

One hundred fifty years of God at work
1876-2026



WOODBIDGE, VIRGINIA

A commemorative celebration of
joining and following God in His work
over the past 150 years. To God be the glory!

Dear FBCW Family,

It is with great joy that we gather as a church to celebrate 150 years of God’s steadfast love and faithfulness to First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, Virginia. Since our centennial year in 1976, the Lord has blessed us with faithful pastors who have proclaimed His Word: Ray Bearden (1994), Brad Kirby (2017), and now Josh Wootton (2023).

Under Pastor Ray’s leadership, our membership grew significantly, and God made it clear we needed a new church home. In 2006, while awaiting the construction of our building, we held services for 159 Sundays—over three years—at Woodbridge High School, and for one summer at the AMC Theaters at Potomac Mills. During this season of transition, God’s people served faithfully, setting up and taking down each week. In the first six months in our new building, we celebrated 40 baptisms, a clear sign of God growing His kingdom.

In 2005, God established a body of Elders, and in 2012, the Early Learning Center opened with 90 students. In 2018, on Vision Sunday, we embraced our calling to be a “Go & Tell” church—remaining Christ-centered and committed to reaching our community through family-focused outreach.

Should the Lord tarry, we pray He will continue to watch over and guide us.

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and faithfulness.” (Psalm 115:1)

150th Anniversary Celebration Team:

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**150th Anniversary History
of
First Baptist Church
Woodbridge, Virginia**

1876 – 2026

Occoquan Baptist Church

1876 - 1897

Woodbridge Baptist Church

1897 - 1968

First Baptist Church of Woodbridge

1968 - 2026

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Senior Pastors of FBCW

1876-2026

Proclaiming Christ One Hundred Fifty Years

1. W. S. Kerns 1880(?) - 1883
2. G. W. Popkins 1883 - 1886
3. T.W.T. Noland 1887
4. J. G. Council 1896 - 1898
5. Richard Owens 1902
6. A. W. H. Jones 1903
7. J. C. Bradford 1904 - 1906
8. C. Kelly Hobbs 1908
9. T. W. T. Noland 1908 - 1911
10. Clifton W. Storke 1912 - 1916
11. P. R. Rixey 1917 - 1919
12. Henry H. Nicoll 1919 - 1922
13. J. A. Goliheew 1924
14. R. C. Cline 1925 - 1932
15. Henry H. Nicoll 1932 - 1933
16. Guy A. Foster 1934 - 1935
17. C. J. Ashley 1935 - 1941
18. Thomas H. Christie 1942 - 1952
19. Berl Washburn 1953
20. A. T. Worley 1954 - 1968
21. Charles C. Moore 1969 - 1984
22. Paul Brown 1985 - 1992
23. Ray Bearden 1994 - 2017
24. Brad Kirby 2017 - 2022
25. Josh Wootton 2023 - Present

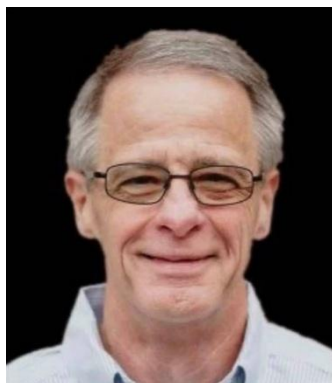
Senior Pastors

1985-2026

Photos Since Centennial Edition of FBCW History



Paul Brown



Ray Bearden



Brad Kirby



Josh Wootton

FBCW History Timeline

1876-2026

Proclaiming Christ One Hundred Fifty Years

1876

May – This marks the beginning of our church under the name Occoquan Baptist Church--a small Christian fellowship meeting in homes in Occoquan.

1880

First church covenant

Occoquan Baptist began the process of joining the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

1881

May 7th – Services moved to the Occoquan School.

1886

April 24th – Woodbridge schoolhouse became the meeting place, and the name was changed to Woodbridge Missionary Baptist Church.

1888

Pastor's salary around \$50-\$60 per year.

1890

Early 1890's – In order to have room for Sunday school and other activities, a church was built on the corner of the present intersection of Route 1 and Occoquan Road on the property of Mr. & Mrs. William H. Harrison.

1896

April 28th – One acre of land was deeded to Woodbridge Baptist Church by the Harrisons.

1903

Rev. A.W.H. Jones of Fredericksburg, Virginia, called as pastor. He preached on second and fourth Sundays. Membership was down to 20.

1912

Rev. Clifton W. Starke of Independent Hill, Virginia, was called as pastor. He served through 1916. Under Reverend Starke's guidance the church grew both spiritually and physically. During this time a new ministry of weekly Wednesday night prayer meeting started. Sunday school continued to grow. They purchased an organ.

