

Ephesians 4:14 – 16

Speaking the Truth in Love

I. The Danger of Deception. vs. 14

Development is stunted: "no longer like children"

Distracted by fads: "tossed here and there by waves"

Disoriented by false teaching: "carried about by every wind of doctrine"

Dishonest intellectual con-games: "by the trickery of men"

Deceived by clever arguments: "by craftiness in deceitful scheming"

II. Declaring the Truth in Love. Vs. 15

A. Truth without love produces legalism.

B. Love without truth produces liberalism.

C. Truth joined with love produces liberty.

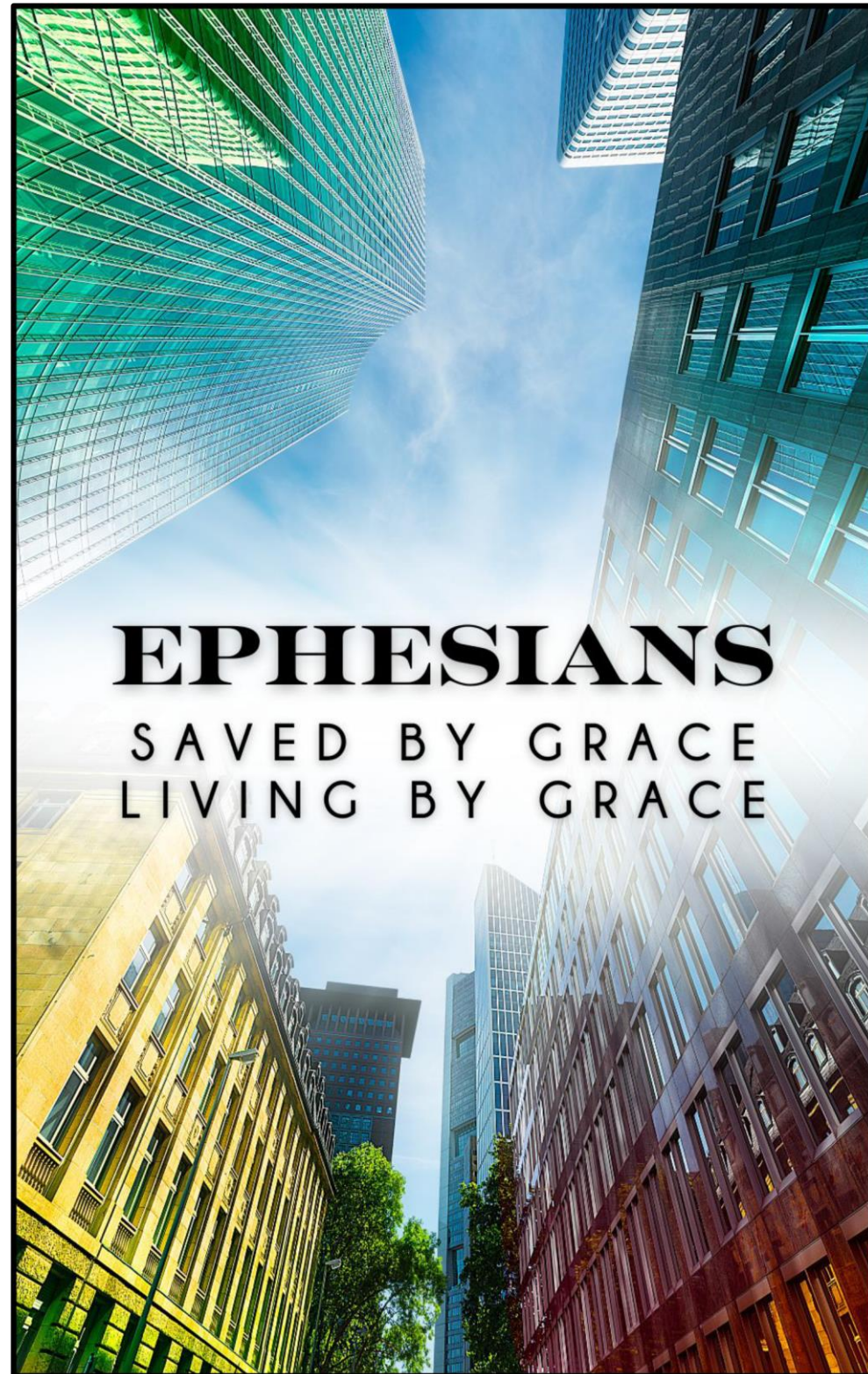
III. Developing into a strong church. Vs. 16

All scripture readings are taken from the New American Standard (1995) version of The Bible.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT THE VILLAGES

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August 24, 2025

Welcome to Our Guests!

