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Stephens, Billy was born in Gainesville. He graduated from the Baptist College of Florida. Stephens served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Groveland and then Ocilla Baptist Church, Gainesville. He and his wife Dede have four sons.



Dinsmore Baptist Church will host a car show, "Kruisin' 4 Kids" June 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The event will include a barbecue and bounce house along with the car show featuring 14 vehicle categories. Proceeds from the show will go to purchase playground equipment for the church. For information, or to register a vehicle, call 904-764-3268, or e-mail info@dbc-jax.com.

LAKE COUNTY

First Baptist Church in Groveland has called Billy Stephens as pastor. He most recently served as pastor of spiritual development for First Baptist Church in High Springs, where he also served seven years as minister to students. Stephens is a



BILLY STEPHENS

graduate of Baptist College of Florida in Graceville and Liberty Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Va. He also served in the U.S. Navy.

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Central Baptist Church in Crestview will host The Workmen Quartet in concert June 14 at 6 p.m. For more information, call 850-682-5525.

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Billy Stephens

Lead Pastor

Pastor Billy was born in Gainesville, FL and raised in Starke, Fl. Billy has been in full-time ministry since 2001. He is a husband, father, follower of Jesus, and pastor. Billy and his wife Dede have 4 sons, Will, Grant, Evan, and Asher.

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.” Matthew 7:24-25

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