

First Baptist Church of Ruskin

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 - 7:30AM

BIBLE CLASSES - 9:30 AM

WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

WORSHIP - 5:00 PM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY- 7 PM

TEEN BIBLE STUDY

AWANA (SEPT-MAY)

KID'S QUEST (MAY-AUG)

PAST SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE AT
WWW.FBCRUSKIN.ORG

STAFF

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RCS - AGES 2 THROUGH 12TH GRADE

LISTEN ONLINE

“And now these three remain:
FAITH, HOPE
and LOVE.
But the greatest of these is
LOVE.”

1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

WELCOME

We are happy to see you!

Church Office Hours:

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

Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

813-645-6439

I would like more information about your church

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

February 16, 2025

SUNDAY CLASSES AVAILABLE

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL How To "Rightly Divide" the Word

Mr. Sandy Whetherholt
Room 407 - (Navigators)

Finding Calm in the Storm

Mrs. Barbara Granger
Room 103 (Ladies Class)

The Heart of Worship

Mr. Phil Green & Mr. Wayne Voltz
Room 203 (Bereans)

The Life of David

Rev. Mike Melone
Room 109 (Young Adults)

One³

Rev. Jim Farr
Room 107 (Couples)
College and Career
Josh & Lora Irish
Caleb & Lauren Jones
Room 108 (Ages 18-24)

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

Dig In

K5 - 2nd Grade
9:30 am - Room 106

Dig Deeper

3rd - 5th Grade
9:30 am - Room 107

Jr. Worship

K5- 5th Grade
10:30 am - Room 406

TEENS "THE EDGE"

Grades 6th-12th
9:30 am - Room 406

Wednesday Night

Children's Ministry
Nursery & Preschool Age -
Preschool building
AWANA (K5 thru 5th grade)
Grow (Grades 6th-12)
JAIA (Room 108)

THE SONSHINERS ARE ON THE ROAD AGAIN

On Thursday, February 20th, the Sonshiners are going to Florida's 1st game show studio where they can go head-to-head in TV style game shows. Everyone gets to play, and the Sonshiners group will be totally private, so you can laugh as loud as you want! There will be buzzers, podiums, lighting, sound effects, and scoreboards, and even more of the bells and whistles you see on your favorite TV game shows. The bus is leaving for lunch at 10:45AM and then on to two-hours of game show fun! The cost is \$25, and there are only a few spots left. You can see Cindy Voltz or call her at 540-226-5302. This one is going to be AWESOME!!!

Upcoming Events

For any additional information about any event, just call the church office at 813.645.6439.



BAKED POTATO NIGHT

If you think this potato looks good, wait until you taste the ones at our Baked Potato Fundraiser tonight immediately following the evening service. Picture a huge spud with all the fixins'...butter, cheese, sour cream, chili, chives, bacon bits, chili, etc. Add a big glass of sweet tea or lemonade. **AND THIS YEAR THERE IS MORE BECAUSE WE ARE HAVING A KIDS' DESSERT COMPETITION.** There will be plenty of desserts from which to choose! The kids will be competing for gift cards and THE COVETED GOLDEN SPOON. **WHAT A MEAL, AND IT'S FREE!** However... this is a fundraiser for Kids' Camp, and all donations will truly be appreciated. So, **if the Holy Spirit lays it on your heart to give to the children...make plans to attend tonight. See you there!!!**

WHY DO WE RAISE MONEY TO SEND KIDS TO CAMP?

"Something I want to remember that I learned at camp would be that God is always there with me and I am not alone even if it feels like it. God has a plan for everyone and sometimes it takes time for His plan to happen...just have faith in Him.

Andrea, 11th grade

Thank you for sending me to camp because I loved being there, and I learn about God. It was the best experience of my life.

Kristin, 5th grade

Camp meant a lot to me because it made me experience the best week of my life, and it helped me find Jesus. Thank you to everyone who helped pay for me to go to camp.

Desmond, 7th grade

Prayer Request

Submitted By:

Did we miss your offering or prayer request? There is an offering envelope located in one of the seat backs, and you can tear the prayer request panel from this bulletin. Place them in the little black offering box on the right side of the center doors of the auditorium as you exit.



FEBRUARY 16th, 2025

PRAYER REQUESTS

JERRY SMITH- Jerry and his wife Jane have been faithful snowbirds for many years. Last year while in Florida his health began to worsen, and he became confined to bed. Jane has been his constant caregiver as he fought this health battle. That battle ended in victory as God called him home last Monday night. His burial will be in Indiana, and there will be a memorial service here in a few weeks. Pray for safety for Jane as she travels and for God’s comfort and peace.

ANDREA LEVERETT- (non-member) This is Rhonda Thompson’s sister who recently had a hip replacement and is now in Sun Terrace Rehab. Pray for strength during physical therapy and complete recovery.

CLARENCE & FRANCIS CABLE- (members) They are in North Carolina for the funeral service of their daughter, Carol, who passed away very suddenly last week. Pray for this precious couple as they deal with this tragedy.

TAMMY TERBURGH- (non-member) This dear lady is dealing with cancer that has metastasized to several areas of her body. Please pray for relief of pain and God’s peace that passes all understanding.

DR. SONIA JOHNSON-(non-member) Sonia is one of Kendall O’Neill’s professors at Bob Jones University. She has been her father’s caregiver for many years. God made him whole last week when he woke up in Heaven! Pray for her and her family as they travel to Mississippi for the funeral services.

SHIRLEY RUTHVEN –(member) Shirley fell several weeks ago, and she continues to have problems as a result of that fall. Her leg has a huge knot that is causing her a lot of pain. Pray for guidance for treatment and relief of pain. Pray for her husband Bill who celebrated his 92nd birthday last week.

Members with Health Concerns

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

Members Battling Cancer

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| Terry Horton | Tim Way | Ron Welsh | David Zurlinden |
| | Ken Thompson | | |

SERVING THE USA

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

*FBC Members are in blue italics.

**Trials teach us what we are;
they dig up the soil and let us
see what we are made of.**

**DOUG & PAULA HODGES
FROM BEYOND TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Warmest greeting from the Dominican Republic! In 2003 our team consisting of Gary & Alli Hale, Paula, and I were able to plant a church in San Pedro. The goal of church planting on the mission field has always been to plant a strategic church that will develop into a strong vibrant self-sustaining church with national leadership. I was able to lead the church in the first years as “founding pastor.”

The church grew, became strong, and thrived under the continued leadership of Gary Hale. The current church property was purchased with additional facilities added later. For the glory of the Lord and strategic planning, the current church facilities are now debt-free. Finally, the church called its current pastor, Pastor Carlos Tejerria who was discipled, seminary-trained, and coached into the pastoral leadership position.

When you have been in missions and ministry as long as we have, we get to “clip some coupons” by seeing the fruit of earlier ministry. A Dominican pastor Manuel Pinales contacted me and invited me to preach in his church near San Cristobal. Manuel was saved during the inauguration service of a church building in the mountain village of Montaso. What a blessing to see how God is using Manuel and his family in this area. Manuel, along with 3 other young men studied in the Bible classes in Constanza in those early days. These men would get together in the “living room” on a dirt floor and study their lessons together. Without any electricity in the village, these men would study by candlelight until they ran out of candles and would then burn “pine pitch” to continue to study. All 3 of these men are now pastoring successful churches in different parts of the western mountainous region of the DR.

Many of you who have supported us for all these years will enjoy the fruits of your support! How exciting to know that our “labor is not in vain in the Lord!”

-Doug & Paula Hodges