1917

Rev. P. R. Rixley Fredericksburg, Virginia, was elected as pastor to preach second and fourth Sundays. Membership and Sunday school grew.

The U.S. Government established Quantico Marine base during World War I

1918

Improvements made to US Highway 1 through Woodbridge making it easier for people to get to the church.

1919

Church adopted the envelope system of giving.

Rev. Henry H. Nicoll of Woodbridge was called as pastor.

1920

Had eight baptisms, total membership 62. Held a two week revival.

1921

Women's Missionary Union began.

1925

Under the leadership of Rev. Henry C. Nicoll, classrooms were built for the growing Sunday school.

Rev. R. C. Cline became pastor, preached the second and fourth Sundays.

1935

Church membership 53.

1939

Sunday school enrollment reached 143, including babies and up and 24 adults.

Average church attendance 50.

1941

Church membership climbed to 77.

1949

Under the active ministering of Rev. Thomas Christie, two lots were purchased on the corner of Route 123 and Horner Road.

Construction on a new church building began.

1951

The growing congregation moved into a new brick building (currently the Mountcastle Turch Funeral Home, 13318 Occoquan Road, Woodbridge).

1952

Church membership 147.

First wedding was Edie Mae Corder and Billy Peed.

1954

April – After almost 68 years the church called its first full-time pastor, Rev. A.T. Worley. “Lynn”

Also, at this time a parsonage was built.

1958

Rapidly outgrowing the building and grounds at the corner of Route 123 and Horner Road, the church purchased the property on Millwood Drive.

1960

May 8th – Our church's first Girls in Action Coronation Service.

Church membership 577.

1961

May 28th - Groundbreaking ceremonies held for the sanctuary and half of the educational wing.

1962

April 22nd - Dedication services held for the Millwood church building. We had 4 Nurseries, 2 Beginner, 3 Primary, 2 Junior and 11 Intermediate classes, 8 Training Union classes, Brotherhood, WMU, Sunbeams, Girls in Action & YWA's.

Riverview Chapel Mission established.

1966

An extension of the education wing, adding 10,000 square feet of much needed Sunday school space completed.

1967

A week-day kindergarten started.

1968

April - the name First Baptist Church of Woodbridge was adopted.

September - Rev. A. T. Worley resigned.

1969

June - Dr. Charles C. Moore became the pastor, and Eddie Mae Peed was the organist.

1971

August - the church called their first full-time Minister of Education, Rev. Donald A. Hawley.

1972

Lake Ridge Mission established.

Edie May Peed accepted a paid position as church organist.

July - Miss Claudette Oliver came as our first full-time Minister of Music and Youth.

1973

Bus Ministry started with 47 riders.

1974

We sponsored English & Citizenship classes with 25 graduates from Portugal, Belgium, Taiwan, Vietnam, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Estonia, Guatemala, Sweden, Korea, Japan & Uganda.

115 were baptized (largest ever). This makes a total of 542 baptisms.

1976

First Baptist begins their Centennial Celebration Year of "Proclaiming Christ for 100 Years" – 1876-1976 with membership of approximately 1555.

1980

Handbell dedication. The average Sunday school attendance 438.

1981

May - the Church purchased Blake property located on Horner Road, which is known as "The Lighthouse".

Total membership 1855.

Rev. Robert "Bob" Jones became first Associate Minister of Education. "Debbie"

October 19th – Ordination Service for Norman Reece, Lay Minister.

1983

March 27th - Rev. Karl Heilman – Minister of Youth came on board.

An Adult II Mixed Department started with 3 classes.

Vacation Bible School attendance 438.

1984

September – Dr. Charles C. Moore resigned and Rev. Karl Heilman, Minister of Youth, assumed the duties of Interim Pastor.

1985

January – Dr. Wade Freeman became our Interim Pastor.

September – Dr. Paul Brown became the pastor. “Wanda”

1987

March - Rev. Carlton Winters became our Minister of Education. “Shirley”

May – The Lighthouse note - paid in full.

Total Membership – 2089 and Average Sunday school 457.

1988

June – Rev. James Gestrinch called as Minister of Youth. “Gayle”

October – Deaf ministry re-established.

A senior adult ministry called JOY (Just Older Youth) Fellowship organized.

1989

May – A Hispanic Sunday School class created and led by Ricardo Chavez meeting at 9:30 a.m.

June – Classes began for teaching English to speakers of other languages.

