



APRIL 2026

The Epistle

First Baptist Church of Vienna, Va.

from the PASTOR

As we step into April, we enter the powerful and hope-filled Season of Resurrection; a time that calls us not only to celebrate new life, but to embody it. Resurrection is not just something we remember; it is something we live. It is the ongoing work of God taking what has been broken and shaping it into something whole, unified, and alive with purpose. During Lent, we walked together under the theme “From Broken to One.” We were invited to confront the fractures within ourselves and within our community; not to dwell in them, but to bring them before God. Because the truth we were reminded of is this: brokenness is not the end of the story. Transformation is.

That truth and transformation now propels us forward.

We are excited to launch our new initiative: Forward Together: One Church, One Goal.

This is more than a theme it is a calling. A calling to move in unity and to pursue the kind of shared vision that reflects the heart of Christ. It reminds us that when we come together with one mind and one spirit, there is

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FORWARD TOGETHER: Our Commitment, Our Sacrifice, Our Future

As we step boldly into this season of vision, we do so united under one call and one purpose: “Forward Together: One Church, One Goal.” This is more than a financial initiative; it is a faith journey rooted in obedience, sacrifice, and trust in God’s provision. In Nehemiah 2:18, the people declared, “Let us rise up and build.” And just like them, we are being called to build—not just for today, but for generations to come.

This campaign is a four-year commitment, inviting every member to

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FIRST BAPTIST VIENNA

Happenings




faith250
Sacred Bonds. Shared Hopes

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026
6:00 - 8:00 PM

at
Florin United Methodist Church |
13600 Frying Pan Rd | Herndon,
VA 20171

RSVP BY APRIL 13TH @:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/FBCVFAITH250APRIL](https://tinyurl.com/fbcvfaith250april)

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FORWARD
PRAYER ENCOUNTERS
APRIL 11th AND APRIL 18th AT 9 AM

**ONE CHURCH
ONE GOAL**

"And I hold them of the hand of my God which
had been good upon me, and also of the
king's words that he had spoken to me.
So they said, 'Lift us me up and build.'
Then they set their hands
to this good work."
— NEHEMIAH 2:10

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF VIENNA
Dr. Vernon C. Walton, Senior Pastor
450 Orchard St NW, Vienna, VA 22180

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SATURDAYS
with the
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April 25th | 9:00 am

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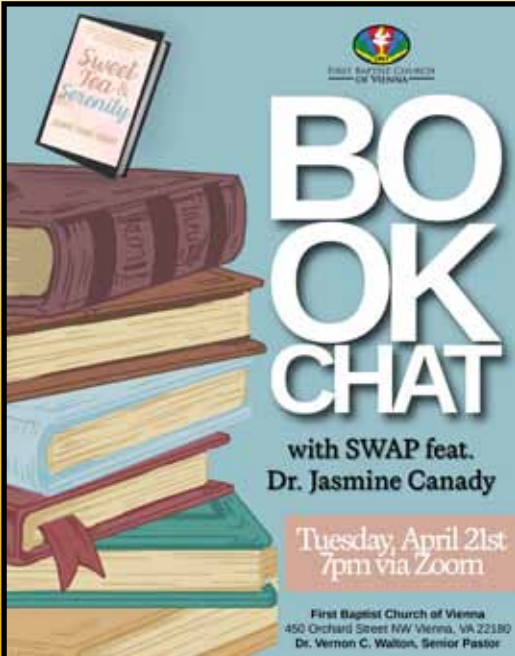


TELLING OUR STORIES
STORYTELLING WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY APRIL 14 &
TUESDAY APRIL 21
12:30 PM

JOIN US FOR
CONNECTION AND
CONVERSATION.
DISCOVER THE POWER
IN YOUR STORY.

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Sweet Tea & Serenity

**BOOK
CHAT**

with SWAP feat.
Dr. Jasmine Canady

Tuesday, April 21st
7pm via Zoom

First Baptist Church of Vienna
450 Orchard Street NW Vienna, VA 22180
Dr. Vernon C. Walton, Senior Pastor

Telling Our Stories

Every story matters—and in this season of moving Forward Together, we are creating space to honor, reflect on, and share the journeys that have shaped us. Join us for our Telling Our Stories Workshops, happening at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14 and April 21.

