JAIA

Special Needs Class 12 - adults Room 108 Sunday & Wednesday

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

What Lies Ahead

Mr. Sandy Whetherholt Room 407 - (Navigators)

Letting Go of Our Burdens

Mrs. Barbara Granger Room 103 (Ladies Class)

When God Speaks

Rev. Jim Farr Room 203

Hebrews

Dr. Jerry Crabb Cafeteria (Men's Class)

Heroes of Hebrews

Rev. Mike Melone Room 107(Young Adults)

Listen Online | Past sermons are available at www.fbcruskin.org/media

MINISTRY STAFF

Dr. Barry V. RumseySenior PastorRev. Jim FarrAssistant PastorDr. Jerry CrabbVisitation PastorVicki RumseyChildren's Ministry

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OUR MISSION Many of today's churches always seem to be following the current trends. At First Baptist Church of Ruskin, we believe that God wants us to present ageless truth, not the latest trends. We don't want to be old -fashioned but rather we want to present the ageless story of God's love and grace to us through His son, Jesus Christ. We are so glad you have joined us today as we study God's precious Word.

SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 am - Men's Prayer Meeting

9:30 am - Bible Classes

10:30 am - Worship

5:00 pm - Worship

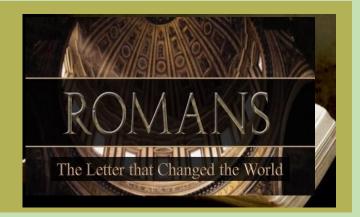
Wednesday - 7 PM

Adult Bible Study

Teen Bible Studies

Awana (Sept-May)

Kid's Quest (May-Aug)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MARCH 14TH | Remember daylight savings time begins on this date. Be sure to "leap forward" so you won't be late for church!

MARCH 17TH | There will be **no** AWANA because our county schools will be closed for Spring Break.

MARCH 31ST | This is Crazy Glasses night in Awana. Every clubber wearing those wacky glasses will get a special treat! **MARCH 28TH** | Immediately following the morning service, we are having an **old-fashioned dinner** on the grounds. After the meal, we will go back to the auditorium for **an old-time gospel sing!!!**

The church will furnish fried chicken and all the drinks, but we will need everyone to bring their favorite vegetables, casseroles, salads or desserts. There will be **NO EVENING SERVICE**.

INISTRY

ATTENTION LADIES... ONLY!!!

Because we are having so much fun at our monthly pot luck dinners, we are planning another one! On Friday, **April 16**th **at 6 PM**, we will be meeting in the cafeteria. As usual, the church will provide the meat and drinks, and the ladies will bring the salads, casseroles, and all those incredibly delicious desserts. After our meal, we will adjourn to the auditorium for a fashion show in which the "latest spring fashions" will be featured by our own ladies. You don't want to miss this one!



Mrs. Martha Cobb, a familiar face at FBC for many years, is now in Cypress Creek Assisted Living under hospice care. Only 1 family member is allowed to visit on Tuesday and Thursday, but she would love to get cards assuring her that she is in our prayers. Send cards to Cypress Creek Assisted Living, 970 Cypress Village, Ruskin, FL. 33570.

Prayer Request



March 7th, 2021 PRAYER REQUESTS

REBECCA WELSH-JAQUES (non-member) This is Ron and Donna Welsh's daughter who had gallbladder and hernia surgery this past week. During the surgery, the doctors discovered cysts in her kidneys and nodules on her lungs. She is recuperating at her parents' home, but in two weeks she will have an MRI so the doctors can set a treatment course for the other problems. She is currently is a great deal of pain and really needs our prayers.

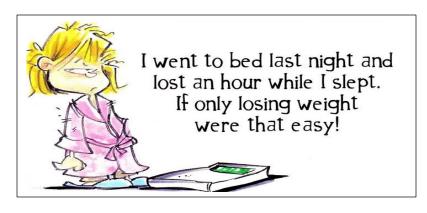
JIM SHORT – (member) Jim had back surgery on February 17th and is now in Rehab at Plaza West. Pray for relief from pain.

