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We'd love to connect with you! By sharing a little about yourself, we're better able to know and care for you. If digital is your thing, you can also scan the QR code to connect with us.



Name

Address

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Have you worshipped with us?

- ☐ This is my first time here.
- ☐ A few times.
- ☐ I am a regular attender.

How did you hear about us?

FROM "I DO" TO "I DON'T": MARRIAGE AND GOD'S UNCHANGING STANDARD IN A CHANGING WORLD

EPHESIANS 5:31 – 32

I. SYSTEMATIC ATTACKS ON MARRIAGE

- A. Atheistic naturalism says marriage is a social construction.
- B. Feminism says marriage exploits women.
- C. Marxism says marriage and the traditional family perpetuate capitalism.
- D. Liberal Christianity says marriage should be modified.
- E. LGBTQ advocates redefine marriage.

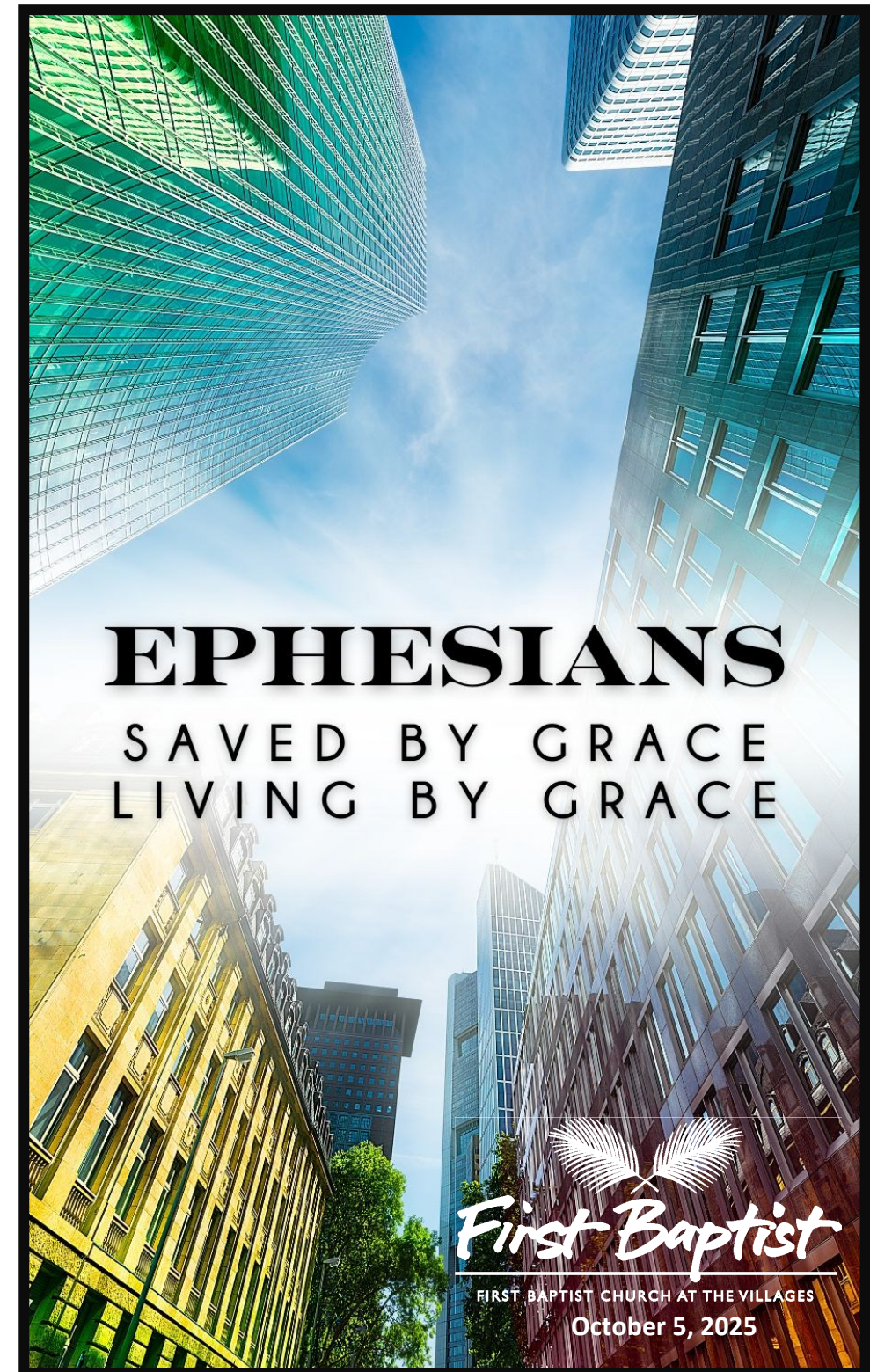
II. OUTCOMES OF THESE CHANGES

- A. More Americans are unmarried than married.
- B. Few Americans are getting married.
- C. The Average age of first marriage has increased.
- D. The percentage of Children in single-parent homes has risen dramatically.
- E. Children born to unwed parents has increased dramatically.

III. GOD'S UNCHANGING STANDARD

- A. God created humans, and we are not the result of random time and chance. Ephesians 5:31
- B. God created the two genders as part of the goodness of His creation. Ephesians 5:31
- C. God created marriage. Ephesians 5:31
 - 1. Heterosexual
 - 2. Monogamous
 - 3. Covenant
- D. God created marriage with redemption in mind. Ephesians 5:32

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



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.