These sessions will begin with simple but powerful steps: putting pen to paper and composing brief reflections about our lives and our identities as Americans. From there, we will continue to build and expand our stories each week—sharing about our faith, our connection to First Baptist, and the moments that have defined who we are and whose we are. This is not about perfection—it’s about presence. It’s about showing up, telling the truth, and discovering the power of your own voice.

Scripture reminds us of the importance of passing down what God has done. In Psalm 78, we are called to “tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord...so that they should set their hope in God.” When we share our stories, we are not just remembering—we are building bridges for those who will come after us. Our testimonies become tools of encouragement, faith, and legacy.

Come be a part of this meaningful experience. Your story is sacred. Your voice is needed, especially as we prepare to tell our story in a great way at our 160th church anniversary in just over a year. Together, as one church, we will tell the story of how God has been faithful—generation after generation.
—Stacey Seay

VOTE

Virginia Special Election Explained

As we approach the upcoming Special Election, it is vital that our community remains vigilant and prepared to exercise the most fundamental right of our democracy: the right to vote. On April 21, Virginians will head to the polls for a critical referendum regarding the future of our congressional districts and how we are represented in Washington. In this election, there have been intentional efforts to confuse and distract people through disinformation, deception, and disingenuity. Being an informed voter is about more than just casting a ballot; it is about safeguarding our communities and protecting our rights.

The following question will be the only item on your ballot:

“Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to temporarily adopt new congressional districts to restore fairness in the upcoming elections, while ensuring Virginia’s standard redistricting process resumes for all future redistricting after the 2030 census?”

• **A “YES” Vote:** This would allow the General Assembly to redraw Virginia’s congressional districts immediately in response to other states (like Texas and North Carolina) redrawing their own lines. Supporters, including Gov. Spanberger and the NAACP, argue this is a necessary “emergency exception” to restore a level playing field and protect Black voting power. The new map would be used for the 2026 elections until the next census in 2030.

• **A “NO” Vote:** This would defeat the amendment, leaving the authority to draw districts with the existing bipartisan Virginia Redistricting Commission. The current district maps would remain in place. Opponents, including the Republican Party of Virginia, argue that the change is a “power grab” by politicians and could negatively impact rural Virginia.

To ensure your voice is heard, please keep these dates in mind:

- **EARLY VOTING: Open until April 18**
- **ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, April 21**
- **POLL HOURS: Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

It is our responsibility to vote in every election. Our legacy is one of resilience and action; by showing up at the polls, we work to ensure that our collective voice cannot be silenced. Let us move forward with the commitment to stay informed, stay active, and vote in this and every election to come.

—Jayden Seay

Deacons Family Life Ministry Explained

At First Baptist Church of Vienna, care is what we live out every day. Rooted in a deep love for God and for people, Pastor Walton and the Deacons are committed to ensuring that no member or family walks alone. Through the Deacons Family Life Ministry (DFLM), the church is building something special: a true family in Christ.

What Is the Deacons' Family Life Ministry?

The DFLM is more than a program; it's a commitment. It's a commitment that every individual and family connected to First Baptist Church of Vienna (FBCV) will be supported spiritually, emotionally, and personally.

Each church family is paired with a dedicated Deacon. This creates a more personal connection, making it easier to build relationships, offer support, and share life together in meaningful ways.

A Personal Connection That Matters

Imagine having someone in your church family who knows your name, checks in on you, prays for you, and celebrates life's moments alongside you. That's the heart of the DFLM.

The ministry begins with a simple but meaningful first step: a get-acquainted visit. Whether in person or online, this time allows your Deacon to learn more about you and your family. From there, the relationship grows through regular contact, encouragement, and presence during both joyful and difficult times.

Walking With You Through Every Season

Life is filled with highs and lows, and the DFLM is designed to

walk with you through them all.

- In times of joy, your Deacon celebrates with you—birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and other milestones become shared moments of happiness.
- In times of challenge, whether illness, loss, or personal struggle, your Deacon offers comfort, prayer, and support.
- In times of uncertainty, your Deacon is there to listen, guide, and help connect you with additional care or resources when needed.

