

**October 17, 2021**



## Welcome to Worship

Thank you for choosing  
First Baptist  
Atlantic Beach  
to worship today.  
We are honored to  
have you and pray you  
experience the  
presence of the Lord in  
this place.

### A Note from Pastor Greg

It is biblically impossible to follow Christ apart from joining His church.

In fact, anyone who claims to be a Christian yet is not an active member of a church may not actually be a follower of Christ at all.

“Pastor, are you saying that joining a church makes someone a Christian?” **Absolutely not.** Joining a church most certainly does not make someone a Christian.

At the same time, to identify your life with the person of Christ is to join your life with the people of Christ. To surrender your life to His commands is to commit your life to His church. It is biblically, spiritually, and practically impossible to be a disciple of Christ (and much less make disciples of Christ) apart from total devotion to a family of Christians.

But so many people think it is possible, and they try to live like it is possible. It has even become a mark of spiritual maturity today for some professing Christians to not be active in a church. “I’m in love with Jesus,” people will say, “but I just can’t stand the church.” ...

Really? Isn’t the church the bride of Christ? What if I said to you, “I love you, but have I ever told you how much I can’t stand your spouse (bride)?” Would you take that as a compliment?

It’s impossible to follow Jesus fully without loving His bride selflessly, and it is impossible to think that we can enjoy Christ apart from His body. To come to Christ is to become part of His church. Followers of Jesus have the privilege of being identified with His family. As we die to ourselves, we live for others, and everything Christ does in us begins to affect everyone Christ puts around us. Recognizing this reality and experiencing the relationships that God has designed for His people specifically in the church are essential to being a disciple and making disciples of all nations.

## This Week at First Baptist

### Today

9:30 AM

Sunday School

10:30 AM

Morning Worship

### Wednesday

6:30 PM

Business Meeting

7:30 PM

Choir Practice

*For a calendar of events visit our website @ [fbatlbc.org](http://fbatlbc.org)  
Select the download our bulletin and calendar button.  
Copies are also available in the vestibule.*

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### THINK ABOUT THIS

Long before Zacchaeus  
couldn’t see Jesus,  
the tree was planted  
to meet his need.

### OUR FAITHFULNESS

Sunday School 19  
Worship 45

### OUR STEWARDSHIP EXPRESSED

Tithes \$4.706.00

Benevolence \$100.00  
Building Fund \$10.00

Total Tithes & Offerings  
\$4.816.00

### COMING UP

The Lord’s Supper  
Sunday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>

Senior Adult Luncheon  
Wednesday, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 AM

### DEACON MINISTRY

Deacon of the week  
Jim Adams 223-4432

Deacon of the month  
Jerry Randall 476-2255

# October 2021

# FBC ATLANTIC BEACH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
						Workday 9:00 AM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Homecoming 10:30 AM No Sunday School			Bible Study for all ages 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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