

First Baptist Church of Merritt Island exists to glorify God by making disciples who love God, love people and go into the world for the sake of the Gospel. Our mission is to make disciples. Scripture teaches us that a disciple is a person immersed in the life of Jesus. Their lives and their world are radically transformed by the person of Jesus. In Acts 2:42-47, we find the first description of people whose lives were completely immersed in Jesus. And we see from that text that these believers lived together in biblical community, which is the best environment for disciple-making.

It's my prayer that this January—May 2019 catalog of adult small group Bible studies will help you connect to a group where you grow as a disciple. Imagine if every member of our church was whole-heartedly engaged in the kind of biblical community that fosters disciple-making! So please take some time to browse this listing of groups and contact our Discipleship Pastor, Mark Lewis, if you have any questions. You can reach him by email at mlewis@fbcmi.com or by phone at 321.453.2144.

Titus Green

Senior Pastor

For Parents Attending Bible Studies On Campus

Programming is available for children, birth through Kindergarten while parents attend Bible Studies and Worship on campus.

- Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 9:30am
- Sparks on Sunday mornings during both the 9:30 and 11:00am Worship Gatherings in the Children's Building B
- Wee Praisers Kids Choir on Sunday nights, 5:30 to 6:45pm for children ages 3 to Kindergarten in the Children's Building B
- Childcare on Wednesday nights, 6:00 to 7:45pm in the Children's Building B

Programming is available for children, 1st through 6th grades while parents attend Bible studies and Worship on campus.

- Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Children's Building B
- Kids Worship on Sunday mornings during the 11:00am Worship Gathering
- Kids Praise Choir on Sunday nights, 5:30 to 6:45pm in Room C209 in the Atrium
- Ignite on Wednesday nights, 6:00 to 7:45pm in the Gym

Programming is available for Middle School and High School students while parents attend Bible studies on campus.

- Sunday School on Sunday mornings at both 9:30 and 11:00am for all students at the Firehouse Student Center
- Student Worship and Bible study on Wednesday nights, 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Firehouse Student Center

College Age Adults (18-24)

Aftershock for young adults on Sunday nights, 7:30 to 9:00pm at the Firehouse Student Center

Please visit www.fbcmi.com for more information about our ministries to children and students. Or call the church office at 321-453-2144 during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.



We host Kids Worship for children, grades 1 through 6, during our 11:00am Sunday morning worship service. Please check your child in prior to the start of the service. Children who attend 9:30am Sunday School will be automatically checked in and escorted to Kids Worship in the Atrium, Room C209.

We believe small group fellowship is an essential part of the Christian journey. Therefore, we offer opportunities for you to gather with a small group on Sunday morning.

We believe our church must grow larger and smaller at the same time. Come join us on this exciting journey of faith!

Sunday School Class Information for 8:00AM

***Verse by Verse**

Room A111 *Led by Bill Verhagen*

Coed class with open discussion, prayer, and in-depth Bible study.

***Early Risers**

Room C104 *Led by Bob Rowell*

Coed class focusing on senior adults with in-depth teaching. Frequent social activities.

House of Hope Sunday School Class for Men

House of Hope Bldg. (G) *Led by Bobby Trull & Steve Young*

Discipleship class for men involved in the House of Hope Ministry.

House of Hope Sunday School Class for Ladies Only

House of Hope Bldg. (G) *Led by Elaine Miller*

This ladies only Sunday School class is for women at the House of Hope and is open to all women.

Sunday School classes for children and students are only available at 9:30 and 11:00am on Sunday mornings.

Sunday School Class Information for 9:30AM

YOUNG ADULTS (25-34 yrs.)

Young Married Couples (25-34 yrs.)

Room C210 *Led by Randy Barrelle*

Sound biblical teaching for developing Christ-honoring young married adults.

Ladies Only (25-40, single or married)

Room C208 *Led by Meg LaRue*

This group engages women in the discussion and application of God's Word. Class content will correspond to what Pastor Titus covers in worship.

MIDDLE ADULTS I (35-49 yrs.)

Burton & Lisa Catledge Class

Room C211 *Led by Burton and Lisa Catledge*

This group engages men and women in the discussion and application of God's Word. Class content will correspond to what Pastor Titus covers in worship.