Strengthening Faith and Family

One of the deepest desires of the Deacons is to see every member and every family grow in faith. This includes praying with and for you, answering questions about your spiritual journey, and encouraging all members of your household to develop a personal relationship with Christ.

The DFLM also helps strengthen connections within the church. Through fellowship events and gatherings, families are encouraged to build relationships with one another—turning a congregation into a close-knit community.

Helping You Find Your Purpose

Every member has unique gifts and talents. Part of the Deacon's role is to help you discover how you can use those gifts to serve within the church. Whether through ministry, outreach, or fellowship, there is a place for everyone to contribute and grow.

Building a True Family in Christ

The vision of the Deacons Family Life Ministry is simple yet powerful: to make First Baptist Church Vienna a place

where love is felt, support is constant, and no one is overlooked.

This ministry thrives on connection, compassion, and cooperation. When members engage with their Deacons and with one another, the entire church becomes stronger—reflecting God's love not only within its walls but throughout the community.

If you're not sure who your Deacon is, or if you'd like to learn more about the ministry, you are encouraged to contact Deacon Chairman Clinton or the church office.

Because at FBCV, you're not just attending—you're belonging. — *Deacon Antoinette Guidry, The Deacon Ministry*



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no limit to what God can do.

As we enter this next chapter, we do so with intention. Through our 30 Days of Prayer journey, we are setting aside time to collectively seek God, align our hearts, and listen for His direction.

There is a holy urgency in this moment. We are being called not just to attend church, but to be the church, together. To stand in the gap for one another. To build bridges where there have been divides. To walk boldly in faith, believing that what God is doing in us will extend far beyond us.

The resurrection reminds us that God specializes in renewal. And if we are willing, He will not only restore us, but unite, strengthen, and send us forward with clarity and conviction.

So we move ahead, carrying the lessons of Lent, grounded in the promise of resurrection, and committed to the journey before us.

Forward Together. One Church, One Goal.

participate in a shared vision. We are asking each member to prayerfully consider a commitment of minimally \$1,500 per year for four years. This commitment can be fulfilled in a way that works best for you, whether given in a single offering or through a series of installments, as outlined in the campaign brochure. The goal is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice, as each of us seeks God for our part in this collective work.

It is important to note that this commitment is above and beyond our tithe. Our tithe remains our foundation of faithful stewardship, while this campaign represents a sacrificial offering, an opportunity to stretch in faith and invest in the future of our church. When we all bring what we can, God has a way of multiplying it for His glory.

The impact of this campaign will be both immediate and long-lasting. Our efforts will support church debt reduction and critical capital improvements, including upgrades to our HVAC systems, parking lot enhancements, kitchen and restroom renovations, and updates to our youth spaces. These improvements, and more, as outlined in the brochure, will strengthen our ministry, enhance our worship experience, and better position us to serve our community with excellence.

As we move forward, there are key moments that will anchor our journey:

- **Commitment Sunday**—First Sunday in May

A sacred moment when we will bring forward our commitment cards as our collective “yes” to God.

- **Forward Sunday**—First Sunday in June

Our first opportunity to bring our gifts and begin walking out our commitments.

- **Forward Sunday**—Homecoming Sunday in September

A time of celebration and continued faithfulness as we build together.

- **Forward Sunday**—First Sunday in December

A powerful moment to reflect on what God has done and recommit to what lies ahead.

Each of these Sundays marks a step forward, not just in giving, but in growth, unity, and purpose.

Church, this is our moment to rise. This is our time to build. And as we step out on faith together, we do so believing that God will honor our sacrifice and exceed our expectations. Let us move forward, together. —*Pastor Vernon C. Walton*

Forward Together in Prayer: 30 Days Seeking God as One

As we step into this sacred season of vision and building, we are reminded that before anything is built with hands, it must first be established in prayer. In Nehemiah 2:18, the people declared, “Let us rise up and build.” But first, they sought God together, and God strengthened their hands for the work.

