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The Good News That Changed Everything

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

The Apostle Paul underwent one of the most radical transformations in human history. He went from persecuting Christians — sanctioning their deaths — to giving his life proclaiming the message of Jesus to the world. On three separate occasions he gave a testimony of this change, and each time he traced it back to one thing: a personal encounter with the risen Jesus Christ.

The remainder of Paul's life was given over to furthering the essence of Christianity — what he simply calls "**The Gospel.**" The word gospel comes from the Greek euangelion — it means "good tidings" or "good news." Not good fantasy. Not good hypothesis. Not good imagination. Good **news.** An accurate recounting of objective events that happened in history. Claims that can be examined, put on trial, and corroborated by evidence.

Paul tells us that in order to truly know God, be forgiven, and have a home in heaven, you must do three things: hear the Gospel, understand the Gospel, and believe the Gospel. There is no salvation apart from those three. So what are we to hear, understand, and believe?

In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul lays it out with stunning clarity. Three historical facts. Three anchors of the Christian faith. And this Easter, I want to walk you through each one.

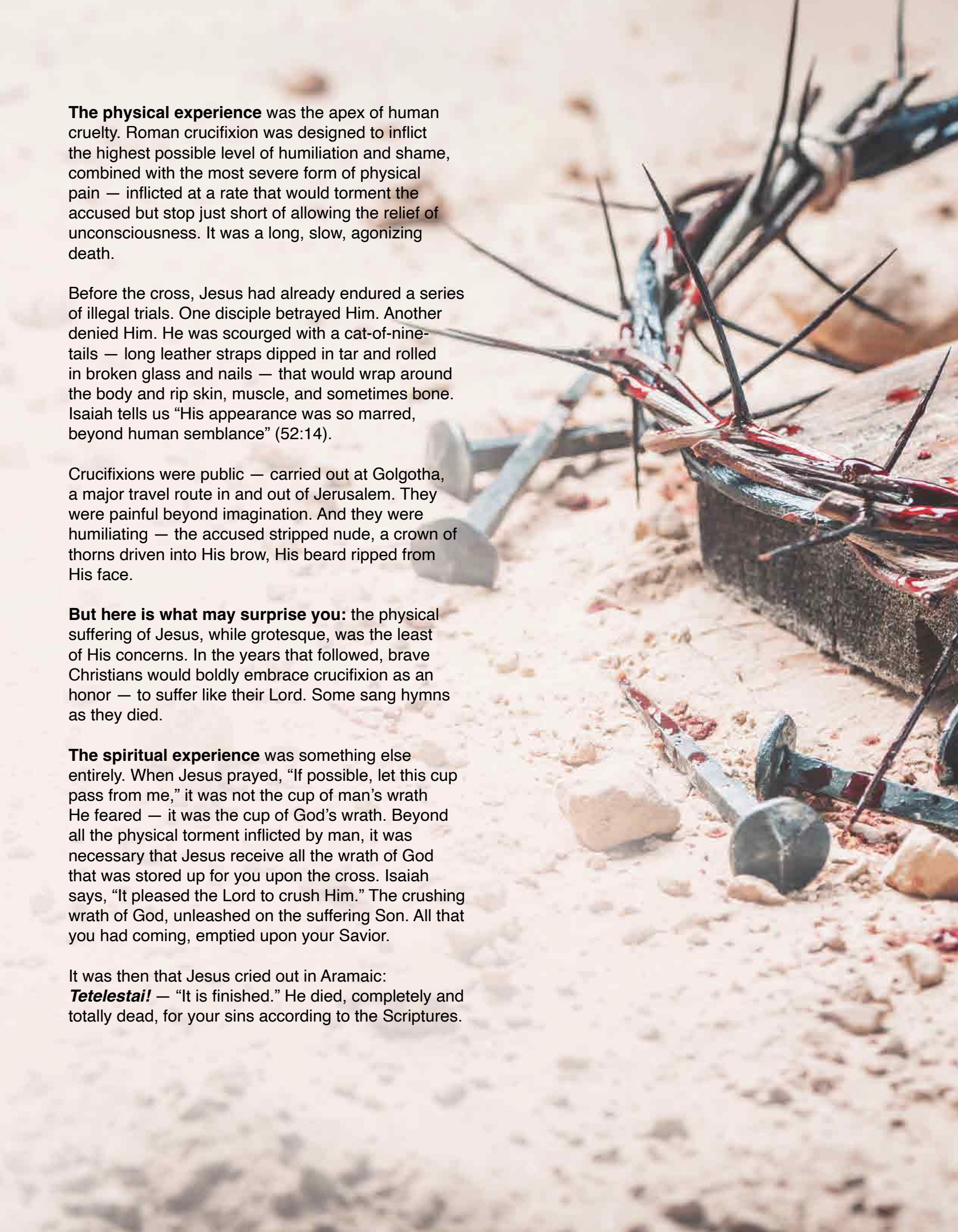
I. Jesus Christ Died for Our Sin

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures." — 1 Corinthians 15:3 (ESV)

Paul insists that if the death of Jesus had any meaning, it would have been proclaimed beforehand in the Old Testament Scriptures. Was it? Consider Isaiah 53 — a chapter so clearly about Jesus that the 17th-century Jewish historian Raphael Levi admitted it caused "arguments and great confusion" in synagogues. The rabbis' solution? Stop reading it. To this day, Isaiah 53 is considered the forbidden chapter in many Jewish synagogues.

Yet it was written 700 years before the birth of Christ, and it describes His life and death perfectly: *"He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed"* (Isaiah 53:5).

The death of Jesus must be understood in two dimensions: the physical and the spiritual.



The physical experience was the apex of human cruelty. Roman crucifixion was designed to inflict the highest possible level of humiliation and shame, combined with the most severe form of physical pain — inflicted at a rate that would torment the accused but stop just short of allowing the relief of unconsciousness. It was a long, slow, agonizing death.

Before the cross, Jesus had already endured a series of illegal trials. One disciple betrayed Him. Another denied Him. He was scourged with a cat-of-nine-tails — long leather straps dipped in tar and rolled in broken glass and nails — that would wrap around the body and rip skin, muscle, and sometimes bone. Isaiah tells us “His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance” (52:14).

