

First Baptist Church

Valdosta, Georgia



First Family Chimes

Love God, Love Others, Love the World

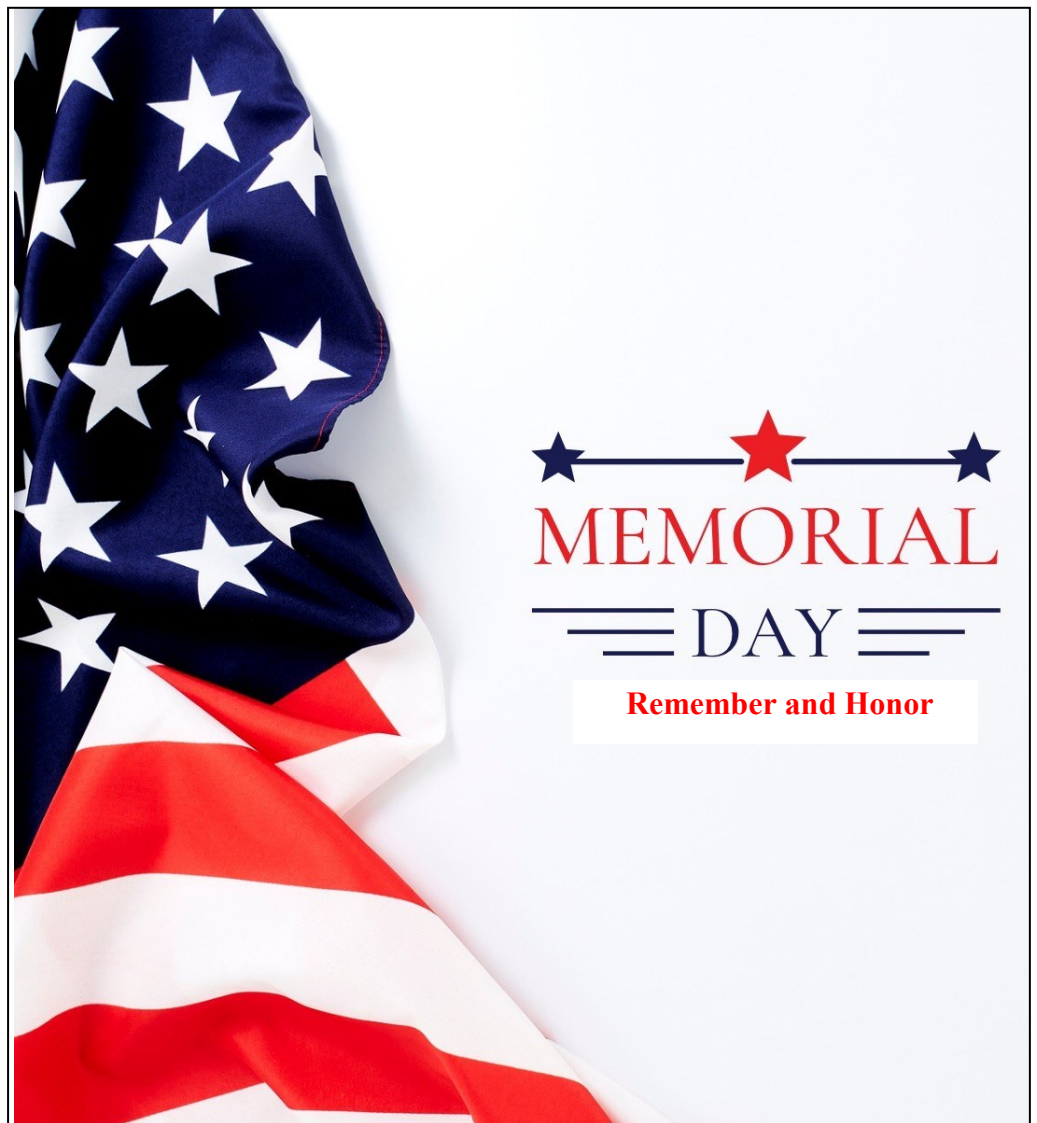


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Sunday at First Baptist Church
Sunday School/Bible Study-9:15AM
Combined Service—10:30AM—Sanctuary
No Evening Activities





Dr. Chuck Owens

Sermon This Sunday

Message from God's Word

Dr. Chuck Owens will bring a message from God's word in the Sanctuary at 10:30AM. This will be a combined worship service.