That same spirit is guiding us as we launch our 30 Days of Prayer Journey, a time set apart to ground our Forward Together campaign in prayer, unity, and discernment. This is more than a devotional moment; it is a collective calling. We are inviting every member, every family, and every friend of our church to walk this journey together, seeking God’s voice and God’s vision for what lies ahead.

Each day, we will focus on scripture, reflection, and intentional prayer that centers us on our shared purpose: One Church, One Goal. Whether you are praying at home, during your commute, or with your family, know that you are not praying alone, you are part of a church-wide movement lifting one voice to God.

We encourage you to pick up a printed devotional guide at the church or download a digital copy from our website so you can follow along each day. You can also stay connected by following our social media platforms, where prompts and encouragement will be shared to keep us engaged and accountable on the journey.

In addition, we invite you to join us for two powerful in-person prayer gatherings:

- Saturday, April 11 at 9 a.m.
- Saturday, April 18 at 9 a.m.

These moments will be sacred opportunities to come together at the altar, to seek God’s direction, and to strengthen our unity as one body. There is something powerful about corporate prayer; when we gather, heaven responds.

Church, this is how we move forward, together, on our knees before we ever stand on our feet. Let us commit to these 30 days with expectation, believing that God will not only speak, but move.

—*Stacey Seay*

Bridging Faith, History, and Our Shared Future

This past February, something meaningful and inspiring took place in our community. First Baptist Church of Vienna had the privilege of co-hosting Faith250, a faith-based initiative that brought together members from multiple faith communities for thoughtful dialogue, reflection, and connection. What emerged was a powerful reminder that, when rooted in faith, we are far more united than divided.

A Gathering Across Traditions

Faith250 brought together individuals from diverse religious backgrounds, each offering unique perspectives while embracing a common goal: to listen, learn, and grow together. The atmosphere was one of openness and respect, where differences became a source of strength rather than division. In that space, authentic conversation flourished, and participants experienced the deep connection that comes from shared spiritual values.

Scripture, the Declaration, and Our Shared Values

At the heart of the gathering were a thoughtful exploration of the relationship between biblical teachings and the founding principles of our nation. Participants reflected on the biblical influences within the Declaration of Independence and considered their relevance today.

Central to the discussion was this enduring passage:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

These words echo a truth deeply rooted in our faith—that every person is created in the image of God and endowed with inherent dignity and worth. Faith250 invited us to consider that our commitment to democracy is not only civic in nature but also spiritual. To honor God's image in one another is to uphold justice, compassion, and equality in our communities.

A Call to Continue the Conversation

Faith250 was not simply an event—it was a starting point. It reminded us that meaningful dialogue across differences is both possible and necessary. As we move forward, we are called to carry this spirit with us: to engage with one another thoughtfully, to seek understanding, and to let our faith guide us toward unity and purpose.

We are grateful to all who participated and helped create such a meaningful experience. As we carry this experience forward, may we continue to create space for these kinds of conversations—guided by faith, grounded in respect, and rooted in the belief that we are all connected.
—FBCV Social Justice Ministry



Pizza & Polaroids with the Pastor: Youth Fellowship Like Never Before

Youth and families, get ready for something fun, fresh, and just a little bit different! Join us on Saturday, April 11 at 11 a.m. for Pizza & Polaroids with the Pastor, a fellowship-filled experience designed just for our youth.

We'll kick things off with a photo-driven scavenger hunt, interactive games, and team challenges that will get everyone moving, laughing, and working together. And yes, there will be plenty of pizza as we gather for a relaxed and meaningful time with Pastor Walton.

Now let's be honest, it's been a little while since Pastor Walton has had this kind of hands-on, up-close time fellowship time with our youth, and this is a special opportunity to connect in a way that's real, engaging, and memorable. And while the word "Polaroids" might sound like something from another generation (and it just might be!), don't worry, we'll be using cell phones for our scavenger hunt fun. That's right, this is the one time we actually want our youth to pull out their devices and use them with purpose!

Youth will be placed into teams, working together to complete challenges, capture moments, and build connections. It's all about fellowship, laughter, and creating memories that last.

Parents, we need your help to make this a success. Please spread the word, encourage your children to attend, have them bring a friend, and consider volunteering to help support the event. Your involvement helps create the kind of environment where our youth can truly thrive.

