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FIRST BAPTIST FORT LAUDERDALE WELCOMES A NEW LEAD PASTOR THIS SUNDAY

Fort Lauderdale, FL: The congregation of First Baptist Fort Lauderdale invites the Fort Lauderdale community to join them as they welcome their new Lead Pastor, Rev. James Welch, this Sunday, March 24th, at 10:30AM, as he begins his leadership of the downtown Fort Lauderdale church.

Coming to Fort Lauderdale from New Orleans, Louisiana, Pastor James and his wife Amy have three children: Addison, William, and Blythe. As a family, they planted Harbor Community Church in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, where they made it a family and missional priority to love their city and intentionally engage the unchurched for the sake of the gospel. Pastor James' heart is to bring that same mentality to South Florida.

"Our hearts are full of love for a people we haven't truly met yet. We are excited to learn about the people of the church and South Florida. We are humbled by this assignment from our Heavenly Father and are 'eager to share with you [them] not only the gospel but our lives as well'" ~ Pastor James Welch

Pastor James was unanimously recommended as the next Lead Pastor by the Lead Pastor Search Team, made up of a diverse group of congregants, and then affirmed by the entire congregation on February 24, 2019. The Search Team's process took just short of three years to complete, during their process they vetted and researched resumés and recommendations of 205 pastoral candidates before being unanimously led to recommend Pastor James as the Lead Pastor.

About First Baptist | FTL: First Baptist | FTL is located in the heart of downtown at 301 E. Broward Boulevard. Founded in 1907, the church pre-dates the city it calls home. Boasting a diverse congregation hailing from over 40 countries, demonstrated by services which are translated into multiple languages and a web broadcast viewed around the world each week. With a motto of, "In the City, For the City," their focus is not on religion or a denomination; but for each person to discover their unique design and purpose through a deeper relationship with God. More information can be found at www.FirstBaptistFTL.com.