Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

We

are

happy to see you!

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL <u>The Destinies of Men</u> Mr. Sandy Whetherholt Room 407 (Navigators)	Nursery & Preschool 9:30 am & 10:30 am Preschool Building	
<u>It's All About Jesus</u> Mr.Phil Green & Mr.Wayne Voltz Room 203	Dig In K5 - 3 rd Grade 9:30 am – Room 106	
<u>The Three Marys of Easter</u> Mrs. Barbara Grainger Room 103 <u>The Life of David</u> Rev. Mike Melone	Dig Deeper 4 th – 6 th Grade 9:30 am – Room 107	
Room 109 (Family Builders) <u>One³</u> Rev. Jim Farr Room 107 (Couples)	Jr. Worship K5- 6 th Grade 10:30 am - Room 406	
<u>College and Career</u> Josh & Lora Irish/ Caleb & Lauren Jones Room 108 (Ages 18-24)	TEENS "THE EDGE" Grades 7th-12th 9:30 am - Room 406	
WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILD NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL AGE- AWANA Clubs (K-5 thru L.I.F.T. (6 th -8 th grade) F "THE EDGE" (Grades 9 th -1	Preschool building J 5 th grade) Room 423	

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Robert O'Neill Music Director Rev. Mike Melone RCS Administrator

Jesus said... "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in

LUKE 23:43

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.

Prayer Request

Sunday

SERVICE

SCHEDULE

Wednesday - 7 PM

7:30 am - Men's Prayer Meeting
9:30 am - Bible Classes
10:30 am - Worship
5:00 pm - Worship

Adult Bible Study Teen Bible Studies Awana (Sept-May) Kid's Quest (May-Aug)

Nursery Provided for ALL Services

"THE FORK" HAS BEEN MOVED

What on earth does that mean??? Well, it is not moving it from the left side of the plate to the right. "The Fork" is the theme for our next Ladies Dinner where the ladies bring things like salads, vegetables or dessert, and the church provides the meat, bread, and drinks. This dinner was originally scheduled for Friday, March 29th at 6 PM. However...this is the Friday before Easter, and some folks are going out of town for the holiday weekend. Therefore, we have moved "The Fork" to Thursday night, March 28th at 6 PM.

Wednesday night, March 27th in Grandparents Night in AWANA. If you have grandchildren in AWANA, plan on visiting them in their clubs and support their learning more about the Lord and His precious Word.

Sunday, March 31st is Easter Sunday. We will have our morning services as usual, but so our folks can visit with family on this special day, there will be NO EVENING SERVICE.

WE NEED A NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY! HOWEVER...

JACOB

FATHER OF A

NATION

SUNDAYS 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM

We need volunteers to make this happen! We need volunteers to make phone calls before each day's photo shoot to remind everyone of their appointment. Then we need volunteers to greet our people as they arrive and check their information sheet to make sure it has been thoroughly completed and is correct. Then we need volunteers to call people to schedule their appointment to view their pictures when they are ready. If we as a church want to put faces and names together, especially those of all our wonderful new people (remember our current directory is several years old), then we as a church need to work together as a team to make this happen.

Because of inflation, there is a charge of \$20 per family for a directory. HOWEVER...the church is willing to pay that cost because this is such a wonderful resource in connecting with your FBC family. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer for anyone who will donate a little time to this project. If we all work together, everyone will get a free 8 x 10 photo and a directory!



March 17th, 2024 PRAYER REQUESTS

HELEN HOLSTEIN-(member) Helen had full mouth dental extraction surgery this past week and needs our prayers for pain relief and gum recovery. Her daughter Susan is currently staying with her. Keep them in your prayers.

LARRY CRABTREE- (member) Larry is still recovering from his hospitalization from pneumonia and Covid which also affected his kidneys. Pray for his strength to return and his kidney numbers to improve.

BETTY BALLARD- (member) Betty is now home from Sun Terrace Rehab and doing much better. However, her husband Jim has not been feeling well and was not able to attend church Sunday. Keep these two in your prayers.

RENEE GREEN-(member) Renee is having injections in her thumb and wrists on both her hands for severe pain and inflammation. Pray these injections work, and no further surgery is required.

DAVID BLOCK- (member) David must have an annual treatment for his heart problem that requires a unique piece of equipment. It is time for that treatment, but the doctor who had been providing it no longer has that equipment. Pray God will help them find an institution where he can receive those EECP treatments.

DREAMA HAGER- (member) Dreama is back in the hospital with more complications from her COPD. Pray treatments will be effective quickly for this dear saint.

JERRY SMITH – Jerry and his wife Jane, once snowbirds, have moved here permanently, but Jerry is not doing well. Pray for this dear couple.

ED PRATT- (member) Ed is scheduled to have a full knee replacement on Monday. Pray the surgery is successful, and his recovery is uneventful.

Members with Health Concerns

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

Members Battling Cancer

Terry Horton Tim Way Ron Welsh David Zurlinden Ken Thompson

SERVING THE USA

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

*FBC Members are in blue italics.

Nature forms us; Sin deforms us; School informs us; Prison reforms us; but only God transforms us!



The U.S. military has taken action to enhance security at the U.S. Embassy in Haiti and facilitate the departure of nonessential personnel. Specifically, they have flown forces to the embassy compound, using helicopters for this purpose. The decision to reinforce security and allow nonessential staff to leave comes in response to the escalating gang attacks in the capital, Port-au-Prince, where the neighborhood around the embassy is largely controlled by gangs.

First Baptist received the following email from our missionary in Haiti, Benji Dryden:

"I arrived in Haiti on January 25th to assist the graduation ceremony of 34 students from Grace Baptist Bible Institute. I also preached the Stewardship Conference of Desfoulins Independent Baptist Church. Much preaching, teaching, and visits were made to help the church continue to serve God as He sees fit. I was to head back to the States on March 5th but have yet been able to leave the country. I am no longer at our home in Port-de-Prince, but I am safe and well.

We are asking you to help us pray that I will be able to leave by plane this week. Again I want to assure you that I am currently safe; I am just not able to get out of the country. I was blessed already this morning through following a Haitian service online, and I look forward to a blessed day in the Lord."

> May God's richest blessing be upon you all, Benji Dryden