

# Go Make Disciples



*Matthew 28:19*

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"*



## **Staff / Spouses of First Baptist Church Elfers**



The staff of First Baptist Elfers, Elfers Christian School and Elfers Christian Preschool is a group of people from all walks of life. We are a wonderful family who together, meet every year at a Bible Study staff retreat led by Lynnda Speer.

Pictured above: Lynnda Speer, Liza, Duane and Sean Heath, Joyce and Wayne Schmitz, Debi and Charlie Jones, Sara and Bryan Kowal, Teresa and Jim Prose, Sara Goodart, Virginia Rolle, Cindy and Dean Morelli, Rick and Patti Robertson and Brigitta.

Not pictured: Terry Goodart and Maritza and Joaquin Dasilva.



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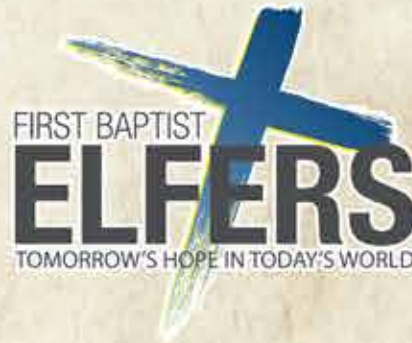
# Pictures of Progression

*Before*

*After*







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In the book of Matthew 28:19 -20 we find the words of Christ;  
*“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* these words are called

### **The Great Commission.**

This year the theme for our church is exactly that. What you might not know is that our church mission statement (which is found on the top of your bulletin each week) says “To reach our community, our state, and the world with the Gospel and the good news of Jesus Christ as well as equipping believers through discipleship to meet the needs of those before us”

We as First Baptist Church of Elfers have been truly blessed with resources, talents, and opportunities to take the words of the Great Commission to heart. It is our desire this year as staff and leadership that each of us will do our part in fulfilling The Great Commission.

In the pages that follow, as you read this ministry guide it is our desire that you will find your place of service and plug into reaching and making disciples of those that God brings into your life this year. Again we see God’s blessings in His work, be sure and take the time to thank Him for all He has done.

*Pastor Jim*





# Ministry Teams & Staff Liaison

*Please contact the leading ministry coordinator  
for any calendaring and ministry changes!*

## **Pastor Jim Prose**

1. Global Missions
2. All School Ministries
3. Deacon Servant Ministry
4. Administration
5. Staff

## **Pastor Jim West**

6. Teaching & Technology Ministry
7. Senior Adult Ministry  
(Young at Heart)
8. B.A.S.I.C. Seminars / Small Groups

## **Pastor Charlie Jones**

9. Worship Music Ministry
10. Fine Arts
11. First Impressions
12. Media Ministry - Sound, Lighting, Media Shout

## **Pastor Bryan Kowal**

13. Student Ministry
14. Men's Ministry
15. Recreation Ministry

## **Volunteer Leadership**

16. Children's & Pre-School Ministry
17. AWANA Ministry
18. Women's Ministry





# How to Get Connected

*WHAT IS REALM?*

*REALM IS A LIVE MINISTRY TOOL.*

Realm is an online ministry tool designed for real-time connection. It helps the church connect with you and you connect with us. Realm allows you to manage your personal information and who is allowed to see it, control your giving, and keeps you in touch with the groups that matter to you.

## *REALM STRENGTHENS CHURCH CONNECTIONS*

Realm will help us serve you better! Everyone can be connected from anywhere at any time, right from our mobile devices. It engages everyone in the life of our church by supporting the healthy relationships essential to our church's mission. We'll stay organized, and you'll stay informed about all of the opportunities for fellowship. When we share life together, we will grow together. We're adding more ways to communicate and connect as a church, all while leaving current methods in place.

You determine how much you want to make this part of your experience with our church, but we encourage you to participate.