Crucifixions were public — carried out at Golgotha, a major travel route in and out of Jerusalem. They were painful beyond imagination. And they were humiliating — the accused stripped nude, a crown of thorns driven into His brow, His beard ripped from His face.

But here is what may surprise you: the physical suffering of Jesus, while grotesque, was the least of His concerns. In the years that followed, brave Christians would boldly embrace crucifixion as an honor — to suffer like their Lord. Some sang hymns as they died.

The spiritual experience was something else entirely. When Jesus prayed, “If possible, let this cup pass from me,” it was not the cup of man’s wrath He feared — it was the cup of God’s wrath. Beyond all the physical torment inflicted by man, it was necessary that Jesus receive all the wrath of God that was stored up for you upon the cross. Isaiah says, “It pleased the Lord to crush Him.” The crushing wrath of God, unleashed on the suffering Son. All that you had coming, emptied upon your Savior.

It was then that Jesus cried out in Aramaic: **Tetelestai!** — “It is finished.” He died, completely and totally dead, for your sins according to the Scriptures.

II. Jesus Christ Was Buried

“...that He was buried...” — 1 Corinthians 15:4a (ESV)

When evening came, a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph asked Pilate for the body. It was taken, wrapped for burial, and laid in a tomb. A Roman seal was set upon it — making tampering a federal offense punishable by the same death they had just witnessed. A guard was assigned to watch it.

He lay there three days. Dead, dead, dead.

I've seen more death than most of you. I was raised by my mother in the florist industry, daily delivering flowers to funeral homes. As a pastor, I am regularly involved in the funerals of church members. And I can tell you from experience: **nothing is more final than death.**

It never feels natural to see it. Because it wasn't supposed to be this way. Men and women, boys and girls, were not supposed to die. We were intended for immortality. But the wages of sin is death, and nothing is more final.

Then, on the third day...

III. Jesus Christ Was Raised from the Dead

“...that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.” — 1 Corinthians 15:4b (ESV)

Somehow it is easier for us to conceptualize the original creation than to imagine the resurrection. But it happened. Just before sunrise on the third day, the same breath that blew upon Adam formed from the dust of the ground breathed upon the lifeless body of our Lord. Those lifeless cells began to move in a frenzy. Muscles quickened. The cold, dead heart began to pump new blood throughout the system. The brain lit up with activity. The eyes opened and adjusted to the light of glory that filled the tomb. The earth trembled as the stone was rolled away.