1980's – The Golden Circle Class adopted Elizabeth Kane, living at the Culpepper Baptist Home, who had no living family to visit her. She had been a missionary in China for years. The class members would visit with her two or three times a year.

1990

January – Rev. Roy A. Kaiser called as Minister of Music.
“Becky”

March – The New Seoul Congregation of Korean Baptists began meeting in our building and enrolled in our Sunday school with Rev. Paul Choi as their Pastor.

1991

May - Rev. Anibal Velarde called as pastor for the Hispanic congregation.

1992

December - Dr. Paul Brown resigned.

1993

January – Rev. Carlton Winters became our Interim pastor, and Rev. Roy Kaiser assumed responsibilities of the Youth Ministry.

1994

February - Rev. Ray C. Bearden called as Pastor. “Gina”

Amber Finklea was a summer missionary with the Teen Missions of Africa, aiding the Mozambique Bible School. After her schooling she returned, married and is still a missionary with her husband and two sons in Zambia.

1995

February – Focus on building for Christ in Woodbridge was established.

1996

Rita Wiley came on staff as Minister of Education. “John”
120th Anniversary of FBCW where Pastor Ray spoke on
“Launching a Bigger Boat”

1999

January, Kely Hatley called as Minister of Music (1/99-10/2005).
“Lassie”

September, Ed Clark called as full time Hispanic Minister.

2000

Becky Thompson hired as the church pianist.

June 21st – Prayed and celebrated the purchase of the land for
our new church building on the corner of Minnieville and Elm
Farm Roads

Lora Gravett hired as Minister of Children. (2000-5/2008)
“Carlton”

Sunday School Leadership Appreciation Banquet:

325 – Churches in Northern Virginia

705 – Average Weekly Attendance (1999-2000)

371 – New Members in Sunday school (1999-2000)

340 (1994-95)

409 (1995-96)

511 (1996-97)

549 (1997-98)

641 (1998-99)

69 Baptisms

Julie Weatherington hired as Director of Preschool Ministries
(2000-2004) & Director of Congregational Care (2003-2004).
“Dyke”

Rita Wiley resigned as Minister of Education.

2001

Michael Bradley called as Associate Pastor/Educational Minister. (2001-2007) “Lois”

2002

April 21st – Groundbreaking ceremony for our new building at the corner of Elm Farm Road and Minnieville Road.

September 11th – Patriot Day Service “Life is Fragile” – Getting through the Valley – Sermon by Pastor Ray Bearden.

December 30th was our last Sunday at FBC on Millwood Road.

2003

Jan 6th – First Sunday at Woodbridge High School with an 800 member congregation, moving in and out each week. (We formed a Levite Team to help). What were our normal Wednesday evening activities were moved to Thursday at the First Church of the Nazarene.

127th Anniversary Celebration of FBCW at the First Church of the Nazarene.

2004

Feb 9th – The 10th Anniversary Celebration of Rev. Ray Bearden. “Gina”

July 8th – Land crews begin clearing 19.34 acres for the new church building. Been in the making for 6 years, seats 1000, 60,000 sq. ft facility.

November 21st – Dedication Celebration “Stones of Remembrance” on new building site honoring God’s faithfulness while building our future.

2005

January 21st – Steel Beams Going Up!

Frank Johnson called as Executive Pastor. (2005-2012) “Terri”

John Kuzins called as Minister of Youth. (4/2005-1/2012)
“Brandy”

April 24th – First Elder Ordination of FBCW which included Mark Amway “Mary”; Phil Christie “Frances”; Stan Elmore “Jean”; Howard Meyer “Mary”; and Ron Perreault “Willie Mae”.

June 1st – The church steeple was placed on new building.
Quite a site!

June 5th – Moved into the AMC Theatre at Potomac Mills due to the renovation of Woodbridge High School.

Long time members Howell & Nellie Barnes celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

2006

January 22nd – Our last Sunday in Woodbridge High School after 159 Sundays; 1011 days- 3 years and 3 weeks; AMC Theatres for one summer; Church of the Nazarene (Wednesday evenings); Yarborough Park and Commission Court for office work.

January 29th – Celebration Sunday in the New Church Building.

Started supporting the “Mission of Love” orphanage in Zambia with Amber & Jako Jobert (2006-2016).

March 24th – Moved into the new church building.

March 26th – FBCW - New Building Dedication.

John “Baker” Thomas called as Minister of Music (2006-2009).
“Rebecca”

June 18th –In our first 6 months:

- 150 New Members (40 are baptisms)
- 250 more people in worship since moving in (37% increase).