**Check out our website for more connection information:** <https://fbcelfers.org>  
**Check out our Q.R. Codes for church & school**





# Highlighted - 2023 Events

## January

04-ECS Students Return  
 04-AWANA RESUMES/Wednesday Night Supper  
 08-Deacon's Mtg. 12:30 P.M.- FLC  
 08-The Hoppers at 6:00 P.M.  
 10 & 24 Ladies Bible Study "Mysteries Of The Messiah"  
 10-All Staff Mtg. 1:00 P.M.-(Jim W.)  
 11-WOM Mtg. & Lunch 10:00 A.M. FLC  
 12-Men's Bible Study- 2nd and 4th Thursday 6:30 P.M.  
 12-Young At Heart -Dinner & Movie  
 16-M.L.K. Day ECS No School  
 19-22-Men's Hunting Retreat  
 22-Monument of Our Forefather's Presentation 6:00 P.M.  
 26-Young At Heart- W.O.L. 2 P.M.  
 27-Young At Heart- 10:00 A.M.  
 27-ECS Senior Class Italian Dinner Fundraiser  
 28-Men & Boy's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 A.M.  
 29-Dinner On The Grounds After A.M. Service

## February

05-Deacon's Mtg.-12:30 P.M- FLC  
 07-Tuesday All Staff Mtg. -1:00 P.M.(Bryan)  
 07 & 28 Ladies Bible Study "Mysteries Of The Messiah"  
 08-WOM Mtg. & Lunch 10:00 A.M. FLC  
 09-Young At Heart 3:00 P.M.- The Gaiher's  
 11-Deacon Widow/Widowers' Banquet-5:00 P.M.-FLC  
 12-B.A.S.I.C intro/ Chili Cook-Off 5:30  
 14-ECS Talent Show 7:00 P.M.  
 17-ECS No School- Teacher In-Service  
 17-20- Student Ski-Retreat  
 19-B.A.S.I.C. BEGINS  
 20-President's Day- NO ECS  
 23-Young At Heart 9:30- Hacienda Tour  
 24-25 AWANA Camp-out Starkey Park  
 25-Men & Boy's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 A.M.

## March

04-Wild Game Dinner-Rotary Pavilion 5:00 P.M.  
 05-Deacon's Mtg.-12:30 P.M.-FLC  
 08-WOM Salad Lunch 10:00 A.M. FLC  
 08-Business Mtg. 6:00  
 09-Young At Heart- 10:00 A.M. Crystal River  
 12-Daylight Savings Time-Spring Forward  
 14-Tuesday All Staff Mtg. -1:00 P.M.(Jim Prose)  
 14 & 28 Ladies Bible Study "Mysteries Of The Messiah"  
 15-AWANA Family Movie Night- 6 P.M.  
 13-17-ECS Spring Break  
 17-Young At Heart 3:30 P.M. Brooksville -Sound Of Music  
 19-Lord's Supper A.M.  
 25-Men & Boy's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 A.M.  
 26-B.A.S.I.C. Ends  
 30-Young At Heart MOVIE & DESSERT NIGHT 6:00 P.M.

## April

02-Deacon's Mtg.-12:30 P.M- FLC  
 02-"LIFT" Night of Worship 6:00 P.M.  
 05-NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES  
 06-MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00-8:00/ 24 Hr. Prayer  
 07-Good Friday  
 08-Easter Egg Hunt  
 09-Easter Celebration 10:00 A.M.  
 11-Tuesday All Staff Mtg. -1:00 P.M.(Charlie)  
 11, 18 & 25 Ladies Bible Study "Lord's Prayer"  
 12-WOM Mtg. & Lunch 10:00 A.M. FLC  
 13-15 - STAFF RETREAT  
 16-AWANA Grand Prix 4:30 FLC  
 19-21- Young At Heart St. Augustine TRIP  
 22-Ladies Tea- 2 P.M. FH  
 27-ECS Spring Concert 7:00 P.M.  
 29-Men & Boy's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 A.M.  
 29-Golf Tournament 8:00 A.M. Shotgun Start