And then Jesus did something fascinating: He folded His burial shroud. In Jesus' day, just as in ours, if you are seated at a table and your work is not complete, you don't wad up the cloth and lay it on your plate. You fold it — to say something to your host: ***I'm coming back.***

Jesus folded His burial shroud as a reminder that He will come again and finish the work He began at Calvary.

He appeared to hundreds, even thousands, after the resurrection. His followers went into all the world proclaiming that He had been raised from the dead. Most of them sealed their testimony in their own blood. Only John died of natural causes.

Chuck Colson, the Watergate conspirator turned Christian, put it this way: “Here were the ten most powerful men in the United States, and we couldn't contain a lie for two weeks. There is no way the eleven apostles, who were with Jesus at the time of the resurrection, could have gone around for forty years proclaiming Jesus' resurrection unless it were true.”

So this Easter, here is the question before you.

You've now heard the Gospel — the good news. Many of you understand it. But do you believe it? Do you believe that the work of Jesus Christ was sufficient to save you?

Dr. Adrian Rogers once said: “Hypothetically, there are three chances that a person can die and go to heaven. Think of it as three strikes and you're out.”

Strike one: Live a sinless life. None of us can.

Strike two: Die before the age of understanding. For most of us, that window has closed.

Strike three: Receive Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Friend, here it comes. What will you do with Jesus?

This Easter, we invite you to hear, understand, and believe the greatest news the world has ever known: that the God of the universe loved you enough to send His Son to die in your place, to be buried, and to rise again — conquering sin and death forever. That same risen Jesus offers you forgiveness, a new life, and an eternal home.

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Rising Walls, Growing Faith

By Josh Wood
Central Nassau Campus Pastor

A Growing Ministry in Central Nassau

As we step into spring 2026, I'm thrilled to share about the strong growth and direction of the Central Nassau Campus. With God's incredible blessing, we're making tremendous strides in our building project, transforming what was once a dream into reality. Currently, construction crews are erecting the steel framework and beginning to raise the walls for our new 12,600-square-foot worship and ministry facility. This state-of-the-art space, set on our expanded 13.5-acre property in Yulee, Florida, will enhance our capacity to gather, disciple, and serve. We've already installed a modular building for Children's Ministry and Student Bible Studies, and Growth Track Classes. At just 2 1/2 years old our campus is once again gearing up for another season of Gospel-driven growth!

Our vision remains steadfast: to expand God's Kingdom throughout Central Nassau and beyond, glorifying Him by obediently making and equipping disciples of Christ in North Florida. We're building more than a structure—we're creating a vibrant hub for families in Central Nassau to meet Jesus, experience profound life change, and ignite community transformation that echoes for generations.

The excitement doesn't stop at bricks and beams. Our congregation is flourishing across all ages, with average Sunday attendance increasing 14% year over year. We continue to see new families and new decisions for Jesus each and every week!

Ministry opportunities continue to thrive as well. We're deeply committed to supporting local foster care families, as we have provided backpacks for children in need, blessed caseworkers with much needed encouragement, and even sponsored a recent baby shower for a teenage mother in foster care who chose life for her baby! We have a budding relationship with Gracie's Kitchen, offering meals and hope to the homeless in our community. The Grace and Grit women's ministry is booming, bringing new faces into our ministry and empowering women through faith and fellowship. Our youth ministry is exploding, with attendance steadily growing through weekly Bible studies and monthly worship nights. Children's ministries are equally dynamic, as our ministry to young families is one of our fastest growing age brackets!

While we are all excited for what God is going to do through this ministry, we would be amiss to overlook the blessings He is already pouring out! Our faithful Ministry Partners are so much more than just volunteers. Each of them have answered a personal call to ministry and to serve this community. If you feel that God may be preparing you for a deeper or greater season of service, please reach out and get connected with us! We would love to show you what it could look like to put your shoulder to the wheel out here at FBFirst Central Nassau!

Connecting Hearts, Serving Neighbors

Making an Impact in Our Community

By John Sauer
Community Outreach Coordinator



*I*t feels like we just connected, and already so much is happening at Community Outreach!

Our Wednesday night dinners continue to grow, and we couldn't be more grateful. Each week, friends and neighbors gather around the table for a warm, "home-cooked" meal prepared in our commercial kitchen by Carol Baugh and her wonderful team. They consistently serve delicious, wholesome dishes that make everyone feel right at home.

Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m., and we would love for you to invite a friend or neighbor to join you. The suggested donation is \$5 per person—but please don't let cost keep you away. If it's your first time, the meal is on us. And if finances are tight, we've got you covered. Our goal is simple: good food, meaningful connection, and a welcoming place to belong.

Exciting progress is also being made on the "North Property." The walls and ceilings have been beautifully redone, and new windows are expected any day. Both buildings will soon serve as vibrant hubs for community outreach. Beginning this season, we will offer free haircuts and clothing for those in need on the third Wednesday of each month from 4:00–5:30 p.m. Creating even more opportunities to care for our neighbors in practical ways.

Serve Day was another highlight this year. It was inspiring to see our church family step into the community, build friendships, and serve with joy as we represented FBFirst and the love of Jesus in tangible ways.

Looking ahead, we are excited to host our 4th Annual Global Impact Celebration (GIC) in September. During this special time, we welcome our missionaries and their families from around the world, encouraging them, resourcing them, and celebrating the incredible work being done globally.

If you've been thinking about getting involved—whether through Wednesday dinners, Serve Day, GIC, or one of our many local outreach efforts—we would love to connect with you. Please feel free to reach out to me at JohnSauer@FBFirst.com. There's a place for you here, and together we can continue making a meaningful impact in our community and beyond.

Global Impact Celebration 2026 September 23-27

The Global Impact Celebration (GIC) is a biennial, multi-day, churchwide celebration of what God has done and is doing around the world and here locally each year through missions. We invite you and community members to get to know global guests (missionaries) through group gatherings, workshops, shared meals, and worship services. We get to hear their stories and find out how God is using regular people, just like us, to love others, elevate His name and fulfill His purposes – the great commission, around the globe. It is our hope that our local church members and friends will join us in welcoming these ministry partners and develop relationships that will encourage all of us to grow in our determination to win others to Christ locally and globally.

Summer Ministry for 6-12th Graders

Camp and Missions Ahead

By Gabe Zavala
Student Pastor

This summer, we are excited to once again take our students to the mountains for an incredible week of summer camp. Our destination is Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, North Carolina, where our students will attend FUGE Camp hosted by Lifeway from **June 28 – July 2**. This camp is open to students who have completed 6th through 12th grade.

Camp has always been a powerful time in the life of our student ministry. Last year alone, we saw 11 students respond to the Gospel and place their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We are praying and believing that God will continue to work in the hearts of our students this year as they hear Gospel-centered teaching, engage in worship, and experience fellowship with

hundreds of other students who desire to grow closer to Christ.

There is still time for students to register! The cost for camp is \$395, with deposits due by May 18 and the final balance due by June 1. However, we never want cost to prevent a student from attending camp. We are blessed with a generous church family that faithfully sponsors students each year. If financial assistance is needed, students and parents are encouraged to speak with Pastor Gabe about available sponsorship opportunities.

Over the years, we have seen how impactful camp can be. When students step away from their normal routines and distractions, they are able to focus more clearly on who God is and what He is doing in their lives. Time and again, we have watched God

use these moments to transform hearts and strengthen faith.

In addition to camp, please be praying for our upcoming Puerto Rico Mission Trip from June 13–19. A team of 23 adults and students will be traveling to serve on the island, sharing the love of Christ and living out the Good News among those who need to hear it.

If you would like to stay informed about everything happening in our student ministry, we encourage parents to sign up for our Student Ministry Parent Email List.

Through this monthly newsletter, we share ministry updates, upcoming events, helpful articles, and important information for families.

We are looking forward to a summer full of growth, service, and life change as our students draw closer to Christ.



FUGE CAMP

JUNE 28 – JULY 2

Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC

6th - 12th Grade

Deposit: \$100 by May 18

Camp Total: \$395



Help send students to Camp FUGE this summer!

Scan the QR code to sponsor a student or give any amount—every gift makes a difference.



Thank you for investing in the next generation!

Summer Ministry for K-5th Graders

Faith, Fun, and Friendship

By Zach Zettler
Children's Pastor



Creating meaningful connections for children is not just important—it's essential. When kids are able to attend church with friends, participate in special group events, and become familiar faces in Sunday School, they begin to experience a true sense of belonging. Children thrive in community. They flourish when they regularly gather with peers, build friendships, and know they are part of something bigger than themselves. But where does it start?

