

## SUNDAY CLASSES AVAILABLE

February 18, 2024

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Destinies of Men  
Mr. Sandy Whetherholt  
Room 407 (Navigators)

Owning a Faith That Matters  
Mr. Phil Green & Mr. Wayne Voltz  
Room 203

The Attributes of God  
Mrs. Barbara Grainger  
Room 103

The Life of David  
Rev. Mike Melone  
Room 109 (Family Builders)

One<sup>3</sup>  
Rev. Jim Farr  
Room 107 (Couples)

College and Career  
Josh & Lora Irish  
Room 108 (Ages 18-24)

Nursery & Preschool  
9:30 am & 10:30 am  
Preschool Building

Dig In  
K5 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
9:30 am – Room 106

Dig Deeper  
4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
9:30 am – Room 107

Jr. Worship  
K5- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
10:30 am - Room 406

TEENS "THE EDGE"  
Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 am - Room 406

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL AGE- Preschool building

AWANA Clubs (K-5 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

L.I.F.T. (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Room 423

"THE EDGE" (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12) Room 406

### MINISTRY STAFF

Dr. Barry V. Rumsey | Senior Pastor      Rev. Jim Farr | Assistant Pastor  
Vicki Rumsey | Children's Ministry      Bro. Josh Cortez | Youth Pastor  
Robert O'Neill | Music Director      Rev. Mike Melone | RCS Administrator

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# WELCOME

We are happy to see you!

#### Church Office Hours:

MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM

FRIDAY 9:00AM-1:00PM

☐ I would like more information  
about the church.

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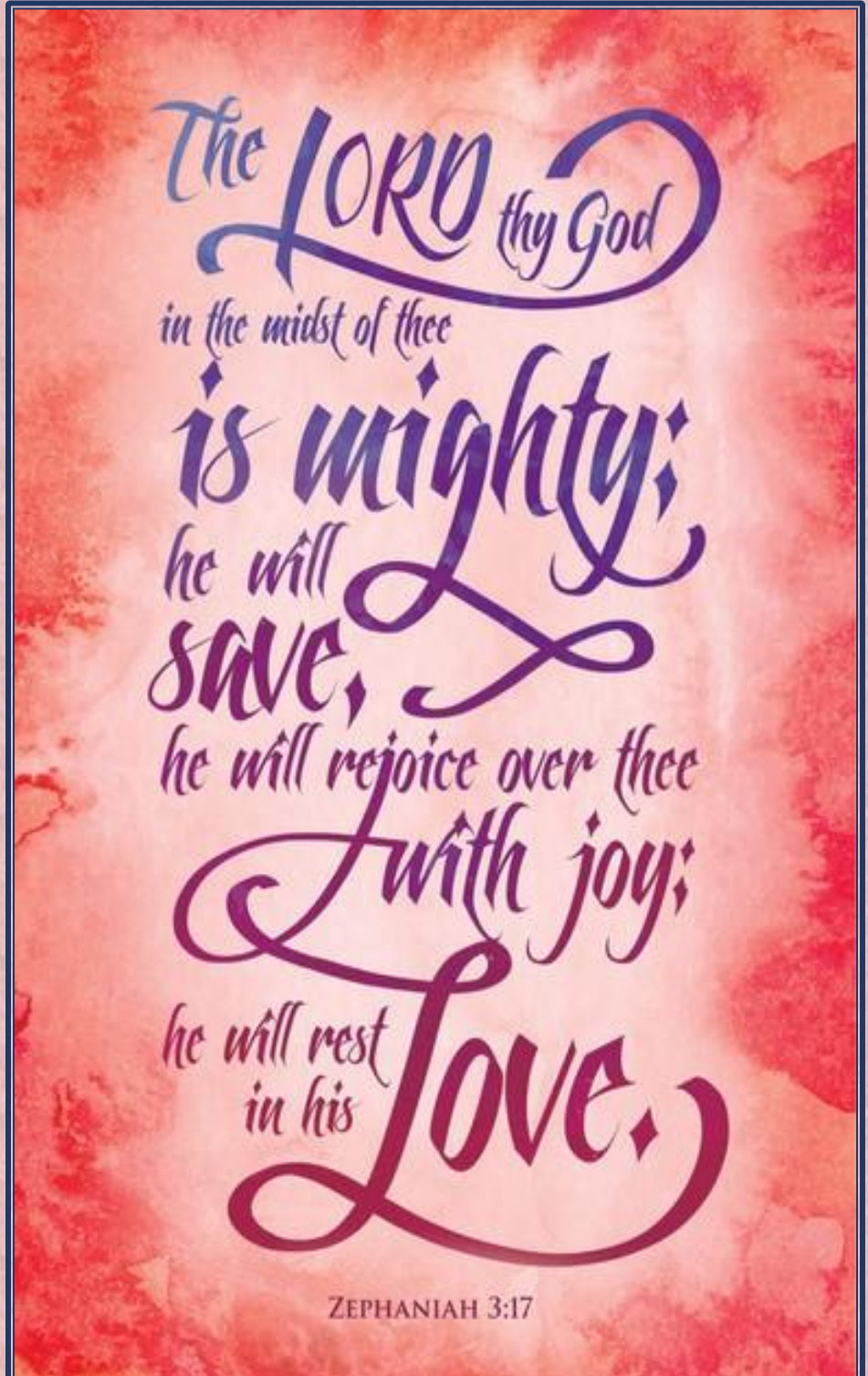
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**OUR MISSION|** Many of today's churches always seem to be following the current trends. At First Baptist Church of Ruskin, we believe that God wants us to present ageless truth, not the latest trends. We don't want to be old -fashioned but rather 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.

