

Out Of Many - One
First Baptist Church and The Lakefront Church - Venice, Florida
One Church - Two Locations November 2, 2025

Today, we stand at a historic moment in the life of First Baptist Church, a story that began 91 years ago. In fact, our church's official birth date is November 18, 1934.

Next Sunday, pending a Certificate of Occupancy, we will officially move from the tabernacle into our new building!

1. Historical Perspective

In 1 Kings 8, King Solomon leads the Israelites in moving from worshiping God in the Tabernacle to worshiping God in the Temple. There was great celebration and worship.

2 Chronicles 5:13-14 (CSB) *The trumpeters and singers joined together to praise and thank the Lord with one voice. They raised their voices, accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and musical instruments, in praise to the Lord: For He is good; His faithful love endures forever. The temple, the Lord's temple, was filled with a cloud. ¹⁴And because of the cloud, the priests were not able to continue ministering, for the glory of the Lord filled God's temple.*

2. One Body In Christ

Ephesians 2:13,16 (CSB) *But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ... ¹⁶He did this so that He might reconcile both to God [Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles)] in one body through the cross by which He put the hostility to death.*

1 Corinthians 12:13 (CSB) *For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all given one Spirit to drink.*

All true believers are ONE IN Christ.

3. All True Believers Are ONE CHURCH

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (CSB) *For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ. ¹³For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all given one Spirit to drink.*

Romans 12:4-5 (CSB) *Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another.*

About 30 years after Solomon dedicated the Temple, Solomon died, and civil war in Israel divided the nation into two separate kingdoms. The 10 tribes of the north became known as Israel, and the 2 tribes of the south were called Judah. These two kingdoms argued and fought for many generations.

We are One in Christ, One as a Church, and one body serving in two locations.

1 Corinthians 10:17 (CSB) *Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, since all of us share the one bread.*

Matthew 26:26-29 (CSB) *As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take and eat it; this is my body." ²⁷Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks, He gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹But I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."*

Colossians 3:15 (CSB) *And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful.*

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