- FBCW gave \$50,000 to missions (over budget percentage).
- FBCW raised \$60,000 for new kitchen above our financial commitment.
- Family members serve as greeters, parking lot attendants, teachers and tireless workers throughout the week we are “Kingdom Big” on our new site. God has provided and continue to pray!

July 1st – First marriage performed in new church building was Tamara Dawn Williams to Josh Kanera. Tamara is the daughter of Tom & Patricia Williams.

December - First Christmas with the beautiful new live Poinsettia Tree.

2007

May 9th – FBCW started incorporation.

Gary Bone hired as Interim Minister of Education. (2007-2009)
“Joye”

Beverly Hughes hired as Minister to Children (7/2007-7/2016).
“Tony”

Cristina Wells – Minister to Babies & Toddlers (2007), also
Candi Ervin (2011-2017) as Children’s Ministry Associate.

2009

Incorporation chartered.

Jeff Lindquist was called as Minister of Worship Arts. (2009-9/2015) “Kelli”

Ed Ferlazzo was hired as Worship Leader for the Traditional Service.

2010

Eric Wewerka hired as Interim Minister of Youth (7/2010-3/2012).

Doug Burney hired as Interim Music Minister for the Traditional Service (July-Oct.).

Erik Wilkins called as Minister of Discipleship/Next Steps Pastor. “Adria”

2011

During the summer construction started and completed for the children’s playground.

November 16th Edith Mae Peed FBCW Church Organist passed away at the age of 77. She began playing the organ for First Baptist at the age of 9.

First mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

2012

John Kuzins, Minister of Youth left to start Hope Hill Church, a church plant by FBCW.

In June, Bob Oghren hired as Church Administrator. “Lynda”

In September, Heather Seiber hired as Minister of Music-Celebration Choir and the Orchestra. “Pat” (2012-2019)

ELC (Early Learning Center) opened in September for the new school year with Verna Fouts-Gorden as Director. ELC started with 90 students.

April 21st – Woodbridge Bible Church merged with our congregation.

Tim Crater called as Associate Pastor (12/29/2012-2015) “Sherry,” with merger of Woodbridge Bible Church. Tim was the writer of the Community Bible Study on Revelation.

Mission trip to Ecuador.

2014

January – Began 10/60 Campaign to pay off our small loan in 5 years rather than 10, hopefully to be paid off by January 2018.

July – Justin Kellough called as Minister of Students. (7/2014-1/2017) “Kristen”

First mission trip to Peru.

October 20th – Former Minister of Education (1996-2000) and long-time member, Rita Wiley passed away.

2015

Our former Church Treasurer, Montine Wewerka & husband Richard became missionaries to Indonesia (2015-12/2016).

Second mission trip to Peru.

Christmas boxes were given for Operation Christmas Child, ending the 90 Days of Generosity emphasis.

2016

Andrew Porter hired as the Contemporary Worship Leader/Student Pastor. “Anika”

April - 61 Baptisms.

VBS (All time High with over 700 children registered and 290 volunteers) - Cory Wise – Director.

July – Rev. Robert (Bobby) F. Cook II called as our first Family Pastor for ages (Birth thru College). “Kim”

July – The Pastor Search Committee formed due to the upcoming retirement of Pastor Ray. Vanderbloemen Search Group (Church Staffing Company) was hired to help.

Committee Members: Mike Wise, Chairman; Stan Elmore, Co-Chairman; Scott Baderman;

Angie Clark; Medea Carter; Brandon Rogers; Mariah Stevenson; and Bill Lytle (Elder/Deacon Representative).

July 31st – Pastor Erik Wilkins, Next Step Pastor submitted our new 4-D Discipleship Pathway-

DISCOVER new life in Jesus, **DEEPEN** my relationship with Jesus and others, **DO** acts of service for Jesus and others, **DISCIPLE** others by helping them discover, deepen, do, and disciple.

As of August 16th there have been 296 Baby/Child Dedications since we moved into this building.

November – Church voted to change by-laws to work under Church Council mode which includes:

The Senior Pastor, the Elders, Church Secretary, Church Treasurer, Deacon Representative and 4 At-Large members.

2017

As of April 18th there have been 807 baptisms performed into our present building, which includes the Hispanic Congregation.

April 23rd – 42 Baptisms in one “Raised to New Life” service

Early Learning Center (ELC) has grown from 90 students to 164 students.

June 11th – Kerry Dillman hired as the Minister to Children. “Jonathan”

Commissioning of Mission Trips: Lebanon (1 member), Nepal (1 member), Dominican Republic (7 members); Four Hispanic Church Trips to Cherokee, NC; Morocco; Macedonia and Cuba. We have a renewed partnership with Arabic New Church through Southern Baptist Convention of Virginia (SBCV).