Family Matters

Room C207 *Led by Clark Simms*

Interactive, relational, application-driven class connecting the Bible to every area of family life.

Justin Thompson Class

Room C112 *Led by Justin and Tanya Thompson*

This coed group will study The Gospel of John by Right Now Media.

MIDDLE ADULTS II (50-64 yrs.)

Empty Nesters Sunday School Class

Room C111 *Led by Larry & Karen Zimmerman*

We are a dynamic group of faith-based, Bible-studying believers, learning to love God as we love each other through study, service and fellowship.

Pairs and Spares

Room D3 *Led by Tim Cottrell*

In-depth Bible study teaching for people hungry to learn more about God's word.

***Severance Class**

Room C222 *Led by Lee & Robin Severance*

This class is open to all men and women.

B.A.S.S. (Fishers of Men)

Room C115 *Led by Bobby Adams*

Bobby Adams Sunday School: Multi-generational class soaping through the book of Romans.

Ladies Only

Room C107 *Led by Angie Kolsch*

In-depth Bible study and friendship for ladies of all ages. Class supports local/overseas missions. We are currently studying Women of the Gospels. Each weekly study stands alone by studying a woman mentioned in the gospels.

SENIOR ADULTS (65 + yrs.)

***Prime Timers**

Bldg. A, Island Room *Led by Bill Gates*

Couples/singles studying the Bible verse-by-verse with wide-ranging application.

***Victorious Christian Living**

Bldg. A, Island Room *Led by Don Craig*

Applying God's Word to daily life.

***Sonshine Ladies Class**

Bldg. A, Island Room *Led by Mary Jo Sloan*

Ladies 65+ ministering inside & outside our class.

***Faithful Followers**

Room C104 *Led by Al Cload*

A family pursuing Christ & actively volunteering.

***Lydia Ladies Class**

Room D4 *Led by Carolyn Tudor*

Growing through prayer, teaching & serving

***Barnabas Men's Class**

Room A113 *Led by Bob Beers*

Men of all ages are welcome.

***Higher Ground**

Room A114 *Led by Larry Kelly*

Coed class of seniors, loving God's Word and each other.

Encouragers

Room A115 *Led by Elly Weber*

Verse-by-verse study of Scripture for insight and application.

Salt & Light Single Adults

Room D1 *Led by Warren McBee*

Single/single again uniting in the love of Christ.

* Indicates those classes using the Explore the Bible series, which systematically walks through the entire Bible.

Spanish & Portuguese Sunday School Classes

Spanish Speaking Sunday School Class

Leader: Henry Nevares
Day/Time: Sundays, 9:30 am
Location: Atrium, Room C206

This class is ideal for Spanish speaking men and women. We invite you to join us in learning God's word together in a small group environment.

Escuela Dominical En Espanol

Lideres: Henry Nevares
Dia / Hora: los domingos a las 9:30am
Lugar: el edificio "Atrium" en el salon C206
Esta clase se reúne todas las semanas sin fecha de terminar.
Costo: Gratis

¡Bienvenidos a Nuestros Amigos Hispanos!
Bienvenido a La Iglesia Primera Bautista de Merritt Island. Estamos contentos que Usted nos está visitando el día de hoy. Usted está invitado de participar en nuestro estudio bíblico en español que se ubica en el edificio "Worship Center" que está marcado en el mapa con la letra "C", en el salón número C206. Este estudio comienza a las 9 de la mañana todos los domingos. Los maestros de esta clase son Daniel y Marta Martin. Si quiere estudiar la biblia en español y conocer a otros hispanohablantes en esta iglesia, esperamos que llegue a este estudio. Nos vemos pronto.

Portuguese Speaking Sunday School Class

Leaders: Rodolfo and Sandra Barros
Day/Time: Sundays, 9:30 am
Location: Atrium, Room C205

This class is ideal for Portuguese speaking men and women. We invite you to join us in learning God's word together in a small group environment.

First Baptist Church Marritt – Primeira Igreja Batistade Marritt Island
Ministry of Portuguese Language – Ministério de Língua Portuguesa
Bible study in Portuguese - Estudo da Bíblia em Português

Nosso encontros acontecem todos os domingos às 9:30am. Temos a missão de ajudar pessoas a um relacionamento autêntico com Jesus Cristo, para que vivam com dignidade e sejam realizadas da fé.
Pastor- Professores : Rodolfo Barros e Sandra Barros
rodolfobarrospastor@gmail.com – 321 458-8281

Sunday School Class Information for 11:00AM

YOUNG ADULTS (25-34 yrs.)