# SERVICE 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)

**\*Nursery Provided for ALL Services\***



# OOPS...TALK ABOUT A BIG MISTAKE...WOW!

**For several weeks we have advertised our annual Baked Potato Fundraiser will be on Sunday evening, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Then last week we had a slide on the big screens stating the Baked Potato Fundraiser was going to be on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Not only did we get the wrong date, but we even got the wrong month!!! The Baked Potato Fundraiser for our kids' camps is after the evening service**

# FEBRUARY 25th

**Tomorrow the offices of First Baptist Church and Ruskin Christian School will be closed. The Pastor said we could have the day off because it's President Day! Thank you, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln! 😊**

**Our speaker on Sunday evening, February 25<sup>th</sup>, will be Missionary Zack Smith who is going to American Samoa. Don't miss this opportunity to encourage missionaries with your presence!**

# AWESOME KIDS' BIBLE STUDY

**On Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> in room 107 starting at 10:30 AM, Mrs. Grace Way will begin a four-week Bible Study entitled, “I’m a Christian Now.” This course is for children who have already accepted Jesus as their Savior but who need more understanding about baptism, the Lord’s Supper, prayer, telling others about Jesus, giving, etc. There will be sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center, or you can call or text Miss Vicki at 813-393-8092. You can also email her @ [vrumsey597@gmail.com](mailto:vrumsey597@gmail.com).**

## CHANGE FOR CHANGE and KIDS WITH CANS

**Beginning March 27<sup>th</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup>, our AWANA clubs will be raising money for two AWANA clubs in England who need supplies. Our clubbers will be asking their friends and family to help them in giving funds for much-needed items for these clubs. On Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> our FBC kids will become “KIDS WITH CANS” as they will be asking you to donate your change to make a change for England’s clubs. Please start saving your nickels and dimes. Note: Dollar bills will also be welcome 😊.**

## Prayer Request



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PRAYER REQUESTS

**BETTY BALLARD-** (member) Betty is in Sun Terrace Rehab Room 108. She is improving, but she will continue to be in rehab for several more weeks. Pray she will regain her strength rapidly.

**JIM BALLARD-** (member) Jim recently had kidney testing, and his numbers were down. Pray this situation will stabilize so that he will not have to start dialysis.