June 18th Pastor Bradford “Brad” A. Kirby was voted in as our new Senior Pastor, coming from a church in Jensen Beach, FL. His wife Emily, daughter Reagan (9) and son Luke (5).

VBS – 676 children registered, 282 volunteers, 8500 hours, 25 accepted Christ out of 96 interested in follow-up information.
Cory Wise - Director

July 20th - Rev. Bobby Cook resigned as Family Pastor

August 13th – First sermon preached by Pastor Brad, “The Jesus Way” Series. At this time Pastor Ray became Associate Pastor until his official retirement.

October 1st – 29 Baptisms “Raised to New Life” & Kirby Family Installation Event.

October – Successful Trunk or Treat for the community.

Andrew Porter was hired to also serve as Minister to Youth.

November - 1765 boxes were given for Operation Christmas Child “Samaritan’s Purse” from FBCW. Over 15,000+ shoe boxes shipped from Prince William & Fauquier counties. Eleven million boxes to 114 countries. 30,000 kids a day hear the gospel in the world. It was started in Bosnia in 1993. They have reached 157 million people. 16 kids accept Christ for every 100 boxes.

December 3rd – Pastor Ray Bearden’s retirement as Associate Pastor.

December – 175 local children were served through Angel Tree from FBCW.

Candi Ervin – stepped down as Assistant Children’s Ministry Associate from Nov. 2011-Dec. 2017.

FBCW sent \$55,000 to International Mission Board (IMB) for “Lottie Moon”. Goal was \$30,000.

2018

January 28th – Vision Sunday (1) To be a Go & Tell Church (2)
Continue to be Christ-centered and commit to the community
with a Family Outreach.

New Elder – Mike Kuhns “Ann”

March 15th – with a goal of \$25,000, FBCW sent \$25,046 for
Annie Armstrong Local Missions.

March 18th – Easter Service – (262 at Sunrise Service)
(707 at 9 A.M. Service and 1293 at 11 A.M. Service)

Our Easter Eggstravaganza that took place at Freedom High
School for the community was a big success (1200 people), as
well as the Good News Clubs and our outreach to teen
mothers within some of our schools.

March 21st – FBCW provided 800 families with Go Bags for
spring break to 48 schools in Prince William County.

April 8th – Andrew Porter’s title changed to Next Generation
Pastor & Contemporary Worship Lead.

April 22nd - \$5.00 was given to each person in attendance to
give someone in the community for “GO & TELL”- a means of
telling someone about Jesus’ love for them and inviting them to
FBCW.

April 29th – approximately 39 were baptized to New Life.

May – New welcome center desk and carpet replaced in the
lobby.

May 13th – Words from Pastor Brad was “Pay Down Your Debt”. We owe \$6.8 million. In the last 7 months we have taken the mortgage from \$7,350,000 to \$6,851,000 – **Way to go Church!**

Our capacity downstairs with our children is maxed out and we need more room. Let’s continue to pay down the debt as quickly as possible, without cutting what we are doing now.

May 20th – Our church membership is 1230. We are now streaming both services online. We are also doing Baby Boomerang for donations to help Care Net.

June 10th – Amy Lopez became the Assistant Children’s Ministry Associate. “Eric”

June 18th – 22nd – 700 Kids at Vacation Bible School
“Shipwrecked, but Rescued by Jesus”

FBCW seeking to raise \$10,000 (for the Dominican Republic local church in Porte Suelo), before church members go on their mission trip there to be used to buy (1) a water cistern, (2) food and school supplies, and (3) support construction and maintenance of the church.

July- Church Facilities Update: Parking lot and outside lights (LED). Student Center Renovation, Children’s Ministry Hallway painting, signage and TV bulletin boards. Playground expansion doubled in size with turf & less equipment. ELC paid almost half on renovation, due to their need with 180 children enrolled. Video Upgrades in the sanctuary including stage refurbishment and REALM (new software) transition.

Continued “Go and Tell” at FBCW: Providing dinners for the Homeless Shelter and visits the 1st Saturday of each month with seniors at the Potomac Place Assisted Living. 700 “Go Bags” collected with food for families/47 schools reached, 650 children received school supplies at Back to School Resource Fair, and a group of young people went to Cincinnati to rebuild and paint.

Lauren Craft, Sherri Tolson, Richard Wewerka, and Erik Wilkins make up the Unreached People Group Team that went to multiple countries in the Middle East to identify an unreached people group which FBCW will “adopt”.

FBCW filled “2556” boxes for Operation Christmas Child. 24th Anniversary of Samaritan Purse.

