



September 25, 2022

## CURRENT SERIES

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First Baptist Church Plant City exists to lead people beyond “**just good enough**” to experience L.I.F.E. in Christ. We do this by offering opportunities to Worship, Grow, Serve, and Reach. These opportunities are available to everyone.

## Upcoming Opportunities

# FINANCIAL *Peace*

UNIVERSITY

Begins September 7

REGISTER

[fbcpc.com/peace](http://fbcpc.com/peace)

**REACH**



*“Go! Make disciples”  
~ Jesus*

*Reach your community  
for Christ!*



Monday Evenings | 9/12 - 10/24 | 6 PM | The Commons

## **Educator Appreciation Day**

September 25, 2022 | 9 AM & 10:30 AM

Church, please join us as we pray for our Educators.

Educators, we would like to invite you to grab a FREE bag of school supplies that will be available in the Commons after either the 9 am or 10:30 am worship services.



*A Week  
in the  
Word*

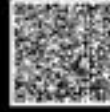
OCT 24  
TO  
OCT 28

Sign-up online: [FBCPC.com/Events](http://FBCPC.com/Events)

# ONE STEP FURTHER

...so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,  
fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good  
work and increasing in the knowledge of God.  
Colossians 1:10

This is all about discipleship - growing daily in new ways in our relationship with Christ and others. We want to encourage you to join us in this journey and together we'll see what God has in store! Get the app and walk with us:



or [fbcpc.com/OSF](http://fbcpc.com/OSF)

Today will be **Sarah Godheim's** last Sunday with us at First Baptist Church. She has accepted a call to serve as Minister of Worship and Music at a church in upstate South Carolina. We want to thank Sarah for her years of service at First Baptist and pray for God's best in the days ahead. Take a moment to wish her well at the end of our worship service.

Join us next Sunday as we recognize **Randy Hendricks on 15 years of service** at First Baptist Church. Randy is our Maintenance Superintendent. A love offering for Randy and his family will be taken in both services.

**Pastoral Ordination Service:** On Sunday evening *October 2 at 6:00 PM* we will hold an ordination service for **Ed Raburn**. Ordination is an opportunity to acknowledge and confirm the call that God has placed on his life. Ed is currently serving as our College and Young Pros Pastor. Join us for this church life moment as we ordain Ed Raburn..

**Deacon Ordination Service:** On *October 9th at 6:00 PM* we will ordain several men for the deacon ministry. The position of deacon in the church is one of service. Our deacons serve in various ways in order to free up our pastoral staff to fulfill their calling in ministry (Acts 6:3-4). This will be a special time in the lives of these men and their families. Come and support them as they follow Christ with a servant's heart.

## Vitals

### STATISTICS (09.18.2022)

Budget Rec'd:	\$ 103,157.25
Budget Req'd:	\$ 86,175.06
To Date Budget Rec'd:	\$ 4,633,365.88
To Date Budget Req'd:	\$ 4,394,947.94

### destination next

Pledges:	\$ 4,145,307.88
Rec'd 09.18.2022:	\$ 2,350.67
Rec'd to Date:	\$ 4,415,457.26
Building Debt:	\$ 13,158,455.95

## Giving



**Our love for God shows in many ways, including how we use the resources He has given us.** The faithful stewardship of our financial resources further the mission and ministry that He has for First Baptist Church of Plant City. You can give in the receptacles at each Worship Center entrance, on the church website ([FBCPC.com](http://FBCPC.com)), or through the church app ([FBCPC.com/Get-App](http://FBCPC.com/Get-App)).

In the midst of an age where knowledge is doubling in weeks and months,  
it seems wisdom is vanishing at that same rate.

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His instructions have good insight."*

*Psalm 111:10*

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."*

*Proverbs 9:10*

**Wisdom gives perception,**

**1. In \_\_\_\_\_ vv 10-14**

A. Nehemiah's enemies used deception to try and ruin his reputation.

B. Wisdom is needed to see through the deception of the enemy (and those he's using).

*"If Satan can defeat a Christian leader, he can cripple a whole ministry  
and discredit the cause of Christ." Warren Wiersbe*

**2. In \_\_\_\_\_ vv 15-16**

A. An amazing miracle happened day by day for the Jews.

**Even the enemy could realize that God was working for His people and that the miracle  
of a completed wall was accomplished by Almighty God.**

B. Being so close to the God-ordained work can cause us to sometimes miss  
the work of God.

**Can others see where God has been working in your life?**

**3. In \_\_\_\_\_ vv 17-19**

A. Though a major victory was experienced by Nehemiah and the Jews, the  
enemy refused to quit his attempts to intimidate.

B. Even in the midst of victory, we must not drop our guard.

*"Let us be as watchful after the victory as before the battle." Andrew A. Bonar*

*"Many a careless Christian has won the war but afterward lost the victory." Warren Wiersbe*

**One Step Further:**

**In my walk with Christ I will:**

**1. Seek the Lord daily through His Word to know His \_\_\_\_\_ (wisdom) for my  
next step, decision, plan. Proverbs 3:5-6; James 1:5**

**2. Seek the Lord daily through His Word to be \_\_\_\_\_ from an enemy that  
refuses to give up.**

**In my walk with others I will:**

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ my struggles and victories and defeats to be used by the Lord to bring  
glory to God and good to others.**

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ diligently to make sure that any advice or encouragement I give is  
wisdom from God and not the shifting advice of the world.**

**The WISEST decision you will EVER make is to surrender your life to Christ.**

## ***Our Pastor***



Dr. Brian Stowe came to First Baptist in 2013. He and his wife Bonnie have four children: Sarah, Hannah, Andrew, and Elizabeth. Pastor Brian earned his Doctorate in Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also holds a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

# ***This Week***

## **SUNDAY 09.25**

**8, 9 & 10:30 am | Small Groups**

**9 & 10:30 am | Worship Services**

## **MONDAY 09.26**

**3 pm Learn English/Spanish w/  
Pastor John\***

## **WEDNESDAY 09.28**

**5:30 pm**

**Children's Choir**

**6:00 pm**

**Preschool**

**AWANA | Children's Church**

**First Students | The Landing**

**6:15 pm**

**Life Together | Rm 109-110**

**Women's Bible Study | Rm 111-112**

**Wednesday in the Word: *Gospel of Mark*** (Claude Walker) | Room 113-114

**Men's Bible Study | Modular 2**

**(Ministerio Hispano)\* (John Foxx)**

**6:30 pm**

**Worship Choir Rehearsal | Modular 1**

**Orchestra Rehearsal | Worship Center**

**7:30 pm | College & Young Pros \*\***

## **THURSDAY 09.29**

**6:30 pm | Bible Study (English)\* (John Foxx)**

## **FRIDAY 09.30**

**9:00 am | Women's Bible Study | Commons**

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### **MINISTERIO HISPANO**

#### **LOS DOMINGOS:**

**9:00 am | Servicio en Español\***

**11:00 am | Escuela Dominical\***

#### **LOS MIERCOLES:**

**6:15 pm | Estudio Biblico en Español\***

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\* = Fellowship Hall (503 N. Palmer St.)

\*\* = Midweek Bldg. (105 E. Baker St.)

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*"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching." 1 Tim 5:17*

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