**NANCY DURYEA-** (member) Nancy’s beloved husband Bob met his Savior on Friday night, February 9<sup>th</sup>. He was 94 years young. For many years he had experienced horrible headaches, but NOW he has no pain!!! Graveside services will be at the Sarasota National Cemetery on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 PM. Continue to pray for Nancy during this very difficult time.

**DREAMA HAGER-** (member) This precious lady was at church last Sunday, but on Tuesday she was admitted to South Shore Hospital suffering from hallucinations and low oxygen levels. Pray for God to strengthen her breathing and give her relief of pain. Continue to pray for her caregiver, her husband Martin.

Jesus came the first time to die; He is coming again to raise the dead. When He came the first time, they questioned whether He was King; the next time the world will know that He is King of kings and Lord of lords. The first time He wore a crown of thorns; the next time He will be wearing a crown of glory. The first time He came in poverty; the next time He is coming in power. The first time He had an escort of angels; the next time He will come with ten thousands of His saints. The first time He came in meekness; He is coming again in majesty.

Members with Health Concerns

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Jim & Betty Ballard    | Shirley Ruthven    |
| Sharon Davis           | Allen Scheffler    |
| Dreama Hager           | Jim & Amella Short |
| Paul Harget            | Jerry & Jane Smith |
| Helen Holstein         | Les Taylor         |
| Gail Letzring          | Betty Wears        |
| Larry & Linda Mostello | Ron & Donna Welsh  |

Members Battling Cancer

- Terry Horton   Tim Way   Ron Welsh   David Zurlinden

SERVING THE USA

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Bob Bryant             | Michael Lipford        | Maggie Russell   |
| <i>C.J. Cartwright</i> | Andy Meyrahn           | Jonathan         |
| Charles Clerc          | Christ Oliver          | Schweinshaupt    |
| Jen DuBois             | Audrey Penny           | Nathan Thomas    |
| Elijah Gulotta         | Remiah Reza            | Wesley Tucker    |
| Zachary Kennedy        | Andrew                 | Amanda Unruh     |
| Riley Kennedy          | Richardson             | Mike Williams    |
| Amber Kennedy          | <i>Josh Rumsey</i>     | <i>Levi Wynn</i> |
| Max Lipford            | <i>Garrett Rushing</i> |                  |

\*FBC Members are in blue italics.

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NEVER ACCEPT FOR SIN IS AN  
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OUR MISSIONARY JASON CHRISTIANSEN

Dear Friends,

As you probably know, my precious wife Kate was peacefully taken to Heaven on Friday morning, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, in her sleep at home while surrounded by her family. My pastor, Mark Campbell, highly recommended I attend the Grief Share sessions each week at our church before returning to the mission field. My last Grief Share class will be at the end of April.

I am preparing to work with Berhanu Yoseph, an Ethiopian missionary supported by your church and Baptist International Outreach Missions. Berhanu’s ministry is constructing a large training facility to train Christians from all over East Africa including missionaries, pastors, and preachers. The dedication for this new training center will be July 28<sup>th</sup> of this year. My pastor and I, along with members of our church, are making plans to attend this ceremony. Berhanu wants me to help him train these Christians at this new facility. East African Baptist Mission (EABM) is a 20-year-old church planting ministry among unreached groups in greater East Africa, and I would like to join him in this work.

Thank you for your support as I am traveling through this most difficult valley of my life. I knew Kate for 27 years (I’m 49), and we were married 26 years. Her passing destroyed my world, and I’m trying to pick up the pieces. She was a big part of my identity as a husband and person. I tried not to take her for granted, but now that she is gone I have a greater appreciation for what she did to help me. It is like I survived the amputation of my right arm, and I am in stable condition, and I am learning how to function without it except it is more difficult than that. We had a oneness in marriage for which I am very thankful. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Because Billions Have Never Heard,  
-Jason Christiansen-