



Faith Baptist Church

Sunday February 22, 2026

"Where JESUS will always be our first love"



Pastor's Corner

Do you need anything more than the cruel cross of Jesus Christ to convince you of how deep your need for grace is? Think about it—God was so sure of the depth and expansiveness of your sin, of your inability to grasp how desperate your condition was that He was willing to harness the forces of nature and to carefully control the events of human history so that at the perfect point in time Jesus would come to live the life you could not live, die the death that you should have died, then rise again conquering death.

Why did God go to this elaborate and sacrificial extent? There is only one answer to that question. God the Father planned it, God the Son was willing to do it, and God the Holy Spirit then applied this work to your heart, so that God could have a personal relationship with you. Wow! Sin is every human being's core disease. It is completely beyond the power of any human being to escape it. It separates you from God. God did what we could not and would not do. God made a way to bridge that great chasm between Himself and us. Everyday we need to celebrate grace, foster our relationship with God by growing in our knowledge of Him through His word. Encourage other believers to do the same. Serve God by connecting in our church and the best way to do that is to get involved. There is a place here for you to plug in and make our church better at serving our great community. Let's grow together. Love Bro. Brian

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Fran Kashchy, Ministry Leader

Small groups are an important part of any church they provide a place for us to build friendships that help us to follow Jesus. We all need people to support, encourage, and pray for us during difficult times and people who will celebrate with us during good times. Small groups consist of around ten or less people (singles as well as couples) and would meet either weekly or whenever they themselves decide to meet. They will also meet in host homes to provide a comfortable, homey type of setting. Small groups are also important because they provide a safe place for us to ask questions and seek answers so we can grow and mature in our faith. Each meeting will have a (trained) facilitator that will lead interactive discussions about whatever their topic may be (a devotion, book of the Bible, or former week's sermon which will point us to Jesus and how we should live for Him. A sign-up sheet is available out in the Narthex for those who may be interested in participating. Please sign up if interested in becoming a participant of a small group. Please also indicate on the sign-up sheet if you would like to offer your home as a host home or would like to become a facilitator of a small group. Please contact **Fran Kashchy** with any questions or details. (703) 967-9971 or kashchy@aol.com.

EVENTS TEAM

Sandy & David Gillespie, Team Leaders

On March 21, 2026 the Events Team will host the Andersen Elementary Spring Fling, at Larry Schultz Park, Rockledge. There will be Bible based storytelling, crafts (a visual take home supporting the storytelling), games, actives and lunch. We need volunteers to help make this event a success! If you aren't able to volunteer, please consider making a monetary donation. Please sign up. We are thrilled with the opportunity to minister to these students and families.

FEED FAMILIES MINISTRY

Marcia Shearer, Ministry Leader

Feed Families Ministry very much appreciated your patience with not bringing your food items for the pantry, but I am happy to announce this stoppage has officially been lifted. We still maintained the five bags of food each week for Andersen Elementary School families during this time, so our pantry is severely empty. Our new shelves have been installed in the big shed and are just waiting to be filled to the brim. Please come and take a look and thank you for all you do.

Happy Anniversary

Karen & Rich Stevens Feb 26



Missy Jones, Choir Director

Our choir continues to serve faithfully each week, offering music as an expression of praise and gratitude to our Lord and Savior. Through their dedication and unity, they help lead us into worship and create a meaningful atmosphere for reflection and prayer. We are thankful for their commitment to share God's message through song.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Prayer is such an important part of our Armor of God and our relationship with Christ. **If you are submitting a prayer request for a friend, please seek their permission first.** We would like to respect the privacy of those listed. Prayer is our only answer to problems.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER REQUESTS

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Judy Hampton	Jon McCarron	Gretchen Oxendine	Sue Lampton
Bob Shearer	James Thorpe	Gail Swindle	Barbara Zada
Pat Jenkins	Todd Renak	Marilyn Camden	Gayle Netto - neck
Pastor Brian-back	Eric Hampton-recovery		King St vs Surfside
TPUSA	Betty - Pam Burwell's neighbor		Bill & Linda Ives
David Gillespie - friend Lorelai		Joanne Crawford - post surgery rehab	



PRAISES & PRAYER REQUEST

Praise the Lord for near-negligible PSA markers for our brothers **Ken Sauder** and **John Buck**. Praises for **Barbara Bowling** and **Rebecca Wright** who cleaned the storage areas in preparation for the air conditioner relocation.

Missy Jones - cousin Jim Rhodes to the prayer chain due to cancer.

Ray Thorpe - major surgery to replace and repair cervical vertebrae and discs in neck on moved to February 20th.

Travel mercies for **Bob and Nancy White, Lori and Jeff**, and all who will be traveling on the roads and via air.

Missy Jones - fell on a rock while working in the yard - injured back and thumb on her right hand - Praise God, nothing broken.

Barbara & Grover - Son, Tommy Bowling home, but still weak; his hemoglobin is still low. He needs to see a specialist. His biopsy came back negative. Doctors unsure where the bleeding is coming from.

Gail Swindle - is controlling the urge to use her left arm - will see orthopedic on Tuesday, 2/24 and will know how to go forward with therapy, at home or outpatient. CAT scan with contrast of her heart scheduled Wednesday 2/25; still struggling with breathing and stamina. Please continue to pray for her recovery.

Chris Burwell - prayer for his friend, Mike Odom, who has cancer. He will be going to Houston for a year of treatment.

Pam Burwell - prayer for Debi Rowell's neighbor, Chris, now in hospice. Debi is unsure of her salvation.

Nancy White - prayer for Linda Ives's and her mother. "Mom" is a centenarian whose health is failing rapidly. Hospice has been called.

Will Pennington - for his friend, Kim Webster, had a stroke and is in ICU; the doctors are unsure of her prognosis.

Sandy Gillespie - great-nephew, Baker - pray he grows stronger each day.

Ron Bradley - prayer for his missionary friend, Debbie, who is heading back to Thailand to teach until Memorial Day.

Please be praying for the **Andersen Elementary Spring Fling**, just a month away. Workers and prayer warriors needed. Please pray for those who will hear the Gospel at Zana Renak's Celebration of Life Service, Feb. 21, 1-4 pm. Wear purple in honor of Zana.

Our Nation, Government, and its leaders.

Tucker Carlson detainment in Israel at the airport.

Gail Swindle - prayers for friend Karen Barfield and family in the passing of her husband RL this passed week.

SCRIPTURE

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10

SPRING FORWARD - Sun, Mar 8, 2026 (set you clocks forward on March 7)

If you have information for the newsletter you would like to have listed, please send to gail.swindle@gmail.com or call Gail at 321-720-8693. Please provide by Thursday of each week.