LES TAYLOR —(member) Les, who is a church office staff member, is having some medical issues. He is waiting to have surgery as soon as possible. Pray for an early date for surgery and a successful procedure and recovery.

MICHAEL SEARS- (non-member) Michael has been attending our JAIA Class for several years now. After having several seizures last Monday night, he was admitted to South Bay Hospital where he was also diagnosed with COVID. Keep Michael in your prayers.

PAUL HARGET- (member) Paul is the son of Susan Harget and the late Ken Harget. He is in St. Joseph South with a serious bladder infection and other medical issues. Pray for Paul and his mother because these are difficult times for her as well.

MARTHA COBB- (member) Martha has been moved to Cypress Creek Assisted Living under hospice care. She has congestive heart failure and needs our prayers for strength and encouragement.



Members with Health Concerns

Sarah Ackley Barbara Mackay
Jim & Betty Ballard Marvin Miller
Ettie Buzbee Larry & Linda Mostello
Jewel Buzbee Al & Peggie Myers

Cheryl & Dave Emules
Verda Foster
Jim Short
Jack Gass
Dick Stitzel
Dreama Hager
Debbie Haynes
Dave Emules
Allen Scheffler
Jim Short
Don Vaughan
Bernie Vittor

Helen Holstein John & Dora Weaver

Al Longheinrich Phil Wilson

Members Battling Cancer

Wilma Armstrong Myah Lane Kathryn Dean Leona Miller

SERVING THE USA

Zane & Amber Kennedy David Beasley Josh Rumsey Michael Lipford **Bob Bryant Jonathan Andy Meyrahn** CJ Cartwriaht Schweinshaupt **Charles Clerc Christ Oliver** Joshua Smith Jen DuBois **Audrey Penny Nathan Thomas Zachary Kennedy Nicklos Roscoe Amanda Unruh Riley Kennedy** Remiah Reza Mike Williams Shawn Kennedy Andrew Richardson

*FBC members in

We are changing the format for this page. Each week we will feature new additions or vital updates of our members or non-members with more specific information about the prayer request. Non-member prayer requests will then be moved to a newly formatted "PRAYER WARRIORS" sheet available in the foyer. Please remember to keep the office informed of any changes to your requests.

OUR MISSIONARIES TO SOUTH AFRICA

Our Plans...God's Plans...His Sweetness!

Our plan was to finish with our visa paperwork, enjoy Christmas with the family, and return to South Africa on January 16th.



God's plan was for Hope to test positive for COVID two days before our booked return and for me to test positive the following week. Three weeks in quarantine wasn't so bad. Good thing I love my wife!

God's plan was for our return to be additionally blocked by COVID variants, travel bans and nationwide lockdowns.

God's plan has been sweet! I was able to participate in our son's doctrinal examination and then preach his ordination message in early January. We've rested and been loved on by others, but also kept busy and grew a new ministry. The best is yet to come because in a few weeks we will be here, in person, to welcome our first grandchild into the family. Don't you love it when a plan... HIS PLAN...comes together. Thank you, Lord!

For now, our plan to return is to reassess in April. Until then, we will continue our weekly ministries remotely, serve our supporting churches locally, meet with pastors and donors, pray and plan for future ministry, take care of ourselves spiritually and physically, and love on our kids and our soon-to-arrive grandson.

In all honesty, we are grateful **God's plan** superseded our plan. He knew we needed time to refresh our souls, to seek counsel, to grow, to laugh, and to rest IN and ON Him. On a deeply personal level, we vulnerably confess that Hope and I returned to the USA heavy-hearted, emotionally depleted, doubting ourselves and battling a great deal of discouragement...but **God!**

Weary as we were and with no announcement of our condition, we returned to a church-provided Mission house fully decorated for Christmas with gifts stacked on a table and countless meals. Our Mission administrator and his wife flew down to listen and guide our hearts for 2 days. We didn't publicly share our struggles...BUT God knew ... and God provided.

Please pray for the country and calling we love! Pray for wisdom and clarity in regards to the timing to return. We are honored and humbled to serve.

JIM AND HOPE SMITH