Summer is filled with exciting opportunities designed to help children experience community, purpose, and a place to belong. **Vacation Bible School (June 8–12, 8:45am–12:15pm)** invites rising Kindergarteners through 5th graders to dive deeper into God's character through engaging Bible study and high-energy fun.

CentriKid Camp (July 6–10) offers an unforgettable overnight experience where kids attend with our church family and connect with others from across Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia.

New to our calendar this year is **Camp Freestyle (July 20–23, 8:00am–4:30pm)**, a full-day camp hosted right here at our church for children ages 5–11. With worship, Bible study, interactive games, and plenty of fun, this camp is sure to be a

highlight of the summer. Registration is limited to the first 200 children.

Looking ahead to the fall, be sure to mark your calendars for our **Annual Fall Festival on October 28 from 6:00pm–8:00pm**. Please note that the date has changed to allow more families in our community to join us for this special evening. Start planning those creative costumes now—we can't wait to celebrate together! This simple outreach opportunity helps our community find a place to belong as well.

When people move to a new city, they often look for places for their kids to establish community and start finding friends. The church can be that place for people to establish deeper relationships. Look around our facility and for a young family - help them find a deeper relationship with other people.

Looking to register for all of our upcoming events?
Go to fbfirst.com/kids. It's a great place to start, find community, and invest in the next generation.



When God Draws a Family In

Bringing Young Families to Church

By Zach Zettler
Children's Pastor

The smallest people sometimes have the biggest impact. For families with small children and infants, it takes everyone a good while to get used to going to church. A lot of new things - faces, sounds, people. Going into a new environment isn't always easy for children. Consistency is a key component of our leadership.

In the fall of 2025, a young mom and her two children walked into our church. She grew up going to church, but at one point in time, she decided to stop going as a young adult. That all changed one day when she woke up and felt as though the Lord was encouraging her to go to church – with her two small children in tow. For her, it meant packing a diaper bag, picking out outfits, and eventually making it through the doors of our church without major meltdowns. How would the kids react? How would she be accepted? Would anyone talk to them?

Being at church on Sunday morning encouraged her. She knew it was the Lord who had given her the desire to start attending. But what would her husband say? Would he be ok with her going and taking the kids?

After all, he didn't want much to do with the church in the first place. A couple of months later, she signed up to attend the Parent/Child Dedication, and her husband decided he would go and participate, too. Their two small children were dedicated that Sunday morning, and as a family, they have become regular attenders. Sure, there has been crying (lots of crying), but they are adjusting. Their son loves Mr. Bruce Williams, and their daughter looks forward to spending Sunday mornings with Mrs. Carol Baugh. Their mom is now singing in the choir, and her husband is now discussing the Lord at home and attending when he isn't at work.

God is good. God is bringing more young families into our church, and all of them (including their kids) are looking for their spot to find community. Have you seen them? Have you taken time to introduce yourself to them? Stop for a moment and consider who you speak with at church, and maybe look for someone different, maybe someone smaller than you. You see, small children do have a big impact - they are bringing their parents to church!



Save the Date

APRIL 17TH, 2026

FBCA'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

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FBCA Annual Fundraiser

Friday, April 17th | 5:30pm in the B Wing

This annual event raises funds to support the K-8 school located right here on the FB First Campus! You can purchase:

- a Dinner-for-Two: \$150
- a Corporate Table: \$1,500 (includes Dinner-for-8, plus your business logo on the screens, in the program and on the table)
- a Family Table: \$1,500 (includes dinner for 8)
- make a Donation to FBCA (a non-profit 501(C)3 organization)

It is a special evening of great food (catered by the award-winning Southern Soul BBQ of St. Simons), fabulous homemade desserts by the best bakers of Nassau County as well as a Silent Auction and a Live Auction!

Congressman Aaron Bean will be our host for an outstanding evening to celebrate this special school that God planted on this campus!

We believe that the future quality of life in our town, our state and our country will soon be in the hands of today's students. The Fernandina Beach Christian Academy began with 7 Kindergarten students in 2010 and it has a steadfast mission to assist families in educating their children to become influential Christian Leaders who will impact the world for the Kingdom of God.

If you believe that equipping our students with a strong combination of Christian principles and high academic standards is of utmost importance, then consider investing in the Fernandina Beach Christian Academy!

Get your tickets today!