Don't miss the chance for great food, fellowship and Bible study. Here's what's happening:

- **Dinner is at 5:15** in the Gathering Hall, \$5/person or \$20/family. Sign up (required so we have enough food!) at the Info Desk, on our website, or email familysupper@fbcvillages.org.
- **First Kids** activities are scheduled for 6:00 to 7:15pm in The Commons for Kindergarten-5th grade.
- **Midweek Service & Bible Study** at 6:15 in The Cove. Pastor Alan is leading a study of cults.



Ministry Fair Next
Sunday, October 12th

Have you ever wondered what ministries our church offers and how we live out Christ's love? Would you like to find out where you might plug in? Join us in the Gathering Hall on Sunday morning, October 12, to explore our various ministries and talk with servant leaders from over 30 different ministries.



Operation Christmas Child

Once again this year we're supporting Samaritan's Purse in Operation Christmas Child, a shoebox ministry that sends the gospel to children around the world. Over 300 million children have received a shoebox since the program's inception! We'll be handing out empty shoeboxes on Sundays October 26 and November 2 along with instructions for how and what to pack. Plan to join in this powerful mission.



This year's Christmas Concert will be different than any we've ever done! Instead of a choir and drama presentation we will be hosting the Dove Award winning Christian vocal trio, SELAH. Come join us for a night of worship, Christmas favorites and some of their greatest hits!

December 8 & 9 ♦ 7pm ♦ \$20
Tickets are now available online at fbcvillages.org.

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. →



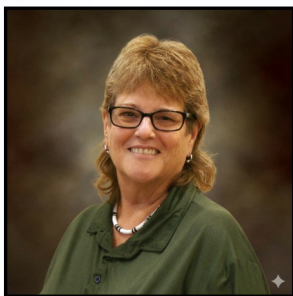
I would like to take a next step on my journey (check all that apply).

- ☐ I would like to learn more about Jesus.
- ☐ I would like to speak to someone about trusting Jesus as my Savior.
- ☐ I have trusted Jesus as my Savior and want to grow in my faith in Christ.
- ☐ I want to show my love for the Lord by serving others.
- ☐ I would like to connect with other Christians.
- ☐ I would like to receive weekly Church Updates by email.

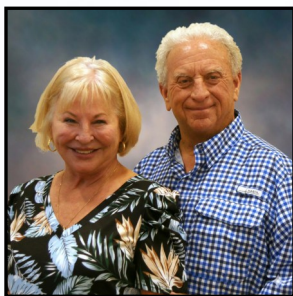
How can we pray for you?

"Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name." John 20:30-31

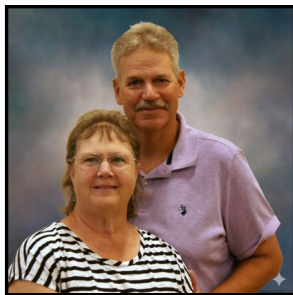
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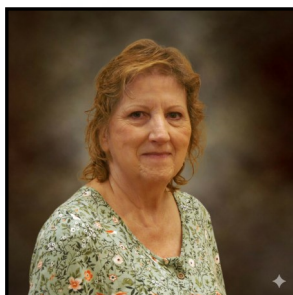
Wendi Ackles
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Horace & Connie Baker
Palo Alto



Royce & Sharon Bartlett
Phillips Villas



Karen Pester



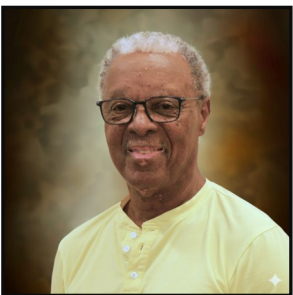
Delia Reaves
Summerfield



Duane and Janet
Schumacher—Ocala



Joseph Wagner
Summerfield



Anthony Wyatt
Marsh Bend

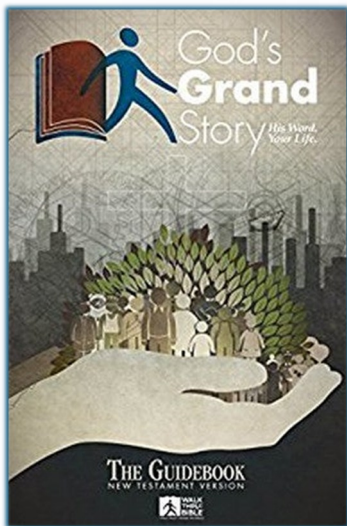
Community Group # 6

TODAY WE WELCOME 11 NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

DISCOVERCLASS

ARE YOU NEXT?

OUR NEXT CLASS WILL BE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 9AM



God's Grand Story!

We've spent 6 weeks
in The Old Testament.
Starting this month we'll spend 6 weeks
in The New Testament, seeing how
God's plan has unfolded and His love
continues to change lives. If you're not
already in a class, sign up at the Info
Counter. Books (\$10) and a schedule are
available from each teacher.
Classes are listed below.

- Mondays 10am—J.O.Y. Class, led by Pastor Hugh Wicks in The Commons
- Mondays 6pm—Led by Randy Haynes in The Commons
- Tuesdays 9am—Men's Fellowship, led by Mark Joslin in The Commons
- Tuesdays 10am—Discipleship Group, led by Dr. Otis Lane in The Cove
- Tuesdays 3pm—Bible Studies For Life, led by George Shealey in the Cove
- Saturdays 9am—Men's Fellowship, led by Jerry Jackson in The Commons



In Memory of
Dr. Bill Whisnant

June 16, 1936—September 21, 2025

Our Lord welcomed Dr. Bill Whisnant into heaven on Sept. 21, 2025. Bill became FBCATV's first lead pastor and church planter in March 2001 after retiring from Bell South and graduating from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC with a Master of Divinity. He will be remembered for the love and prayers he initiated with our original congregation that evolved into our church today.