## May

03-AWANA Awards Night 6 P.M.  
 03-Wednesday Night Meals End  
 04-Thursday National Day Of Prayer  
 04-Pasco Baptist Assoc. EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG. 6 P.M. F.H.  
 06-CRUISE-IN For Christ Car Show  
 07-Deacon's Mtg.-12:30 P.M.-FLC  
 09-Tuesday All Staff Mtg. -1:00 P.M.(Rick)  
 09-VPK Graduation 7:00 P.M.  
 09, 16 & 23-Ladies Bible Study "Lord's Prayer"  
 10-WOM Mtg. & Lunch 10:00 A.M. FLC  
 11-YOUNG AT HEART -Mystery Trip  
 14-Mother's Day  
 17-Baccalaureate 6 P.M.  
 19-ECS Graduation 7:00 P.M.  
 21-Graduate Recognition  
 21-Heritage Sunday  
 23-Piano/Voice Recital-6:30 WC  
 24-ECS Eagle Awards- Half Day- Last Day of School  
 25-Young At Heart End of Year PICNIC  
 27-No Men & Boy's Prayer Breakfast  
 29-Memorial Day-Office Closed





**June**

04-09- VBS -6:00-8:30 P.M.  
 04-Deacon's Mtg.- 12:30 P.M. FLC  
 11-Lord's Supper A.M.  
 11-14 Southern Baptist Convention- New Orleans LA.  
 13-Tuesday All Staff Mtg. - 1:00 P.M.(Duane)  
 18-Father's Day  
 19-23- CENTRIFUGE Youth Camp  
 24-Men & Boy's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 A.M.  
 27-Ladies Bible Study "How Not To Read The Bible"

**July**

02-Deacon's Mtg.- 12:30 P.M.-FLC  
 04-Independence Day-Church office closed  
 11-Tuesday All Staff Mtg. - 1:00 P.M.(Maritza)  
 11 & 25- Ladies Bible Study "How Not To Read The Bible"  
 13-Young At Heart Movie Night 6:00 P.M.  
 16-SWTA Set-up- 3:00 P.M.  
 17-23-Summer With The Arts  
 23-SWTA Presentation  
 29-Men & Boy's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 A.M.  
 30-August 2- Student Beach Retreat Daytona

**August**

02-Student Beach Retreat Ends  
 06-Deacon's Mtg.- 12:30P.M. FLC  
 07-11-ECS Boot Up Week  
 07-ECS Teachers' First Day  
 08-Tuesday All Staff Mtg. -1:00 P.M.(Sara)  
 08 & 22- Ladies Bible Study "How Not To Read The Bible"  
 14-ECS Students' First Day  
 26-Men & Boy's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 A.M.

**September**

04-Labor Day- Office Closed  
 06-AWANA Kick-Off 6:00 P.M.  
 06-Wednesday Night Supper Begins  
 10-Deacon's Mtg.- 12:30 P.M.-FLC  
 10-Kids' Choir Kick-off  
 12-Tuesday All Staff Mtg.- 1:00 P.M.(Liza)  
 12-Ladies Bible Study "How Not To Read The Bible"  
 13-WOM Mtg. & Lunch 10:00 A.M. FLC  
 13-Business Mtg.  
 17-Lord's Supper  
 24-B.A.S.I.C. Introductions- Ice Cream Social  
 26-Ladies Bible Study "Difficult Words Of Jesus"  
 30-Men & Boy's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 A.M.

**October**

01-B.A.S.I.C. BEGINS  
 03,17 & 24- Ladies Bible Study "Difficult Words Of Jesus"  
 06-07-Marriage Retreat  
 08-Deacon's Mtg.- 12:30 P.M.- FLC  
 10-Tuesday All Staff Mtg. -1:00 P.M. (Pastor Jim)  
 11-Christmas Choir Begins  
 11-WOM Mtg. & Lunch 10:00 A.M. FLC  
 19-20- ECS FACCS Convention  
 28-Men & Boy's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 A.M.  
 28 FALL FESTIVAL 5:00-7:00 P.M.