- in the church lobby
- contact Micki Smith at mickis642@gmail.com
- at FBCA: elizabeth.cherry@fbcaknights.com
- Scan the QR code on the FBCA Fundraiser Flyer



Men's Fellowship Recap

*T*he Men's Christian Fellowship was a meaningful time of connection, encouragement, and spiritual growth. Men gathered to strengthen their faith, build authentic relationships, and be challenged in their walk with Christ. Through fellowship and shared experiences, bonds were deepened and lives were encouraged. It was a powerful reminder that we are stronger together as we pursue God's purpose.



Retro Night of Worship Recap



*R*etro Night of Worship was an incredible evening filled with powerful praise and unforgettable throwback songs that stirred both joy and reflection. It was a beautiful reminder of God's faithfulness through every season. It was more than just a concert—it was a meaningful time of worship, connection, and celebration.





Music, Worship, & Celebration

What's Ahead for Our Choir & Orchestra

By Jennifer Hudson
Music Ministries Director

The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra are on fire in 2026, having just given an incredibly impactful “Retro Night of Worship” concert. In April, they have been invited to participate in a mass choir for the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference in Jacksonville!

Starting this June, there are several exciting events you do not want to miss. Mark your calendars now and start inviting your friends:

Sunday, June 28 at 9am & 10:45am – Christian Heritage Sunday. Join us on our island campus as we celebrate America and the Christian elements of our shared values we have been blessed to inherit from our nation’s past. Come pay tribute to the wonderful country we love, and the Christians who have shaped our nation through their faithfulness to God.

Thursday, July 23-Saturday, July 25 – Serenity Songbirds Ladies Vocal Retreat. If you are a woman who loves to sing, worship and fellowship – this weekend is for you. This special retreat invites ladies from all over Florida to come together on our campus for a weekend of singing, vocal workshops, worship moments, prayer, and of course – fellowship, fun and fantastic food! We will work together to create a beautiful program of song on Saturday night, July 25 at 6pm that will be open to the public. This is the perfect opportunity to get to know other ladies, fellowship, and grow your vocal ability with

professional instructors and coaches. A registration link will be available soon!

Sunday, September 13 at 6pm – “In God We Trust” Fall Choral Concert. This is the ultimate tribute to America and its heroes. This extraordinary patriotic presentation will showcase the amazing Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra, along with a very special guest Narrator! Come celebrate our incredible Veterans, the members of the Armed Forces, and the beautiful country we are all so proud to call “Home.” Admission is free and open to the public. Wear your red, white and blue and come prepared to be uplifted and encouraged!

Saturday, December 13 & Sunday, December 14, both at 6pm – Christmas Choral Concert. The most wonderful time of the year culminates in a heartwarming program full of joy, hope, peace, love – and all things Christmas. Join us for one of the biggest and best events of the year. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots and come early to grab your seat! Admission is free, and we hope you’ll bring your friends and family to celebrate the reason for the season with us!

If you are interested in becoming a member of our amazing choir or orchestra, please reach out to Jennifer Hudson at jenniferhudson@fbfirst.com to set up an appointment.



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What Happens on Wednesday Night

Each Wednesday evening the church offers a meal to be enjoyed together before activities begin for all ages. Don't miss the opportunities for growth and fellowship.



Serve Day Recap

Making an Impact in Nassau County

In March, FBFirst had the incredible opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus throughout our community during Serve Day. What a powerful reminder of what can happen when the church steps outside its walls to serve others.

More than **200 volunteers** came together to serve **12 community organizations across Nassau County**, giving their time, energy, and hearts to make a difference. Because of their efforts, our teams collected **over 525 pounds of trash** and contributed **more than 560 hours of service** to help care for and support our community.

Serve Day is about more than completing projects—it's about sharing the love of Christ through action. Every bag of trash picked up, every hour served, and every helping hand extended was a reflection of God's love at work.

We are so grateful for every volunteer who participated and represented FBFirst so well. Your willingness to serve truly made an impact in our community.

Thank you for being the church beyond the building.





Wondering What's Next?

GROWTH TRACK

LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER

Now that you're part of (or thinking about being a part of) FBFirst, it's time to get connected—through a small group and by serving! Our approach to spiritual growth is built on Coaching, Community, and Commission (the 3 C's). Our Growth Track Class is the first step in this process.