30,000 kids a day hear the gospel in the world thru these boxes. For every 100 boxes, 16 kids accept Christ. 1300 people worship at FBCW each week from all over Prince William County.

December –New Elder Jeff Mayo. “Stacey”

December - Pastor Brad Kirby, Billie Wilhite, Richard Wewerka, & Ric Wyatt going to Middle East to minister to FBCW’s new unreached people group.

FBCW has three new church plants in Dominican Republic.

2019

“Go & Tell” 30 Days of Prayer & Fasting

February 10th - 44 active deacons - Drew Crane – Deacon Chairman.

February 24th – Meet Our Unreached People Group event

March report of \$22,000 given to Debt Reduction.

May 12th – 11 Baby Dedications
Church Budget (2019-2020) \$3,338,425.

Committee formed for Go & Tell Pastor Search– Pastor Erik Wilkins, Pastor Brad Kirby, Lauren Craft, Connie Taylor, Ed Windhausen, Kamyar Pashneh-Tala, Phil Fales, Stef Kurtz, and Gabi Sanford.

Heather Seiber – Traditional Worship Lead resigned. Melodie Cox & Emily Kirby tag teaming temporary interim position.

Thanksgiving Baskets (96), Angel Tree (225) Children Served, 250 Gospel Resources Gifted with Jesus Films & New Testaments

Early Learning Center over 200 Students many from Outside Community, English-Arabic Language Club, Community Easter Egg Hunt, Back to School Resource Fair, Nursing Home Fellowship, Dinner Fellowships at Local Homeless Prevention Shelters, Unreached People Group Emphasis.

December Report: Debt Reduction now - \$5,960,000

End of Year Report: 100+ students involved in D-Now weekend to hear the gospel; 56+ decisions made for Jesus Christ; VBS had 516+kids; Mission giving totaled \$230,000+; Increase in worship attendance over 2018 4.3%; Operation Christmas Child- 2440 boxes collected; 3000+ students & parents ministered to Back to School Resource Fair; and 1200 “Go Bags” for families in need of food at Spring Break.

2020

January - Due to Space Issues which is “good” because FBCW is a Growing Church, another worship service was added:

Service Changes: 8:30 AM Traditional Worship,
9:50 AM and 11:10 AM Contemporary Worship

March – Debt Reduction now - \$5,788,500

March 10th – The Governor of Virginia declared a STATE OF EMERGENCY due to the outbreak of CORONOVIRUS-19 DISEASE.

March 13th – Schools closed indefinitely.

March 23rd- EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR EVERYTHING TO SHUT DOWN. Non-essential workers are to work from home.

Restaurants can provide take-out to be picked up outside, if they can. Everyone is to practice social distance and wear masks outside of their home. Grocery stores and drug stores remain open.

May 15th – **Phase 1** – Reopening churches – 50% occupancy; no more than 10 people gatherings; outdoor dining at 50% occupancy.

June 5th – **Phase 2** – Reopening in Virginia except for Richmond and Northern Virginia due to high number of cases.

June 7th – We can now have in-person or online church services. Must practice social distance and sanitize everything. 9 A.M., 11 A.M., Outside 5:30 Drive-up Service, and Wednesday 6:30 Acoustic Contemporary Service in the parking lot when weather permitted.

At this time our Sunday School Teachers have picked up Sunday school materials and hand-delivered them every month. There have been many virtual home groups, online events, and outdoor events.

We supported Angel Tree, Operation Christmas Child, and FBCW was a center for Prince William County food distribution.

June – FBCW restarted in-person worship

VBS took place in 75 homes or neighborhood communities.

2021

March 21st - First Sunday back to three worship services since COVID. Attendance is now 483 compared to our attendance of 350 previously with two worship services.

May –Welcome to Dru & Kellie Dunlap – new volunteer directors for Military Ministry.

12 adult Sunday School classes meeting virtually and three more are hybrid (on campus and virtual).

June – In person classes for kids started.

Our youth groups had summer camps at FBCW.

Early Learning Center (ELC's) 10th year has begun and they have 139 enrolled and have loved on 1400 students teaching them about Jesus.

August – Back to school resource fair to help the community.

October - New Church Council Members: Stan Elmore, Sara MacDonald and Jodi King

Women's Ministry - Amy Lay, Director; Men's Ministry – John Demko, Director; Senior Adult Ministry – Carol Leon, Coordinator; Single Adult Ministry – Linda Morris/Donna Meyer; and FBCW Missions – Ed Windhausen, Chairman

Karyn Kotsenburg – hired as our Guest Services Director. “Jeremy”

Nov. 15th – Jeff Meyer hired as Executive Pastor. “Stuart”

December – Bob Ohgren retired as Church Administrator.

