

Church at Viera, Melbourne (Brevard)
Aka Suntree Baptist Chapel

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Viera Baptist welcomes new pastor

The Rev. **Mark Ragsdale** recently joined Viera Baptist Church, located in the School Board facility in Viera, as its new pastor.

Ragsdale, his wife, **Kelli**, and their two sons, **Jonmark** and **Luke**,

came to Melbourne from Longview, Texas, where

Ragsdale was an associate pastor of Moberly Baptist Church. He received his master's of divinity degree in 1986

from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and brings seven years of church experience with him.



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The church will meet temporarily in the School Board facility at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays for Bible study and celebration hour at 10:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 13.

The new church is a mission of First Baptist Church in Melbourne, and was given an 11-acre tract of land on Murrell Road in Viera East by three sponsor churches — Central Baptist Church, First Baptist of Merritt Island and First Baptist of Melbourne. The Florida Baptist Convention and the Brevard Baptist Association also have given financial assistance. The church will have a ceremony today to dedicate the land.

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Our History

When you join our community of faithful believers, you're joining a movement of people who have been seeking to see Christ change lives in our community since 1987. Join us as we seek God's will for our lives and move forward where He is calling us.

1987

Began meeting as Suntree Baptist Chapel in Suntree

1992

Relaunched as Church at Viera with Mark Ragsdale as lead pastor

1996

Built our Murrell Road facility – 380 people attended grand opening services

2003

Purchased 30 acres on Wickham Road and Stadium Parkway

2007

Relocated to current location

Future

Build out our 30 acre site with facilities which will enable us to expand our ministries to thousands in our area