**November**

05-Daylight Savings Ends- Fall Back  
 05-Deacon's Mtg. 12:30 P.M. FLC  
 05-B.A.S.I.C. Ends  
 07 & 14- Ladies Bible Study "Difficult Words Of Jesus"  
 08-WOM Mtg. & Lunch 10:00 A.M. FLC  
 11-Veterans Day  
 14-Tuesday All Staff Mtg.-1:00 P.M.(Jim W.)  
 15-Student Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt  
 19-Sunday-Churchwide Thanksgiving After A.M.  
 20-24-ECS No School  
 22-No Wednesday Night Activities  
 22-24-Thanksgiving- office closed  
 23 Thanksgiving  
 25-NO Men & Boy's Prayer Breakfast

**December**

02-Kid's Choir Practice- 9:00-Noon  
 03-Deacon's Mtg.-12:30 P.M. FLC  
 03-Kid's Choir Christmas Program  
 05-Tuesday All Staff Mtg.- 1:00 P.M.(Charlie)  
 08/10- "Merry Christmas, Florida"-7 P.M.  
 13-WOM Mtg. & Lunch 10:00 A.M. FLC  
 13-Business Mtg.  
 13-Student Christmas Party  
 13-AWANA Christmas Caroling  
 14-E.C.S. Christmas Concert  
 25-January 9-E.C.S. School Break  
 24-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
     with Lord's Supper 6:00 P.M.  
 25-29-Christmas-Office Closed  
 27-NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES  
 29-January 1- Church Office Closed  
 30-NO Men & Boy's Prayer Breakfast

**LEGEND**

FLC = Family Life Center  
 FH = Fellowship Hall  
 WC = Worship Center  
 OC = Office Complex  
 MS = Music Suite  
 PS = Pre School  
 ECS = Elfers Christian School

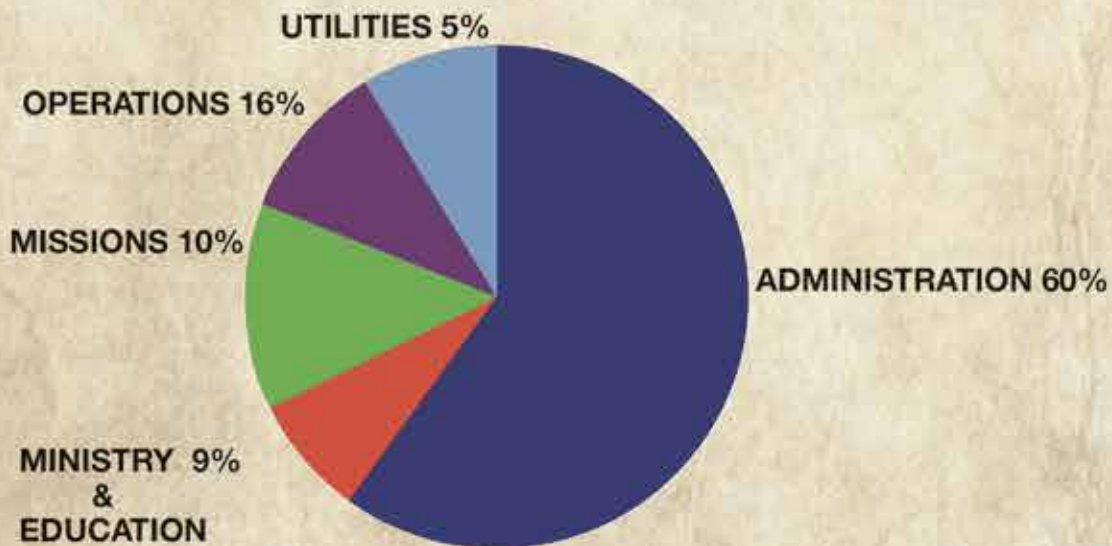




# Giving at a Glance General Fund

YEAR	DOLLARS	CHANGE
2010	346,749.58	
2011	361,213.00	+4%
2012	419,563.00	+16%
2013	395,477.60	-6%
2014	402,306.94	+2%
2015	420,821.09	+5%
2016	438,246.16	+4%
2017	448,705.00	+2%
2018	456,428.22	+2%
2019	481,437.00	+5%
2020	475,536.00	-1%
2021	521,220.00	+10%
2022	523,020.00	+345%

## 2023 Budget Percentage of Use





# Highlighted 2023 Budget

Administration .....	354,914.00
Ministry & Education .....	51,150.00
Operating Expenses .....	95,300.00
Utilities.....	28,700.00
Missions .....	58,230.00
 Total .....	 588,294.00



## 2 Corinthians 9:7

*“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheeful giver.”*

## Malachi 3:10

*“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith,” saith the Lord of Hosts, “if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”*



# Deacon Family Ministry Plan



As our church grows, it is vitally important that we encourage and maintain our family concept. One of the ways we do this is through our Deacon Family Ministry Plan. Our deacons are servant ministers that help meet the needs of the church families.