Rev. Davis Howell

Student Ministry

Please pray for our leaders and students as they prepare for the following camps:

June 2-6 IMPACT is a leadership and discipleship camp for students looking to take the next step in their faith journey. IMPACT will be at Shorter University in Rome, GA.

July 7-12 FUGE is our main student camp.
Located at North Greenville University in SC.

BRAVES GAME—Youth
Saturday, June 14, 2025—8:30 AM
One day trip to Atlanta to cheer on the BRAVES
Students should bring money for lunch & dinner

TOP GOLF JAX—Youth
Tuesday, June 17, 2025—8:30AM
TopGolf day in Jacksonville—FBCV students & friends



Rev. Justin Devereaux

Children Ministry



Tempo Camp 2025
July 14-17—9:00AM-4:00PM
Cost \$80—Includes all activities, t-shirt,
lunch each day & dinner on Thursday.
Kindergarten-5th Grade.

Vacation Bible School is coming up soon. Serving at VBS is one way we put our “**Serve Faithfully**” pillar into action and support our vision to be a church that **loves God, loves others, and loves the world**. If you haven't signed up to serve, there's still time. Your support helps us reach kids and families in our church and community.



Rev. Terry Sampson

Education/Administration Ministry

No evening activities for Sunday, May 25

Music Ministry



Dr. J. Michael Dennis

Last Sunday morning we were preparing for a family lunch after church and were placing various food items in crockpots and even one squash casserole in the oven. When we were opening the oven door, we were met with billowing smoke. There was an undetected substance spilled from a previous endeavor on the bottom of the oven. Already decked in my white dress shirt and dress pants, I attempted to clean out the culprit and get that casserole started. About midway into that cleaning process, I thought, "Oh no! I hope my clothes don't smell like smoke for services today!" Though I didn't detect it on me, I was still thinking of that as we were leaving for church. Smell like smoke. Hmm. Maybe we should, according to the scriptures. Jude verse 23 says, "Save others by snatching them from the fire" (CSB). Having that close relationship to be able to speak life and truth will certainly have its effects. Jesus was accused of being the friends of sinners (Luke 8:34). I'll take that association, of course. But as I reflected further, the effect is actually the other way around—being close to those who are hurting and dying in their sin will cause the aroma of Christ to permeate their lives.

"For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing...For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ."
(2 Corinthians 2:15, 17)

Smell Like Jesus - love, compassion, truth, joy, complete peace with God and others. I want my life to radiate those characteristics, don't you?



Rev. Mac Weaver

Missions Ministry

First Family News

If you would like to have your baby/toddler dedicated on Father's Day, June 15, in the FLC, please call the church office at 229-242-0484 or email lhart@fbcvaldosta.org.



Church Staff

Dr. Chuck Owens, Senior Pastor
Rev. Terry Sampson, Minister of Education & Administration
Rev. Justin Devereaux, Minister to Children & Families
Rev. Dr. J. Michael Dennis, Minister of Music
Rev. Davis Howell, Student Minister
Rev. Adam Setser, Minister to Young Adults
Rev. Mac Weaver, Missions Pastor
Rev. Dennis Massie, Church Pastoral Ministry
Caitlin Moore Parizek, Pianist
Joe Corbett, Praise & Worship Leader
Linda Hart, Office Manager
Becky Royals, Church Secretary
Melissa Stephens, Events/Evangelism Coordinator
Elliott Lenz, Church Accountant

Cathy Harrison, Wedding Coordinator
Terri Warren, Preschool Coordinator
Teresita Carver, Custodial Staff
Helana Bennett, Custodial Staff
Angelia Miller, Food Service Coordinator
CeCe Little, Food Service Assistant

