



## Scott Frederick Tharp

September 20, 1972 - January 5, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that we say goodbye to a devoted husband, loving father, faithful pastor, and cherished friend. Scott Frederick Tharp entered the presence of the Lord on January 5, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of faith, love, and leadership that will endure for generations.

Born on September 20, 1972, in Westerville, Ohio, Scott lived a life marked by unwavering commitment to his faith and his family. He dedicated his life to ministry, most recently at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Florida, shepherding his congregation with humility and devotion. His voice carried encouragement, his deeds embodied the love of Christ, and through his guidance, many found their way to a deeper faith.

Scott was not only a man of faith but a servant leader, too. His vision and courage touched lives far beyond his immediate circle, leaving an indelible mark on communities he served regionally, and in Ecuador, Argentina, Nicaragua, Mexico, Spain,

France,  
Haiti and more.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick "Zeke" and Ruth Tharp. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Kristy Kay Tharp, his three lovely daughters, Sharon, Ashley, and Alondra, his brothers Mike (Chippy) Tharp and Tim (Tammy) Tharp, and his nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Scott Tharp Memorial Scholarship through Send Me Missions in Wauchula, Florida.

A Visitation will be held at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Florida Saturday, January 17, 2026 @ 2:00 P.M. followed by funeral Services @ 3:00 P.M.

Though our hearts ache with loss, we rejoice in knowing that Scott has fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. His life was a testament to God's grace, and his legacy will live on in the lives he touched. If you would like to contact the church email address provided - [contact@fbcbgfl.com](mailto:contact@fbcbgfl.com)

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

(Matthew 25:23)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Bowling Green  
4531 U.S. 17  
Bowling Green, FL 33834  
(863) 375-2253  
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# Tribute Wall

CS

“ After my dad passed away i needed someone to talk to and Pastor Scott went over and beyond his call of duty. I was not a member of his congregation yet he would take the time out of his busy day to talk to me on the phone and help lead me in the right direction. I think the one conversation that sticks out the most is the time he talked to me from my house to Hawthorne. I was having doubt or looking for a way out of joining my current church which is not Baptist ( Church of God) he insured me that I was making the right decision and what solidified my decision was the exact thing that made me decide that this is where God wanted me to be was what Scott and I talked about on that Thursday morning was the exact thing my Preacher preached on Sunday morning. Word for word! I was sitting in Church Sunday morning crying like a baby. I mean it scared me @ first but I knew without a shaddow of a doubt that both Scott and my current pastor were both Men of God and I did not need to look any further and I found my home. Thank you Brother Scott for being my friend and for obeying our Lord and stepping up in your time of need, or should I say my time of need. You will be missed and I know you will either help Nick & Mr Ted stay out of trouble or be right there with them. Love you Brother!

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**Chris Salter** - January 10 at 09:25 AM

JS

“ Jennifer Stirk purchased the Strength & Solace S pray for the family of Scott Frederick Tharp.



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**Jennifer Stirk** - January 09 at 02:50 PM

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“ Jennifer Stirk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Scott Frederick Tharp.

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**Jennifer Stirk** - January 09 at 02:50 PM

JS

“ I am a volunteer at Hardee Correctional Institution for a few programs and to allow the men to study for the seminary. I have met and spoken to Scott a few times over the years and attended his teaching at the chapel.

He has been not only a Godly example for the men, but has been their teacher, their mentor, and their friend. I know several men who are grieving for the loss of their friend and for his family. Scott and his love for the Lord and his fellow man, will be remembered for years to come.

He will be missed by many!

Our love and prayers for all the family.

Jim Schwankoff, Men of The Word Ministry

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**James Schwankoff** - January 09 at 10:55 AM

SR

“ You were the first to teach me about fasting. I remember years ago Will and I attended a marriage conference with you, Kristy, Mark and Michele Whittington. I think we ate at Applebees beforehand and I noticed you had only water. I decided somewhere in my mind y'all were tight on money and you were just letting Kristy eat (I don't think I ever told anyone that). I then started persistently offering every piece of food I received and you graciously declined....again and again. Makes sense now why you smiled and shook your head a bit. Finally, you said “Stacia, I'm fasting.” You didn't know I had been curious about that and no one had ever explained it to me in a way I could grasp. There was laughter, kind jokes about my persistence, my blushed cheeks. But more, there was explanation, transparency, blooming understanding. It was many years later before I fully grasped but God used you to water a seed. Our family have fond memories that include your family. I was going to tune into your upcoming sermon series. I thought recently about Will Richerson and I getting in touch for a visit; last was Dec 2018. Next time will have to be in Heaven. Love and prayers of comfort for Kristy, kids, family, church family and all who your life made an impact in the Kingdom!

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**Stacia Richerson** - January 06 at 09:19 PM

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*He was my pastor....Rip we love you....Bro.Scott..He was..a great pastor..*

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**Bonita Collins** - January 07 at 07:30 PM

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*Jim Schwankoff, Men of The Word Ministry*

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**James Schwankoff** - January 09 at 01:34 PM