This is more than just an event, it's a moment of connection, community, and joy. We can't wait to see you there!
—Stacey Seay

MUSIC MINISTRY

Easter and Resurrection and Jazz Appreciation Month

April ushers us into the most sacred and triumphant season of the Christian faith. As the earth awakens with new life, we are drawn into the eternal story of death conquered and hope restored. This month, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of our faith, the source of our song, and the foundation of every gift we offer in His name.

Easter is not merely a single Sunday. It is a declaration that reverberates through every hymn we sing, every prayer we lift, and every act of service we render. Because He lives, we live. Because He rose, we rise, in worship, in ministry, and in purpose.

This month, we invite the entire congregation to enter Holy Week with intentionality. From Palm Sunday's triumphant procession to the solemnity of Good Friday and the glorious dawn of Resurrection Sunday, each moment calls us to reflect on what it cost and what it means. We encourage families and individuals alike to engage in personal devotion, communal worship, and prayerful preparation as we walk

together toward the empty tomb.

As we celebrate, may our music soar with resurrection joy. May our hearts be tender with gratitude for the cross, and may our voices join the chorus of saints across the ages who have proclaimed, He is risen!

April is also Jazz Appreciation Month, and we celebrate with great joy this rich and soulful art form that was born from the depths of the African American experience. Jazz has always carried within it the language of longing, resilience, improvisation, and hope, and in that way it has never been far from the spirit of the Gospel. From the sanctuaries of New Orleans to the concert halls of Harlem, jazz and sacred music have walked closely together, each informing and inspiring the other.

Throughout this month, we plan to weave the sounds and spirit of jazz into our worship experience. Our musicians will draw from the deep well of sacred jazz, incorporating arrangements that honor both the tradition of the form and the reverence of our worship. We look forward to moments of musical reflection, improvisation, and celebration that remind us that creativity, at its best, is an act of praise. We invite the congregation to listen with open ears and open hearts as we explore how this distinctly American art form continues to glorify God and stir the soul.

Let us celebrate with gratitude, walk through Holy Week with reverence, honor the gift of jazz with joy, and greet Resurrection Sunday with uncontainable praise.

*In His Service,
Kwan McKnight*



Men's Ministry

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1

The men of First Baptist came together to make a joyful sound to our God. Thank you to our marvelous minister of music Kwan McKnight.

"Wings and a Word" had to be postponed due to severe weather, but we look forward to coming together soon. Announcements will be forthcoming.

The Men's Ministry will be meeting every third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. on the FBCV Zoom platform. Please join us for session of sharing, praise and planning.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85959815600?pwd=TUvkO08dOigr7VheFFUIe6Zo6Y890s.1>

Meeting ID: 859 5981 5600

Passcode: FBCVMen

We are still looking for input from all the men regarding events they would like to have planned for 2026. Please see either Sinclair Harris, Deacon Andre Carpenter or Deacon Julian Purvis to provide your input.
—Sinclair Harris

Easter Extravaganza

March 28



The Strength of a Mustard Seed

As I inspected my flower bed after the winter snow and felt the gentle warming of the sun upon the ground, I noticed little green shoots struggling to push upwards towards the light. I thought about Jesus talking to his Disciples and the people who had come to hear Him.

So, Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there; and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” (Matthew 17:20)

Why did Jesus say if you have the faith of a mustard seed?

Jesus was not praising the size alone, but He was pointing to how trust in Him would grow. A mustard seed was one of the smallest seeds His listeners knew, almost invisible in the hand. By using the mustard seed He was saying even the smallest amount of faith, can do great things.

Even a tiny, sincere trust in God—placed fully in Him connects us to His power. The problem Jesus named wasn’t “little faith” but unbelief. Faith, however small, opens the door for God to act. A mustard seed is mighty in a few quiet but profound ways:

- **Hidden life:** It looks insignificant, but it carries everything needed to grow.
- **Persistent growth:** Once planted, it keeps growing, often in harsh conditions.
- **Unbalanced impact:** That tiny seed becomes a large plant big enough for birds to rest in its branches. Jesus used the mustard seed to describe the kingdom of God. (Luke 13:19)

So, its “might” is not force or noise. It is the pursuit of a godly life, endurance, and spiritual transformation. That’s what Jesus was speaking about. Faith grows the same way seeds do: slowly, intentionally, and in the right environment.