Young Single Adults (25-34 yrs.)

Room C206 *Led by Tim and Holly Kennedy*

This class will engage young single adults in biblical community around the study of God's Word each week.

Young Married Couples (20 something)

Room C213 *Led by Jeff and Sheila Sanders*

This open group Sunday School class is ideal for young married couples in their twenties. Join us to study God's Word together with other young couples.

Young Married Couples (30 something)

Room C210 *Led by Milo Twigg & Justin Rennert*

Sound biblical teaching for developing Christ-honoring young married adults.

MIDDLE ADULTS I (35-49 yrs.)

Chris Walker Class

Room D3 *Led by Chris Walker*

This coed group will study The Gospel of Mark by Right Now Media.

Steve & Angela Rivers Class

Room C205 *Led by Steve & Angela Rivers*

Discussion and application will revolve around Pastor Titus' previous Sunday morning messages for the purpose of building biblical community.

MIDDLE ADULTS II (50-64 yrs.)

Message Based Bible Study

Room D1 *Led by Roy and Denise Harrell*

These Sunday morning Bible studies are open to men and women who are not currently connected to another class. Discussion and application will revolve around Pastor Titus' previous Sunday morning messages for the purpose of building biblical community.

***Dioko: Pressing On - Phil. 3:13-14**

Room C217 *Led by David Ivey*

A diverse couples class applying faith in practical ways.

Sharpeners (Proverbs 27:17)

Room C207 *Led by Alan Bell*

Highly interactive class studying God's Word with emphasis on application, accountability & fellowship.

Sojourners

Room A111 *Led by Rocky VanHoose*

Mixed class studying the book of Luke.

***Followers of the Way**

Room C111 *Led by Stephen Mitchell*

Great fellowship, fun, & good Bible learning sessions.

SENIOR ADULTS (65 + yrs.)

***The Facts of Life**

Room D4 *Led by Cal Burch & Terry Graham*

Couples class: fun, involved, & sharing life.

Growing Pains

Room C115 *Led by Eric Harms*

Keeping the spark alive by studying God's Word.

Steve McCleary Class

Room D2 *Led by Steve McCleary*

Discussion and application will revolve around Pastor Titus' Sunday morning messages for the purpose of building biblical community.



The First Steps Class is designed to equip, encourage, and mobilize you in the areas of Serving and Sharing.

This one class is made up of four sessions:

- Session 1 “Discover Your Church”
This one-session class introduces guests and regular attenders to FBCMI and provides a pathway to membership for those who want to join the church.
1st Sunday of the month, The Grove building, Room D2, 9:30am

The following sessions will be offered quarterly. Watch the bulletin for upcoming dates.

- Session 2 “Discover Your Design”
This session is meant to help you learn and discover how God has uniquely crafted you to serve Him and others here at FBCMI. You will see how God gives us a heart and passion for people which matches with the gifting He wants us to use in service.
- Session 3 “Discover Your Role”
This session will help you match your design to various service opportunities here at FBCMI. Understanding your God-given design and role will help you find your place in serving the body for the purpose of strengthening one another in brotherly love.
- Session 4 “Discover Your Mission”
This session is all about finding areas in our community where you can build relationships with lost people where you live, work, learn, play and go. The purpose of building relationships is to demonstrate and declare the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are near to you, yet far from God.

We invite you to register online at www.fbcmi.com. We recommend you follow the classes in sequence. If you’re already a member of FBCMI, Session 1—“Discover Your Church” is optional.

If you have any questions about the First Steps’ classes, please contact Pastor Mark Lewis by phone at 321-453-2144 or by email at mlewis@fbcmi.com.

Sunday Nights

Children's Choir (February 10—April 14; 5:30 to 6:45pm)

Wee Praisers for children 3 yrs to K (children's building)

Kids Praise 1st-6th grade in Atrium, Room C209

GriefShare

Leader: Sarah Mahoney
Day/Time: Sundays, 4:00 to 6:00pm
Start Date: Ongoing
Location: The Grove, Room D1
Cost: \$16 for workbook

GriefShare is for people of all ages who have lost a family member or friend. This friendly, caring group of people will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. You may join at any time during this ongoing support group. For more information you may contact Sarah at mahoser@hotmail.com.

