

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 am Bible Study for all ages
10:45 am Morning Worship Service
Kid's Church
Preschool & Nursery

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

6:00 pm Prayer & Bible Study (Adults)
First Students (6th – 12th grade)
Truth Seekers (K – 5th grade)
Preschool & Nursery

First Baptist Winter Haven

October 1, 2023

DEACON ON CALL

October 1st – 7th
Wayne Stewart (863) 324-7655

ATTENDANCE & GIVING Last Sunday

Bible Study: 116
Morning Worship: 196

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Weekly Budget Needs: \$9,277.00
Last Sunday's Receipts: \$8,318.05
YTD Budget Needs: \$361,803.00
YTD Budget Receipts: \$307,627.93

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

198 West Central Avenue, Winter Haven, Florida 33880

Phone: (863) 294-4133 Fax: (863) 294-4134

E-Mail: office@firstwinterhaven.org Website: www.firstwinterhaven.org

Church Office Hours: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm (M–F)

CHURCH STAFF

Steven Harness, Ph.D., Pastor

George Lockhart, M.Div., Associate Pastor of Senior Adults

John Beward, M.Div., Associate Pastor of Youth and Education

Dawn Peacock, Staff Secretary

Sarah Gibbs, Financial Secretary

Floyd Gibbs, Facilities Manager

THE BEACON IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY AS OUR SUNDAY BULLETIN

OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE

Whoever despises the word brings destruction on himself, but he who reveres the commandment will be rewarded.

Proverbs 13:13 (ESV)

Maguire

STATE MISSION OFFERING **WEEK OF PRAYER**

September 24th – October 1st

Church Goal: \$2,000

Please use a giving envelope, mark "Maguire State Mission Offering," and place in a giving station. You may also give online through our website, www.firstwinterhaven.org. Click on the "GIVE" tab.

MEN'S SUNDAY NIGHT STUDY

Sunday, October 15th – 6:00 pm

WOMEN'S SUNDAY NIGHT STUDY

Sunday, October 22nd – 6:00 pm

GRIEFSHARE

Wednesdays – 10:00 am

GriefShare is a grief recovery support group for those dealing with the passing of a loved one. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

MINISTERIAL STAFF **APPRECIATION MONTH**

October is Ministerial Staff Appreciation Month. Beginning next Sunday, there will be a basket on the Welcome Desk. The Personnel Committee encourages you to place notes and cards of appreciation, thank you, and encouragement in it for Pastor Steve, Pastor George, and Pastor John. The basket will be out each Sunday through the 22nd. The cards will be given to the pastors on October 29th.

YOUTH EVENT **SUPPER & SWIMMING**

At the home of Mrs. Susie Burns
Friday, October 13th
6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

(10/1)

David and Sheri Rhodes

(10/8)

Vay Zagardo & Janis Roberts

SAVE THE DATE **RIDGE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION** **ANNUAL MEETING**

Thursday, October 19th – 6:30 pm
At First Baptist Church of Auburndale

WAYS TO GIVE

- By dropping in a giving station this morning
- Online through our website (click on the "GIVE" tab)
- By texting FIRSTWINTERHAVEN to 73256 from your smartphone & following the instructions
- By bringing to church during office hours (M-F 8:30 am - 4 pm)
- By mailing it in - 198 W Central Ave, Winter Haven, FL 33880

FOREVER YOUNG LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 19th – 11:30 am

Please bring your favorite covered dishes and desserts to share. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

UPCOMING MEETING(S)

Church Council

Sunday, October 8th – 6:00 pm

Deacons

Thursday, October 12th – 6:00 pm

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Angelic Flowers.

CONTACT PASTOR STEVE

Email, text, or leave a voicemail

⇒ pastorsteve@firstwinterhaven.org

⇒ 863-535-6013

- Please include name with message

THREE WAYS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FIRST FAMILY

By Baptism . . . following your profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior

By Transfer of Letter . . . from another Southern Baptist Church

By Statement . . . that you have surrendered your life to Jesus as Lord and Savior and afterwards have been baptized by immersion in a church of like faith and order

HOW TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP

- 1) By indicating your desire for membership on the connection slip in the bulletin
- 2) By coming forward at the invitation time and indicating your desire
- 3) By picking up a "Discover the First Family" packet on the front pew, listening to the audios, and completing it. From time to time, we offer a class on "Discover the First Family" as well.

Completing "Discover the First Family" is a requirement for membership at the First Family.