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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.

### SERVICES

### **SUNDAY**

**MEN'S PRAYER MEETING - 7:30 AM** 

BIBLE CLASSES - 9:30 AM

WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

WORSHIP - 5:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** 

**TEEN BIBLE STUDY** 

AWANA (SEPT-MAY)

**KID'S QUEST (MAY-AUG)** 

STAFF

DR. BARRY RUMSEY | SENIOR PASTOR

REV. JIM FARR | ASSISTANT PASTOR

MRS. VICKI RUMSEY | CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BRO. JOSH CORTEZ | YOUTH DIRECTOR

REV. MIKE MELONE | RCS ADMINISTRATOR

MR. ROBERT O'NEILL | MUSIC DIRECTOR

RES

MRS. JENNIFER DESANTO | ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

MRS. LISA HEERDT  $\mid$  Pre-school supervisor

**First Baptist Church of Ruskin** 

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# Celebrating 35 Years of Faithful Service



Reverend Jim Farr

### **SUNDAY CLASSES AVAILABLE**

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#### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

In the Beginning---Mr. Sandy Whetherholt Room 407 (Navigators)

More than a Sidekick:Serving
Alongside Others

At Phil Green & Mr. Wayne Volt

Mr.Phil Green & Mr.Wayne Voltz Room 203

A Love Worth Giving

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

Caleb & Lauren Jones
Room 108 (Ages 18-24)

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

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

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

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

Children's Ministry
Preschool 3-5 years old
Preschool building
Elementary
K-5 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Room 105 (9:30
&10:30)
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Room 106 (9:30)

## AWANA REGISTRATION WEDNESDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>

On this coming Wednesday night from 7-8:00 PM, we will be having AWANA registration. We have AWANA clubs for ages 2 through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Grades 6-12 will register for the teen club called GROW. This is also the night for special needs kids of all ages to sign up for our J.A.I.A. class. We are so excited about all the plans for this coming year! All the different clubs start this year on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM so register this week for the 2024-25 year!

# BRO. JIM FARR 35 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

Pastor Farr accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of six in his hometown of Miami, FL. During his teenage years, he was actively involved in various ministries within his local church. In his senior year of high school, Jim answered God's call to full-time service, and upon graduation from high school, he went on to study at Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri where he met his precious wife, Debbie. They were married in 1979.

Bro. Farr later transferred to the Baptist University of America in Atlanta where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Youth and Church Ministries in 1983, followed by a Master of Ministry and Theology in 2015.

After serving in churches in Georgia, Missouri, and Florida, Bro. Farr joined the staff of First Baptist Church of Ruskin in August 1989. In addition to his pastoral duties, Jim's other duties at First Baptist currently include heading an active Mature Adult Ministry called the Sonshiners, teaching a Sunday School class for families, and overseeing the Multimedia ministry.

Bro. Farr's ministries are not limited to his church as he is involved in many areas of the community as well. For over 20 years, Jim has been serving as a chaplain for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and is a Senior Level member of the International Conference of Police Chaplains and a charter member with Chaplaincy Care. Jim is also actively involved in advisory boards for various organizations such as the Hillsborough County Mediation Center and the Trevor Howard Ministries.

Jim and his wife Debbie reside in Apollo Beach, FL. Bro. Jim Farr is dedicated to serving the Lord and eagerly anticipates what God has planned for him in the future.

There will be NO EVENING SERVICE TONIGHT because we are having a dinner at 5 PM in the gym in honor of Bro. Farr. EVERYONE IS INVITED!

The church is providing the meal and drinks. There will be a KIDS TABLE filled with their favorite foods and drinks as well!

## **Prayer Requests**

Submitted By:



## August 18th, 2024 PRAYER REQUESTS

IRELAND ZACHARA- This precious ten-year-old Ruskin Christian School student has been in St. Joseph South Hospital this past week with pneumonia. Please pray her medications will be effective so little Ireland can be back at school and church ASAP!

JIM BALLARD- (member) Jim was released from the hospital and resumed his radiation therapy on Monday. Pray he stays hydrated and has relief of his pain.

MARY LOU LEWIS- This is Ann Wilson's friend who had surgery last Monday. She had her esophagus removed and her stomach lifted. Pray for recovery. She loves the Lord, and He has given her peace in the midst of this.

TERRY HORTON- (member) Terry had successful surgery last week for nodules on his vocal cords. He is doing well and starts a new trial cancer drug program this week at Moffitt. Pray this program is effective and there are no side effects.

DR. FRED TAYLOR- This is Doris Buzbee's son-in-law who was diagnosed with a very unusual form of dementia several years ago. He is now in hospice, and he and his wife Kay need our prayers.

### **DESSERT ALERT!!!**

Tonight at 5 PM we will be having dinner in the gym to celebrate Bro. Jim Farr's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary here at First Baptist Church. We will have sandwiches, chips, drinks, and dessert. We will also have a carrot cake which is one of Bro. Jim's favorites. However, it turns out that Bro. Jim has been spoiled by the cooks of this church, and consequently he has many "favorites." So...we are asking our "great cooks" to bring one of those special desserts to church tonight so everyone can enjoy the FBC favorites!

### **Members with Health Concerns**

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 Ken Thompson Jim Ballard

### **SERVING THE USA**

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

<sup>\*</sup>FBC Members are in blue italics.

GOD DOESN'T EXPECT THE IMPOSSIBLE FROM US. HE WANTS US TO EXPECT THE IMPOSSIBLE FROM HIM!

# JOEL DESIR OUR MISSIONARY TO HAITI

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Please continue to pray for the people in Haiti. Even though the Kenyan police arrived, it has not stopped the kidnapping and murdering of innocent people every day by the gangsters. Nevertheless, all those things that have happened do not stop me from continuing to preach the Gospel to the dying souls in Haiti.

In July, we had Vacation Bible School for two days. There were about 280 children in attendance each day. Eighty children received Christ as their personal Savior. Also, for the last two months we have seen 20 adults receive Christ as their Savior, and five people were baptized. All three churches continue to see people saved and baptized.

I would like to share with you the story of the Ecclisas family who are my neighbors. I had visited him several times, but I never talked to his family about the Gospel. About a month ago, he approached me and said, "Preacher, You have never invited my family to your church, but tomorrow I would like to send them to church." The next day, the children came with me. During the invitation, four of them got saved and baptized. Since that day the children have been faithful to attend church and go soulwinning. Later I approached Ecclisas and asked him and his wife to come to church. They have promised that one day they will come. Please pray for them to follow through.

Because of the violence in Haiti, there is a great famine. Most of my church members have been affected. If the Lord works in your heart to help some of them with \$30 each to purchase a sack of rice, that would be such a blessing to them because of the lack of food here. Many have asked me for help, but I cannot help them all. Please pray for Haiti to return to normal.

**Joel Desir family**