Total Baptisms – 48 (Anglo & Hispanic)

2022

March – Pastor Brad Kirby resigned.

Two international mission trips to serve our Unreached People Group.

May 1st – Anna Klipa hired as Minister to Children.

Under the leadership of Andrew Porter our students attended

Crossing Student Camp, and in WinShape Camps a total of 15 Kindergarten- 8th graders accepted Christ.

June 19th – David Rhymes hired as our Go & Tell Pastor. “Jaime”

August – Back to School Resource Fair held with 700 children being helped, 640 heard the gospel with 24 spiritual decisions made.

September 12th – Robyn Hartfield hired as Traditional Worship Leader. “Paul”

October 22nd – Millie Vasquez hired as Communications Team Lead

Nov. 29th – David Radcliffe nominated to serve as treasurer of FBC Holding Company.

Total Baptisms – 48 (Anglo & Hispanic).

2023

Feb. 18th – Dr. Josh Wootton became our Senior Pastor. “Jennifer”

Feb. 23rd – We raised \$25,000 for the Next Generation Camps with 220 children attending.

March – Rick Saunders became our Congregational Care Pastor and does pastoral counseling.

June –Sixty 7-12th grade kids attended Crossing Student Camp, Sixty 3rd-6th grade kids attended Centri- Kid Camp and One hundred ten kids attended Wind Shape Camp.

July –Student Mission Trip to World Changers.

Our 2022-2023 (ELC) school had 160 children ages 16 months through 5 years.

2023-2024 Elders - Chris Belson (Sandra), Mike Taylor (Connie), Mike Kuhns (Ann), Jeff Mayo (Stacey), Billy Wilhite (Sally) and Sam Sanford (Cindy). Jeff Mayo stepped down and Ephrem Feleke (Tzion) came on.

October – Ron Gutshall hired as Facility Manager.

New after COVID – 19 adult Sunday school classes including two new military related classes of 30's and 40's.

The name of Adult Sunday School changed to Bible Fellowship Groups to reflect the goal to start new groups anytime, anywhere, with anyone.

We now have 15 4D disciple making groups.

Bible Study with 27 leaders & 1,775 average attendance.

Total Baptisms – 60 (Anglo & Hispanic).

2024

March 6th – Hyunsoo (Sue) An, became our new Traditional Worship Assistant alongside Robyn Hartfield.

Spring – Go & Tell Ministry includes: Refugee Ministry; Go, Play Tell – Sports Ministry; Love Local (Kids) Addition; Nation's Next Door – Muslim (20 days of prayer); Christianity Explored Course

Summer – Church raised \$15,014 for Next Gen Ministry Summer Camps

September – Sunday School-type small groups name was officially changed to “Bible Fellowship Groups” so that Bible study can meet anytime, anywhere, with anyone.

October – Official Ordination of Pastor David Rhymes after 25 years of ministry.

Easement purchase offer from Prince William County for the preparation of the Quartz District.

FBCW Goal for SBC Virginia \$12,000 (exceeded)

Peanut Butter Blitz – Collected 230 jars to support the Transformation Center in Baltimore, MD.

There are 294 registered first-time guests.

December – Total number of new participants in Bible Fellowship Groups (BFG's) is 338.

Performances put on by the church choirs of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol".

YouTube viewership increased with 2,637 new viewers.

Total Baptisms – 76 (Anglo & Hispanic).

Active Deacons – 21

A total of 136 people became members, this includes the Hispanic congregation.

2025

Welcome new staff member Julia Radcliffe as Children's Ministry Associate.

Start of Seminary Scholarship Fund Approved.

Next Steps – 132 first time guest since June of 2024, with 104 joining the church.

Bible Fellowship Groups – 24 new groups started and 338 more people enrolled.

Creative Ministry – Millie Vasquez – Polyglossia now available to translate multiple languages for worship service participants.

ELC – 40% from FBCW Families, others are un-churched or another denomination, 5 weeks of summer camp approximately 50 students per week.

Hispanic Congregation has started a Biblical Leadership Training Center with 30 students to embrace the “Know and Do” vision.

Audrey Evans new Traditional Worship Ministry Intern.

New Grief Share Support Group started in January.

Women’s Ministry: “Embrace Grace” for 3 moms attending meals and baby shower gifts.

Afghan Ministry for women attending received Uber cards \$25 - \$50 for English Club Rides, \$50 gift cards for home visits, and baby shower gift baskets.