Ministries this Week

Sunday May 25

9:15am Sunday School
Joint Worship Service
At 10:30AM—Sanctuary
 No evening activities

Monday May 26

Food Ministry— CLOSED
 Office CLOSED

Tuesday May 27

9:00am Mothers' Morning Out

Wednesday May 28

12:00 Noon Prayer Meeting/Lunch
 6:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday May 29

9:00am Mothers' Morning Out

Saturday May 30

9:00am Food Ministry

Church Office will be closed on
 Monday, May 26, in honor of
 Memorial Day.

Food Ministry will also be closed on
 Monday, May 26.

Wednesday, May 21

Prayer Meeting 76
 Choir Practice 16

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Sunday

Children Ministry 41
 Students 54
 Adults 168
 Online 10
 Total Attendance 273

Worship Service

Contemporary Service 241
 Traditional Service 161
 Total Attendance 402

Children's Program—127

Stewardship-2025

Weekly Budget Needs
 \$ 34,542.69
 Budget Receipts
 \$ 34,353.33
 (Under) Weekly Needs
 \$ 189.36
 Budget Needs to Date
 \$ 690,853.80
 Budget Gifts to Date
 \$ 613,649.60
 % of Budget Needs
 to Date—88.82%
*(These figures are based on weekly
 expenses & contributions.)*

Food Ministry

	April	YTD 2025	Grand Totals
People served ages 0-18	75	259	65,165
People served ages 19-64:	146	537	74,989
People served ages 65 & up:	182	699	51,586
Total People Served:	403	1,495	191,740
Total Meals Given:	7,629	28,751	3,995,979

Deacon Ministry

Deacon Schedule

**May 25 (Combined Service
 in Sanctuary)**

Mark Howell
 Jerry Lupo

June 1

Keith Martin—FLC
 Glenn Walden—Sanctuary

Nursery

Nursery Schedule

May 25

Beth Howell
 Sherry Bennett

June 1

Meredith Adams
 Alyssa Pate

Worship Celebrating Christ—The Light of the World
May 25, 2025
10:30AM—Sanctuary

Prelude.....Mrs. Catilin Parizek

Opening Prayer & Welcome

Rev. Davis Howell

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Revelation Song.....First Voices & Praise Team

The Old Rugged Cross.....Hymn 230

There Is A Fountain.....Hymn 224

We Remember

Reading by Mac Weaver

Moment of Silence

Taps played by Don McArthur

America The Beautiful.....Hymn 641

Offertory Prayer

Message from God's Word

Dr. Chuck Owens

Invitation.....Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Benediction

Postlude.....Mrs. Caitlin Parizek

Sanctuary Flowers

The beautiful flowers are placed in the Sanctuary to the glory of God and in honor of the dedication, sacrifice and service of the men and women of our Armed Forces who have and continue to defend our country, our freedom, and all we consider sacred by Glenn and Dorothy Walden

Deacon Nominations

We are now accepting deacon nominations for the 2025-2026 church year. Deacon nomination forms are placed in the lobby of the Family Life Center and in the foyers of the Sanctuary. You may nominate more than person as your choice for deacon. Please return your form to the church office or place in the deacon nomination boxes.

Return nominations by June 9.

Luther Shelton Scholarship Fund

We are now accepting scholarship applications from high school graduates, college and seminary students who are members of First Baptist Church. The applications are available during the month of May in the church office and in the Youth Sunday School department. **The application must be completed & returned to the church office by June 1.** The scholarships will be awarded in July for the Fall Semester 2025.

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Chimes

If you would like to receive a copy of the First Baptist Chimes by email, please contact the church office at 229-242-0484.

Join us on Wednesday, May 28, at Noon Lunch & Prayer Meeting in the Family Life Center

Menu: Ham & Cheese Sliders, Roasted Potatoes,
Fresh Vegetables, Grape Salad
Salad Bar, Dessert—Donation \$8.00