We can't wait to see you there!
Have questions? Contact:

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NEXT CLASS
SUNDAY
APRIL 12

Scan this code to register:



On **May 24th**, we will be recognizing our 2026 High School and College graduates during the second service! In order to reserve your student's spot, please register by scanning this QR code! We are extremely proud of this year's grads and cannot wait to celebrate with them!

Join us for a celebratory luncheon immediately following the second service for our High School graduates in the B-wing! RSVP's for the luncheon are included in the Graduate Recognition registration link as well!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Looking for a way to invest in more than 500 kids with the gospel? VBS is right around the corner! This year our theme is Rainforest Falls. Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into

a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. Will you join the team TODAY? Do so at

FBFirst.com/vbs



June 8-12 @ FBFIRST
8:45am - 12:15pm

Faith, Fellowship, and Baseball

Serving in Granada, Spain



By Josh Wood
Central Nassau Campus Pastor

Our church recently sent a Serve Team to Granada, Spain, and it was an unforgettable experience of faith, fellowship, and community outreach. Our team traveled to support the vital work of Iglesia Reconciliación, a vibrant church dedicated to spreading the Gospel and building relationships in the local area. Nestled in the historic city of Granada, with its stunning Alhambra backdrop, the church serves a diverse community eager for connection and hope.

A highlight of the trip was partnering with Granada Club

de Beisbol with their inaugural Baseball Camp. This innovative event brought together nearly 50 kids from the neighborhood for a week of fun, skill-building activities on the field. Baseball, though not as common in Spain as in the US, proved to be a perfect avenue to engage the youth. Through games, drills, and team-building exercises, we shared stories of Jesus' love, emphasizing themes of teamwork, perseverance, and grace. It was inspiring to see the children's faces light up as they learned new skills and heard how stories of Jesus could be integrated seamlessly into the fun.

What made the camp even more special was the involvement of parents. Many joined their kids on the sidelines, cheering them on and participating in the family-oriented atmosphere. Some parents even volunteered to help with the clinics or snacks, fostering deeper conversations about faith and community. The energy was electric—laughter echoed across the field, high-fives were abundant, and the enthusiasm was contagious. It was a beautiful reminder of how sports can bridge cultural gaps and open hearts to the message of Christ.



In a heartfelt Facebook video shared by our global partners, Brian and Kassie, they captured the camp's joyful moments: kids swinging bats, group prayers, and shared meals. They highlighted how the event drew families closer to the faith community and each other. As Brian said in the video, "The team's energy and dedication truly impacted us; they encouraged our hearts as we found new ways to connect with our community for Jesus." This trip not only strengthened our partnerships but also left a lasting legacy of joy and spiritual growth.



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RADIO BROADCAST

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The Truth 91.7/91.9 FM
Jacksonville | 7:30 am

WBTG 1290 AM/106.3 FM
Northwest Alabama | 9:30am

WRZN 720 AM/103.5 FM
Gainesville/Ocala | 6:00 pm

WTLN 990AM/105.7FM Orlando | 6:30 pm

WTMN 1430 AM/96.3 FM
Gainesville/The Villages | 6:00 pm

Keeping Our Community Connected

At FBFFirst, we believe in the power of community and the importance of supporting one another, especially during challenging times. If you know a member of our FBFFirst family who is currently hospitalized or residing in a nursing home, we want to ensure they receive the care and attention they deserve.

Please take a moment to reach out to us by sending an email to susanhallman@fbfirst.com or giving us a call at 904.261.3617. Your assistance in providing their contact information will enable us to offer our support and prayers during their time of need.

Let's continue to uphold each other in love, ensuring that no member of our community feels alone during their journey to recovery.

2026 Calendar Highlights

APRIL

- 5 Easter Sunday
- 12 Growth Track

MAY

- 10 Mother's Day & Dedication
- 17 Beach Baptism
- 24 Graduation Sunday

JUNE

- 7 Growth Track
- 8-12 VBS
- 14 VBS Sunday
- 21 Father's Day
- 27 Christian Heritage Parade
- 28 Christian Heritage Sunday
- 28-Jul 2 Students Fuge Camp

JULY

- No Wednesday Services
- 6-10 CentriKid Camp
- 12 Beach Baptism
- 20-23 Camp Freestyle

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SUNDAY WORSHIP | 9:00AM and 10:45AM
WEDNESDAY | 6:00PM (5:00PM Dinner)

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SUNDAY WORSHIP | 9:15AM and 11:00AM
WEDNESDAY | 6:00PM