We are blessed that you chose to worship with us today! We hope you will feel right at home. If you need assistance or have a question, please ask any of our folks who are wearing a yellow lanyard or visit The Guest Counter just inside the main doors or The Information Counter in the center of the Gathering Hall.

We pray your worship experience today is uplifting and enriching and that you will consider our church family your church family.

Just FYI: Restrooms are located in either corridor leading off The Gathering Hall. **Child Care** is available for infants and preschool age children. Our Worship Center is equipped with a **Hearing Induction Loop**. If needed, more information is available at the A/V area in the back of the Worship Center. We also have a **Medical Response Team** ready to assist you if needed during the Worship Service.



Community Group Potlucks

We've learned that sharing a meal together changes things. It's Biblical, it's encouraging and it builds relationships - just what our great Community Groups are striving to do!

Next Sunday, August 31, Groups 8, 15, and 25 will be meeting for lunch immediately following the 10am worship service. You will be contacted by your group leader with all the details.



2025 Deacon and Executive Committee Nomination

First Baptist Church At The Villages functions as a Congregation, is led by a Pastoral Staff, is administered by an Executive Committee, and is served by Deacons. The annual selection process for Deacons and Executive Committee members includes an opportunity for nominations by members of the congregation. If you would like to nominate someone to be considered for service on the Executive Committee or as a Deacon, please complete a Nomination Form.

Nomination forms, including information about responsibilities and eligibility requirements, are available at the Information Desk. Forms must be submitted to the church by Sunday, August 24.



OCC Mini Packing Party

Thursday, August 28 ♦ 10am-1pm

Help prepack some of the OCC boxes with the crafts that have been made by our church members. Signup sheet available. Questions? Contact Judi Hecht at 919-673-0837 or judihecht@outlook.com.

***Note** - If you want to contribute items to pack, this year NO SOAP or TOOTHPASTE will be collected.

Good News Club

Volunteers Needed - Snacks



As we prepare for another exciting year of sharing Jesus to the children at Stanton-Weirsdale Elementary, you can be a part of their story! To help out with snacks and water, please sign up at the Info Desk.



Ladies Night Out!

September 20 ♦ 5:30 - 7:30pm

In The Gathering Hall ♦ \$20

Tickets available now!

We will enjoy dinner catered by Olive Garden, fellowship and entertainment provided by our very own Toni Booker! Tickets available at the Information Desk or on our website.

Attention Men! We need help setting up and tearing down for the Ladies Night Out Event. Call Mike Wade at 352-693-8745 if you can help. There are many other facility volunteer needs as well. Let him know if you're interested.

Wednesday Night Family Suppers

Starts September 24 ♦ 5:15-6pm

We will be re-starting Wednesday Night Family Suppers on September 24. We need volunteers for the following dates & teams.

- September 24th - December 3rd and January 7th - May 20th
- Rotating Team Organizer (1 Wednesday per month)
- Food Prep & Serving
- Clean-up

Online Giving is available!

More and more people are choosing to give online for its convenience and security. You can give on our website, www.fbcvillages.org, or you can give from your phone simply by scanning the QR code. →



Fall 2025 Bible Studies



God's Grand Story

This fall many of our study groups are using Walk Thru the Bible's "God's Grand Story." This consists of a 6-week study of the Old Testament and 6 weeks in the New. It's helpful to have a sense of how everything fits together and reveals God's faithfulness! Books for each are \$10.

J.O.Y. Class

Mondays starting September 8
10am • In The Commons
Led by Pastor Hugh Wicks

Monday Evening (new)

Mondays starting September 8
6pm • In The Commons
Led by Randy Haynes

Men's Fellowship

Tuesdays starting September 2
9am • In The Commons
Led by Mark Joslin

Discipleship Group

Tuesdays starting September 2
10am • In The Cove
Led by Dr. Otis Lane

Bible Studies For Life

Tuesdays starting September 2
3pm • In The Cove
Led by George Shealy

Men's Fellowship (new)

Saturdays starting September 6
9am • In The Commons
Led by Jerry Jackson

Other Studies

Men's Study Group

Tuesdays 8:30am • Led by Pat Orman
At Rohan Recreation Center (Morse Blvd. and Highway 44).



Please register at the Information Desk for all studies.

God's Grand Story

Women Disciples

Mondays starting August 25 • 1pm
In The Commons • Led by Chris Adlfinger

Tuesday Evening

Tuesdays starting September 2 • 6:30-7:30pm
At the home of Alan & Lisa Branch

Other Studies

Book of Ruth

Mondays starting August 18 • 9:30am - 11am
At the home of Linda Mullican

Precept Upon Precept Study: Exodus

Wednesdays starting Sept 3 • 10am - 12pm
In The Commons • Led by Drax Bolam