Military Ministry: November 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025, heading up and helping support Streetlight Ministries Hypothermia Shelter for homeless in Woodbridge with dinner meals and in February 2025 started a weekly Bible study. They also support Refugee/English Club weekly.

Woodbridge, Virginia, population 304,000 – Biggest need is LOSTNESS. 12.9% hold a Biblical Gospel, 63.5% of population not from a White/European background.

June – Welcomed 172 first time guests representing 65 households with 708 contacts since June 1st. New Member Classes - 31 attendees, 25 completing their Next Step Membership.

Summer Camps -125 kids, student and leaders.
Backyard Bible Study – 325 attendees and volunteers at 15 locations.

Next Gen Ministry: 10 students and chaperones travel to Puerto Rico partnering with Send Relief hosting Vacation Bible School (VBS) shared with 9 individuals.

New Ministry team – Joy Egee (grade 7th – 12th) & Nicole Evans (babies – 6th grade), Sula Blevens, Next Gen Administration.

September – Intensive discipleship training (SendLine) launched.

Mark Stanley Update – beginning of his one-year residency in the Asia Pacific Rim learning how to do life as a Missionary.

October – Welcome Amy Wall new Early Learning Center (ELC) Director and Mariah Stevenson new Assistant Director and a Lay Bible Counselor and 11 new teachers for a team of 25 educators.

Student Pastor Search Team – Ephrem Feleke, John Dibble, Sara MacDonald, Pastor Jeff Meyer, and Katy Weber.

Facilities – Large replacement in our HVAC cooling tower.

On Christmas Eve our church's website peaked with 667 views surpassing 507 views on December 7, 2024.

Total Baptisms – 56 (Anglo & Hispanic).

2026

FBCW celebrates 150 years of God's work. Praise be to Him!

FBCW Leadership

May 3, 2026

Pastors, Elders, Deacons, Staff, and Church Council

PASTORS

Josh WoottonSenior Pastor
Jeff MeyerExecutive Pastor
Andrew PorterStudent Pastor / Contemporary Worship
Luiggi ReggiardoHispanic Pastor
David Rhymes Go & Tell Pastor
Rick SaundersCongregational Care Pastor
Erik WilkinsNext Steps Pastor

ELDERS

Sam Sanford, Elder Chair	Mike Kuhns
Josh Wootton	Mike Taylor
Chris Belson	Billy Wilhite
Ephrem Feleke	

DEACONS

Dean Lay, Chair	Bill McKeown
Rodney Adamson	Stephen Miller
Nick Blackstock	Dean Milne
Mike Carter	Eyob Nessibu
Daniel Cha	Kam Pashneh-Tala
Matt Converse	Robert Perry
John Dibble	Alex Rabearisoa
Keith Hamilton	David Radcliffe
Bill Holstein	Todd Remington
Terry Ivester	Brandon Rogers
Jeremy Kotsenburg	Joshua Walker
Jeff MacDonald	

STAFF

Robyn Hartfield Traditional Worship Lead
Anna Klipa..... Children’s Minister
Millie Rodriguez..... Creative Communications Lead
Amy Wall..... Early Learning Center Director

Hyunsoo An..... Traditional Worship Assistant
Sula Blevins NextGen Admin Assistant
Hope Cajayon Video Production Technician
Joy Egee Student Ministry Assistant
Audrey Evans Traditional Worship Intern
Nicole Evans Kid’s Ministry Assistant
Ron Gutshall Facility Manager
Gladys Heras Hispanic Admin Assistant
Donna Hill Finance Administrator
Sherry Howard Administrative Assistant
Karyn Kotsenburg Guest Services Director
Carol Leon Church Hostess
Angela Munevar..... Church Custodian
Chandler Philpott Lighting/Stage Technician
Trisha Ricciardi..... Communication/Social Media
Cindy Sanford Next Steps/Benevolence Admin
Kathy Storaker Finance Admin Assistant
Becky Thompson..... Pianist

CHURCH COUNCIL

Mike Taylor, Chair
Andrea Ker, Secretary
Brian Sipes, Treasurer
Chris Belson
Angie Clark
Stan Elmore
Ephrem Feleke
Mike Kuhns

Tammy Kumpe
Dean Lay
Sara MacDonald
Jeff Meyer
Sam Sanford
Billy Wilhite
Erik Wilkins
Josh Wootton

The Four Church Buildings 1890-2026

Proclaiming Christ One Hundred Fifty Years



Minnieville Road
2006-Present

Millwood Drive
1962-2003

Horner Road
1951-1962

Occoquan Road
1890-1951

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