

Our History

In the 1950's Rev. U. Curry Walton was the pastor of First Baptist Church of Naples, Florida. He and the First Baptist family had a vision of a Baptist Mission in the East Naples area. The men of the church built a 30 x 50 foot building on the corner of Davis Boulevard and Shadowlawn Drive. They called Rev. E.C. Beaird as Pastor. July 1, 1956 and the first worship service was held. By October 21, 1956 the mission was constituted as a church with a charter membership of 41 and named East Naples Baptist Church.

In the early months of 1958 the church voted to purchase three lots south of the present building for future expansion. Our present auditorium was built on these three lots. By the time Rev. Beaird resigned as Pastor in 1962 the church had grown from 41 to 261. Since that time the church has been led by: Rev. Ledies Bargo, 1963 - 1970, Rev. Marshall Boroughs, 1970 - 1979, Rev. Elbert Channell, 1980 - 1980, Rev. Don Houser, 1980 - 1986, Rev. Rick Morrell, 1986 - 1996, Rev. Jeff Fletcher, 1998 to 2006, and Dr. Phil Simcosky, 2007 - present.

East Naples Baptist Church has experienced both the good and the bad. We have had mountain top highs where the church was healthy, vibrant and growing. There have also been those valley lows we would all love to forget. But that's part of growing. And through it all, we have learned from our failures so we don't repeat them, and to give glory to God for the miracles He has done and continues to perform today.

Today East Naples Baptist Church is climbing up that ministry mountain. We're heading for yet another mountain top experience praying that it will last for many years.

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East Naples Baptist Church

Changed by His Love - Challenged By His Life

Welcome!



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A Simple but Challenging Mission

“Changed by His Love – Challenged by His Life” is our way of capturing in a simple and memorable phrase what it is that Jesus Christ asked His followers to be and do.

CHANGED BY HIS LOVE

The Gospel is life changing. The Good News is that God loves us in spite of ourselves. That no matter what we have done, where we have been or how we have acted, the Cross of Jesus Christ says – I love you. We have found that simple message can change our lives forever!

CHALLENGED BY HIS LIFE

But when we are changed by that love, we are then challenged to live a new kind of life. The attitudes, habits and actions of the past are seen for what they are – rebellion against the one who made us.

Once we are in a love relationship with God, through His son, Jesus Christ, our desires change. We want to leave our past behind and start on a new path, and that is challenging. But with God’s help and the encouragement of a church family, you find you become more and more of what God intended you to be.

So God changes us, but He also challenges us to live to our full potential in Christ. It is our goal as a church to present that message so that many will come to know of God’s love and live a life that honors the Lord Jesus Christ.

What Kind of Church Are We?

East Naples Baptist Church is affiliated with the Royal Palm Baptist Association (www.royalpalmbaptist.com), the Florida Baptist Convention (www.flbaptist.org) and the Southern Baptist Convention. (www.sbc.net).

Our doctrinal stance aligns with *The Baptist Faith and Message*.

Service Schedule

(Call the church office to confirm times and activities)

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. Worship

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Fellowship meal (September-May)
6:00 p.m. TeamKid (1st-6th Grade)
6:00 p.m. Bible Study Teachers & Officers Preparation
6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Activities of Interest

Participation does not guarantee spiritual growth. But participation does give you an opportunity to pursue personal spiritual development in the context of the local church. Consider the following opportunities that are regularly offered at East Naples Baptist Church:

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| Discipleship | How to pray, study the Bible, share your faith plus other growth opportunities. (Check the church website or latest bulletin for current offerings) |
| Extended Session | Caring for the little ones during worship service (background check required) |
| Media/Library | The church office can give you information on how you can access this resource for your personal growth and study |
| Music & Worship | Contact the associate pastor in charge of music for specific rehearsal and performance dates |
| New Members | A seminar designed to help you make a vital connection with East Naples Baptist Church (required for church membership) |
| Outreach Visitation | Monday PRO Teams (P roject R evolving O utreach) |