How do we grow strong and mighty in faith like a mustard seed?

• “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17) Spending time in Scripture waters the seed. Even short, consistent time matters.

• Faith grows when trained like a seed planted: through obedience, prayer, and trust. It matures in God’s timing. Waiting is strength, not weakness. Faith deepens in trials, taking root in God’s faithfulness, while love keeps it humble and aligned with His heart.

A mustard seed faith says: “God, I don’t have much, but I will give You everything I have.” This kind of faith moves mountains.

Mustard seed faith also matures in our faith walk when we allow and trust the Holy Spirit to empower us and guide us in sharing our faith with others. The Evangelism Ministry team will begin a study of “Each One Reach One: Everyday Ways You Can Shine God’s Light (Reflecting Matthew 5:16)” by Babbie Mason, each first Saturday of the month beginning May 2. **We invite you to join us in our study!**
~Jacquelin Davis & Sylvia Taylor, Evangelism Ministry

Juneteenth Parade and Celebration Updates

Church family, it's that time again! We are excited to invite you to our 2nd Annual Juneteenth Parade and Celebration on Saturday, June 13—a powerful day where faith, freedom, and community come together in a spirit of joy and remembrance.

The day will begin with our Juneteenth Parade at 9 a.m., as we march together in celebration of freedom and unity. Immediately following, the Community Celebration kicks off at 10 a.m., filled with music, food, fellowship, and fun for all ages. This is more than an event—it's a witness to our community that we honor our history, celebrate our progress, and stand together in hope.

We are especially honored to announce this year's Grand Marshals:

- Willie Mae Mackey King—a respected educator, community leader, and advocate, best known for her work with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Her impact in education and community service reflects the very spirit of Juneteenth.

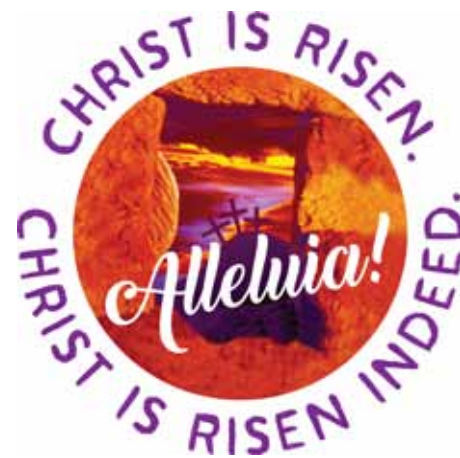
- Joan Trumpauer Mulholland a courageous civil rights activist and Freedom Rider who stood on the front lines of the movement, risking her life for justice and equality. Her legacy is a powerful reminder that freedom is never given, it is fought for and sustained through sacrifice and conviction.

We are grateful for their witness and leadership, and we look forward to celebrating them as they lead our parade. Stay tuned, our Honorary Marshals will be announced next month!

We are excited to share that vendor applications are now open—and filling rapidly! If you or someone you know would like to participate, we encourage you to sign up and share the opportunity today. We are also still in need of sponsors to help us expand our impact and ensure this event is a blessing to all who attend. More information about both opportunities is available at www.fbcv.org/juneteenth

As we continue to grow, we are making a strategic and intentional shift this year. In lieu of stretching our space and focus too broadly, we are placing extra emphasis on developing an engaging and dynamic Kids Zone, instead of hosting our annual car show. This will allow us to better serve families and create a memorable experience for our children.

We also need volunteers, for the parade, the celebration, and even in the final stages of planning. It takes all of us to make this vision come to life. If you're ready to lend your time and gifts, please email Stacey at sseay@fbcv.org to sign up and get involved—*Stacey Seay*.



The Joy of the Resurrection

We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when He walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light He brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory. Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4–5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?

