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Stading, Jeffery D. (1978-) was born in Tampa, Florida He graduated from the Baptist College of Florida and Andersonville Theological Seminary. He was licensed and ordained to preach by West Broad Street Baptist Church in Tampa. Stading served as pastor of churches in North Carolina and Florida including West Broad Street Baptist Church, Tampa, Salem Baptist Church, Tampa, Bayless Highway Baptist Church, Starke and First Baptist Church, Summerfield. He and his wife, Adeena Stading have three daughters.





A one-time announcement of special events is a free service provided by the Witness to Florida Baptist churches. Please e-mail materials at least three weeks before the date of the event to cnichols@floridabaptistwitness.com or mail to Florida Baptist Witness, 1230 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32207; fax to 904-346-0696. Information may also be submitted via the Web site: www.FloridaBaptistWitness.com.

BREVARD

The Women's Ministry of **First Baptist Church in Eau Gallie** will host its annual Women's Fellowship Retreat March 9-10. Guest speakers Suzanne DeVault and Jennie Jinright

will speak on "What Not to Wear - Putting on the Whole Armor of God." The retreat will begin at 6:15 p.m. Friday. For more information, call 321-254-2339.

CHIPOLA

Harmony Baptist Church in **Graceville** will celebrate its 20th anniversary Oct. 13-14. The event will honor founding pastor Raymond O'Quinn and his wife, Barbie. Organizers are compiling a memory book, and welcome former members' inclusions. Send entries to Connie Brown, 1147 12th Ave. Graceville, FL 32440. for more information, call 850-299-3012.

CHOCTAW

First Baptist Church in **Fort Walton Beach** will host its third annual Senior Adult ComeTogether Feb. 26-28. Chris Hughes, Okaloosa tax collector and founder of Salvation Ministries, will lead a study, "Living a Victorious Life." Musicians for the

event include Cloyd Key, Carolyn Padgett, Rhonda Davenport, the Emerald Coast Chorus, Danny Adkison Trio, Graham Boutwell and others. For more information, call 850-243-3163.

FLORIDA

Thomasville Road Baptist Church in **Tallahassee** will host a 5K/10K race and one-mile fun run/walk March 3 beginning at 8 a.m. The event will benefit the Florida Baptist Children's Home and the Debbie O'Brien Scholarship Fund, which assists children in FBCH. To register for the race or for more information, call 850-386-4288 or go to www.thomasvilleroad.org.

GREATER ORLANDO

First Baptist Church in **Orlando** will host a Gospel Music Extravaganza March 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Faith Hall. First, Orlando members Billy and Paula Speer, along with The Puffers, The Darts and The Weatherfords will perform at the event. For ticket information, call 352-429-3444 or go to

www.firstorlando.com

LAKE COUNTY

First Baptist Church in **Leesburg** hosts an Alzheimer's Support Group the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the chapel prayer room. For more information, call 352-787-1005 #304.

NEW RIVER

Bayless Highway Baptist Church in **Starke** has called **Jeffery D. Stading** as pastor. He is a graduate of Baptist College of Florida, Graceville; and plans to complete the M.Div. through the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary extension center in Jacksonville. Stading was licensed and ordained by West Broad Street Baptist Church in Tampa. He most recently served as pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Tampa. He and his wife, Adeena, have two children.

Hope Baptist Church in **Starke** will host its third annual Sportmen's Fest March 10. The day-long festival begins at 8 a.m. For more information, call 352-473-4188.

ST. JOHNS RIVER

Dunns Creek Baptist Church in **San Mateo** will celebrate its 10th anniversary March 10. The Saturday event will include music, lunch and speakers: Dannie Williams, former pastor of Peniel Baptist Church, and Bill Wing, founding pastor of Dunns Creek Baptist. The celebration begins at 11 a.m. For more information, call 386-328-8650.

SUWANNEE

Peace Baptist Church in **Brantford** will host a Camp Meeting March 11-15 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily. Evangelist J.O. McLeod and his team will lead the services. For more information, call 386-935-4681.

TAMPA BAY

East Chelsea Baptist Church will host the 15th anniversary celebration of Trevor Thomas Drama Ministries Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Along with Thomas, other artists will perform, including Squire Parsons, Geraldine and Ricky, and The Royallaires. For ticket information, call 813-621-9771.

First Baptist Church of Summerfield has welcomed Pastor Jeff Stading, who began serving the congregation in late summer, marking a new chapter for the church.

Pastor Stading brings more than 20 years of pastoral experience in Florida, Alabama, and North Carolina. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from The Baptist University of Florida and is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity. His ministry began as a youth pastor in Marianna and later included pastoral leadership roles in Tampa, Starke, Perry, and Hudson, N.C., where he helped guide churches through revitalization and growth. He has also served in leadership roles within Baptist associations and conventions.

Pastor Stading is supported by his wife, Adeena, a music teacher at East Marion Elementary who holds degrees in Christian Counseling and Music. The couple has three daughters: Hannah, Naomi, and Abigail, 12, who remains active in church life.

Under Pastor Stading's leadership, the church has expanded opportunities for worship and fellowship, including Sunday night services at 5 p.m., Wednesday night Bible study and prayer at 6 p.m., a Wednesday youth group at 6 p.m., and a walking group meeting Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the Life Center. Sunday School continues at 9:45 a.m., followed by Sunday worship at 11 a.m., with new classes available for all ages.

First Baptist Church of Summerfield invites the community to join

<https://voiceofsouthmarion.com/2025/12/23/first-baptist-church-of-summerfield-welcomes-new-pastor/>

Jeff Stading

Jeff began to serve as our pastor in June 2022. He was born in Tampa, FL and was born again and baptized at West Broad Street Baptist Church in Tampa. Upon graduating from Tampa Bay Tech High School, he served in the Florida Army National Guard and attended the Baptist College of Florida, earning a B.A. in Theology and later an M.Div. from Andersonville Theological Seminary. He has served in several community ministries such as, Florida Baptist Disaster Relief, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Character Education Now, and a trustee of his alma mater, the Baptist College of Florida.

Pastor Jeff enjoys attending Sunday School class. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, reading, hiking and exploring the communities and culture of North Carolina. He is motivated by God's infinite, matchless grace and a love for people.

Pastor Jeff is married to Adeena. Adeena is a veteran teacher currently teaching Chorus at Gamewell Middle. Together they have three daughters. https://friendshiphudson.org/jeff_stading