AfterShock (High School Seniors & College-age Adults...up to 24 yrs. old)

Leader: Rob Jones
Day/Time: Sundays, 7:30pm
Start Date: Ongoing
Location: Firehouse Upstairs

A time of fellowship, worship, and studying the Word together.

Twitter: @fbcmiaftershock

Facebook: www.facebook.com/aftershockcollegeministries

Wednesday Nights

The Gospel of John by Dr. Tony Evans

Led by: Wiley Thompson and Mark Lewis
Day/Time: Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm
Location: The Grove, Room 2
Start Date: Wednesday, January 9th
Length: 13 weeks
Cost: None

Where do you turn when the world around you grows dark? In this study of the Gospel of John, Dr. Tony Evans encourages us to turn to Christ by reminding us of the two purposes for the beloved disciple's book—that we would believe in Jesus and find life in His name. Despite what our culture may argue, there is only one hope that is truly trustworthy and that is our Savior, Jesus Christ. So join Tony for this 13-session RightNow media series that will draw you back to the essential truths of our faith and the life found in our King.

This interactive Bible study is open to all men and women. Programing for children and students is available on Wednesdays while parents gather for this Bible study. Email Pastor Mark for more information at mlewis@fbcmi.com.

Bible Study for Young Married Couples

Led by: Carey and Amy Dean
Day/Time: Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm
Location: The Grove, Room 2
Start Date: Wednesday, January 9th
Length: Ongoing
Cost: None

This new coed Bible study group is for young couples in their 20s and 30s. Join Pastor Carey and his wife, Amy, as they lead couples into a time of weekly fellowship and Bible study. No reservation required. Programing for children and students is available on Wednesday nights while parents gather for this Bible study. Email Pastor Carey for more information at cdean@fbcmi.com.

Men's Bible Study

Led by: Mark Wodka and Steve Martin
Day/Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:15pm
Start Date: Ongoing
Location: Worship Center, Island Room
Cost: None

The Men's Wednesday Night Bible study meets every Wed. night in the Island Room to enjoy fellowship around the study of God's Word. Guys engage in a passage by passage study of the Bible and also take time to pray for one another. Men who attend this Bible study are also invited to participate in a weekly fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant each Sat. morning. All men, single and married, are welcome to participate in

Prayer and Share

Led by: Rocky VanHoose and Stephen Mitchell

Day/Time: Wednesdays, 6:00pm

Start Date: Ongoing

Location: Atrium, Chapel

Cost: None

Prayer and Share is a Wednesday night prayer service open to all adults that engages men and women in a time of singing hymns, prayer and Bible study.

Other Studies During the Week

Bible Study Fellowship for Ladies 18 years and older

Day/Time: Mondays, 6:45 to 8:35pm
Start Date: January 14
Location: Bldg. C, Chapel
Length: Ongoing Sept-May
Cost: None

Bible Study Fellowship is an in-depth, interdenominational Bible class for people of all ages and backgrounds. Whether you're a beginner or more advanced Bible student, you'll find there's a place for you in BSF! You are welcome to join us at any time of the year. Contact Karen Halford at EW-ClassInfo@gmail.com for more information.

Daniel by Beth Moore

Leader: Carolyn Tudor
Day/Time: Tuesdays, 6:00 to 8:00pm
Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30am
Start Dates: Tuesday, January 8 and Wednesday, January 9
Location: The Grove, Room D4
Length: Through May 2019
Cost: \$17

The prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures—to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats. Today, believers face many of the same trials. This study examines how believers can develop integrity in our modern-day Babylon, and then explores prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ.

English as a Second Language

Leader: Kathy Robertson
Day/Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30pm
Start Date: Ongoing
Location: Atrium, C205

Free classes to help those who are learning to speak English, from beginners thru advanced classes. For more info, contact Kathy at eslfbcmi@gmail.com.

Titus 2 Women's Bible Study

Leader: Carolyn Tudor
Day/Time: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 9:30 to 11:30am
Start Date: Ongoing
Location: The Grove, Room 4
Cost: None

Titus 2 gives women the opportunity to connect to biblical community with other women. The format for sessions includes a time for music, prayer and topical Bible study. Women of all ages are welcome to attend, and there's no need to pre-register. For more information, please contact Sheila Sanders at sheila-sanders@cfl.rr.com.