The 2023 deacons are: Harry Caruso, Mike Burch, Roberto Garcia, Jim Lamb, Dean Morelli, Bruce Ray, Wayne Schmitz, Ken Supernault, and Gene Wade.

Through the deacon ministry plan, each deacon is assigned families for whom they are responsible in helping meet needs that might arise throughout the year. By keeping in contact with their families in their spiritual walk, the deacons become an extension of the ministry of the pastor and staff, and help meet many needs of the church family.



1. Worship Center
2. Elementary Building  
Fellowship Hall
3. Pavilion Outdoor
4. Preschool
5. Music Suite
6. Office Complex
7. Family Life Center
8. Bus Lot
9. Preschool Playground
10. Elementary Playground



# Brochures At A Glance



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Stewardship/ Connection Ministry



Awana Ministry



Basic Ministry



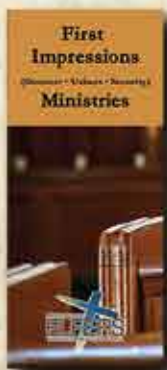
Children's Ministry



Deacon Servants Ministry



Elfers Christian School Ministry



First Impressions Ministry



Global Missions Ministry



Men's Ministry



Music & Worship Ministry



Preschool Ministry



Recreation Ministry



Senior Adult Ministry



Student Ministry



Women's Ministry



# Looking Forward

## *How To Get Connected*

We believe that people grow best when they are connected through relationships with others. The best way to ensure growth is to seek out a small group at Elfers. Every area of ministry is an opportunity to get involved in a small group. Whether it be a Sunday Morning Bible Study, Sunday Evening Seminar, Weekday Men's or Ladies' Growth Group, the opportunities are endless.

## *How Do I Begin?*

Below is a sample list of small growth & service groups available at First Baptist Elfers

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. Sunday Morning Bible Study              | 19. Piano Lab - All Ages                     |
| 2. Sunday Evening Seminars - BASIC         | 20. VBS Summer Adventure                     |
| 3. Wednesday Bible Study                   | 21. Summer With The Arts                     |
| 4. Wednesday Student Worship & Bible Study | 22. Marriage Conferences                     |
| 5. Wednesday Worship Choir                 | 23. Local Missions - Metropolitan Ministries |
| 6. Praise Team Rehearsal - auditioned      | 24. Prayer Chain / Prayer Ministry           |
| 7. Instrumental Worship Team - auditioned  | 25. Wednesday Night Dinner                   |
| 8. Women's Weeknight Bible Study Group     | 26. Media Team                               |
| 9. Men's Bible Study Group                 | 27. First Impressions Team                   |
| 10. Women On Mission Monthly Meetings      | 28. Kids' Choir Kindergarten - 6th Grade     |
| 11. Young At Heart Monthly Meetings        | 29. Annual TRUNK OR TREAT Outreach           |
| 12. Men & Boys Monthly Breakfast Meeting   | 30. Annual Youth Mission Golf Tournament     |
| 13. Recreation Adventures                  | 31. Art / Craft Classes                      |
| 14. Holy Land Trips                        | 32. Annual Easter Egg Hunt                   |
| 15. Annual Mission Trips                   | 33. AWANA Bible Memory Listeners             |
| 16. AWANA - Age 2 through 6th Grade        | 34. "Merry Christmas Florida!" Outreach      |
| 17. Women at Risk                          | 35. "Lift" Outreach 'Palm Sunday'            |
| 18. Decorating Team                        |  |





# Staff Retreat 2022





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