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 Congratulation
 Class Of
2026
 We want to celebrate you!
 Please take a moment to complete the appropriate graduate profile by Friday, May 15th:
 High School Graduates:
<https://tinyurl.com/fbcv2026hs>
 College Graduates:
<https://tinyurl.com/fbcv2026c>

Sending Our SYMPATHY

Lisa McSwain and Linda Wiliams
 for the loss of their mother, and Veonia Haley,
 Lois Moore, and Diane Moore
 for the loss of their sister,
 Mary Ann Thomas



Deacon Charles and Deaconess Armeata Basil in loving memory of their son, Anthony R. Basil.

Harriet Carter and daughter Jennifer to commemorate the 104th birthday of their mother and grandmother, Catherine Carter.

BobE Pearson and Normajean Eleazar to commemorate the 105th birthday of their mother, Naomi P. Pearson.

Normajean Eleazar in celebration of the birthday of her husband, Reginald "Reggie" Eleazar.

Linda Duncan to Commemorate the birthday of her father, Wilbur Duncan, and her uncles, Lloyd "Teddy" and Peter Paul Morarity.

Also, in loving memory of her brother, Bryan Duncan, and her cousins, Edwin Morarity and Craig Little.

Lenora and Robin Barnes and Jennifer Lockett in loving memory of their son, nephew and brother, Kobie Ellis.

Also, Lenora and Robin to commemorate the birthdays of Kobie and their father, Henry Barnes.

And Jennifer Lockett to commemorate the birthday of her brother, Kobie Ellis

Compiled by Ceola Allen.

FROM THE COMMUNITY:

A Celebration of Excellence in Scholarship, Arts, Music and Literature
ARTS & PROSE
 2026 Arts & Prose features internationally acclaimed author ReShonda Tate and the prestigious Duke Ellington School Jazz Ensemble.
Sun, April 12, 2026
 Performance Begins: **1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**
 Doors Open: **Noon**
Tickets: \$150
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RESHONDA TATE
 Author of The Queen of Sugar Hill
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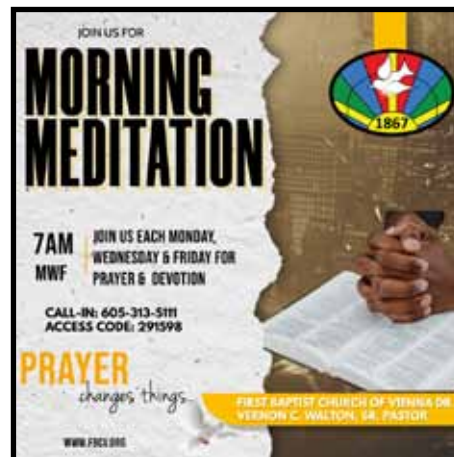
MINISTRY MEETING SCHEDULE

For more info call 703-938-8525

All are welcome. join a new ministry today!

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| Burden Bearers | M-5pm; T,Th, F-6pm; Su-7:30pm (Conference Call Line) |
| Feed the Homeless Ministry | 4th Monday at 7pm (Virtual) |
| HANDS Health & Wellness | 1st Tuesday at 7pm (Virtual) |
| Missionary | 3rd Monday at 6:30pm (Hybrid) |
| Nursery | 1st Monday at 7pm (Virtual) |
| Parking Lot | 1st Sunday at 8:30am (In-Person) |
| Parent Nation | 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm |
| Ushers | 2nd Thursday Time? (Virtual) |
| Women's Ministry | 3rd Tuesday at 6:30pm (Virtual) |
| Worship & Arts (rehearsals) | Tuesday Weekly at 7pm (In-Person) |
| Young Adults | 2/6 and 3/6 at 6:30pm; 1st Thursday at 6:30pm (Virtual) |
| Youth Advisory Council | 1st Tuesday at 6:30pm (Virtual) |
| Evangelism Ministry | 1st Sat. at 10 am (in-person + conference call line) |

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Dr. Vernon C. Walton, Pastor

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Nursery is open 2-4 Sundays
Youth Church 3rd & 4th Sundays

"I, therefore, the prisoner ^{1a}of the Lord, ^{1b}beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **There is one body and one Spirit**, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism;" Ephesians 4:1-5