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RightNow Media Bible Studies

Start the New Year off right by getting into God's Word. Join us for a survey study of the Gospel of Mark and/or the Gospel of John by Right Now Media. RightNow Media is a customizable video library that re-sources Bible study groups with video-based curriculum. Contact Pastor Mark at mlewis@fbcmi.com for more information.

The Gospel of Mark by Francis Chan

Led by: Chris Walker
Day/Time: Sundays, 11:00 am
Location: The Grove, Room D3
Start Date: Sunday, January 6th
Length: 12 weeks
Cost: You may purchase an optional study guide for \$25 but it's not required to attend the class.

The Gospel of Mark chronicles Jesus's journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. Along the way, the Messiah gathers a ragged band of disciples. As crowds grow and dwindle on the road to Jerusalem, only a few stick by the Suffering Savior on the road of discipleship. In this 12-part series on the Gospel of Mark, author and speaker Francis Chan invites us to walk with him along the ancient ways of the Master. Tracing the steps of Jesus and the Twelve through Israel, Francis explores the major themes of the Gospel of Mark, and asks: "Are we willing to take this journey to embrace discipleship?" This interactive Bible study is open to all men and women. Programming for children and students is available on Sundays while parents gather for this Bible study.

The Gospel of John, part 1 by Dr. Tony Evans

Starting Sunday, January 6th

Led by: Justin Thompson
Day/Time: Sundays, 9:30 am
Location: Atrium, Room C112
Length: 13 weeks
Cost: None

Starting Wednesday, January 9th

Led by: Wiley Thompson and Mark Lewis
Day/Time: Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm
Location: The Grove, Room D2
Length: 13 weeks
Cost: None

Where do you turn when the world around you grows dark? In this study of the Gospel of John, Dr. Tony Evans encourages us to turn to Christ by reminding us of the two purposes for the beloved disciple's book—that we would believe in Jesus and find life in His name. Despite what our culture may argue, there is only one hope that is truly trustworthy and that is our Savior, Jesus Christ. So, we invite you to join us for this 13-session RightNow media series that will draw you back to the essential truths of our faith and the life found in our King. This interactive Bible study is open to all men and women. Programing for children and students is available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights while parents gather for this Bible study.

Parent's Page

Our church exists to glorify God by making disciples, and we realize that disciple making begins at home. With this in mind, our Discipleship Team has compiled a list of resources parents can use in helping their children and teenagers grow to love God and others as mature disciples of Jesus.

Resource Webpage for Parents of Children and Teenagers

We've developed a webpage that highlights resources parents may find helpful in their disciple-making journey. This webpage is designed for parents of children and teenagers. Check out www.fbcmi.com/resources-for-parents to find a list of recommended books and websites on families and parenting, as well as a list of authors and speakers who provide a Christian point of view on topics relevant to families today.

Legacy Milestones

This is a free resource developed by Pastor Brian Haynes of Bay Area First Baptist Church in League City, Texas. You'll find it at www.legacymilestones.com. The Legacy Milestones resource seeks to equip parents to be the "primary faith trainers" in the lives of their children. First, the parent grows in his or her own understanding of the Bible and relationship with Christ. Second, parents learn how to effectively practice age-appropriate family devotions in their own home. Finally, parents learn to equip their children for the natural, spiritual milestones of life.

Parent Dedication

Parent dedication provides parents an opportunity to make a public commitment before God, family, and friends where they recognize their solemn responsibility to raise their child in a Godly home where he or she may come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and where Christ is treasured above all else. All parents interested in dedicating their child are asked to be a member of the church and attend a class held prior to dedication. For more info, contact Renee Kelleher at rkelleher@fbcmi.com, or at 453-2146, ext 556.

First Date Night

We realize that all parents sometimes need a little time away to recharge their batteries, which is why we offer First Date Night the first Saturday night of every other month. This regularly scheduled childcare opportunity gives both married couples and single parents a much needed break! Childcare is offered for babies through 6th grade for a very reasonable price each month, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Simply visit the Children's Ministry webpage at www.fbcmi.com to register your children for the next First Date Night.

