

# The View from the Hill

October 2025



Hear. Live. Share. The Story of Jesus.

## A NOTE FROM DAVE

Fall has become my favorite season of the year. Of course, we tend to feel like it is still summer with pumpkins in Pensacola. Yet, I will remain grateful for the gift of a new season. It is hard to believe we have just three months remaining in this year. As I type these words, I am greatly encouraged by all our God has done in our church. He remains faithful and sovereign over every season under



Dave Snyder Senior Pastor

the sun. As you journey each day by faith, keep your eyes on Him. Look for ways to better serve Him this season. Take the opportunities given to share the story of Jesus. Open your life to wonderful possibilities of our God using you to impact our community and beyond.

Our fiscal year begins this month. I am deeply thankful for your generosity in closing out another fiscal year of giving. By your obedience and God's blessings, we have far surpassed our budget giving requirement for another consecutive year. Your gifts equip the church for ministry. Thank you for the testimony of faith shown in your tithes and offerings.

One of our largest outreach events of the year will take place on Sunday, October 5th. This will be our annual, Party on Palafox. There are plenty of areas for you to serve. This is also a great opportunity for your kids and grandkids to come in costume and have fun! Come join me at one of my favorite events of the year.

It seems like almost every day we have a full campus of cars parked and people connecting. Embrace each day as a gift from our God. Stay connected with your church family in worship and Bible study each week.

Please take a few minutes and see what all is happening at FBCP. Don't ever hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

I love you and I'm honored to serve you as your pastor.

Blessings,

Dave

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Shelby Webb
Director of Communications

Church Family,

As the Director of Communications here at First Baptist, I love getting to share what's happening in our church. We just wrapped up a great summer, and it has been amazing to see how our church is growing. We added our second contemporary service, had an incredible Vacation Bible School, and celebrated new life in Christ with the 26 people who were baptized at beach baptism. There is so much to thank God for, and so much to look forward to this fall! We

have some amazing events coming up this month.

Party on Palafox is **Sunday, October 5 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** It's our annual fall festival with games, food trucks, inflatables, and fun for all ages. Best of all, it's completely free, so invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a great afternoon together!

On **Thursday, October 16** our women will gather for Tapestry, a beautiful evening celebrating how God weaves our stories together with His grace. A few women from our church will share their testimonies, and I know it will be an encouraging night.

Lastly, on **Sunday, October 26** we'll host our Men's Summit with guest speaker Jimmy Page. Dinner is provided at no cost, and it will be a great chance for men to connect, share a meal, and be challenged in their walk with Christ.

There is so much more to look forward to, and you can find all the details at <u>fbcp.org/events</u>. I can't wait to see you at these gatherings! Thank you for being a part of the First Baptist Family!

Here at First Baptist Church of Pensacola we are in an exciting time of growth. The growth is occurring in all ages but has been especially strong in our young adult age group. We have seen this growth in our worship services as well as our Bible study classes and has helped increase growth in our preschool and children's area as well. This growth has now allowed us to begin the process of filling a ministerial position that has been in a dormant status for several years. That is the position



Brian Hicks Associate Pastor of Discipleship

of Young Adult Minister. This position will focus on the continuation of discipleship and growth in our young adult age group. A search team has been assembled and will begin meeting soon. We would appreciate your prayers as we begin the process of searching for the person that God is calling to join our staff and our church family. The search team consists of the following church members: Brian Hicks, John Kizziah, Hannah Williams, Kristin Bass, Rachel Bonelli, Jacob German, Sarah Horne, and Steve Shell. It truly is an exciting time to be a part of what God is doing here at FBCP!



First Baptist members Al Stubblefield, Cal Clevenger, Rick Clark, John Sherman, Jeff Prock, Tim Milstead, Rick Metzgar, and Doug Mott were part of the 25-member team which conducted the 56<sup>th</sup> Kairos Prison Ministry Retreat at the Century Correctional Institution on September 18 -21. Kairos is an ecumenical prison ministry with volunteers from various churches and denominations in the Pensacola area. Although the team is comprised of individuals who may have different styles of worship, the one thing Kairos team members share in common is a love for Jesus Christ and the desire to share His love and forgiveness with those who are impacted by incarceration.

The Kairos team conducts a short course on Christianity at Century two times a year. During this retreat 30 inmates were taken through a series of talks, meditations, small group discussion, and worship time, all designed to give them the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ into their life. At the conclusion of the program, four inmates indicated they had made the decision to follow Christ. Others indicated a renewed commitment to their faith. In all, the seed of Christianity was planted, and it will continue to be watered in the coming weeks and months. Some comments during the closing ceremony from the participants included the following:

- I experienced peace from chaos.
- I was happy to see some of my friends grow in their faith.
- · Nobody judged us.
- Jesus met me here. It was an experience I never expected.
  This love can't stop here it must go back with us to the
  compound.
- You just don't see people who will come to a prison and stoop down to our level.
- Jesus is the way the truth and the life.
- I can't explain what I felt here.
- I never expected so much agape here.
- The letters I received teared me up. The love you gave to us was overwhelming. Blown away by all the people praying for us.
- I expected long boring sermons but, I found energy and love.

In addition to the retreat twice a year, Kairos returns to the prison each month to mentor and fellowship with those inmates who have completed a Kairos retreat. Currently the number of Kairos graduates who are housed at the Century Correctional Institution is approximately 10% of the population. In a study completed in the State of Florida it was determined that recidivism among inmates who were active in the Kairos Prison Ministry was half of those who had not been through a Kairos retreat.

- Doug Mott

## STATE MISSION OFFERING

We will be taking up an offering through Sunday, October 19 with 50% going to the Baptist University of Florida and 50% to the Florida Baptist Convention. Offering envelopes can be found around the church.

## PARTY ON PALAFOX



Sunday, October 5 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Save the date for our annual Fall Festival! There will be games, food trucks, inflatables, and fun for all ages. There's no cost! We hope to see you there!

#### LEISURE TIMERS

Tuesday, October 21 at 10:15 a.m. in Chipley Hall
As many know, we alternate meeting programs between
entertainment and education. October will be entertainment, and
the program will be presented by our own member, Betty
Hassler. She is a writer and has written many articles, books,
and plays. She has a three-act program coming from some of
our favorite Bible stories, but she has interjected some comedy. I
think it will be entertaining for you to watch.

Leisure Timers will meet at 10:15 a.m. with lunch about 11:45 a.m. If you would like to join us for lunch, please call the church office at 850-433-5631 and make a reservation by Friday, October 17. You are not required to dine with us if you attend. I look forward to seeing new faces to join the 100 who are faithful attendees, and this is not a "FBCP only" gathering. It is open for all people. Y'all come.

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

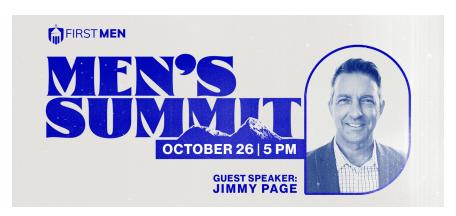


Join us **Saturday, October 18 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary** for a free concert featuring musicians from churches throughout the Pensacola area and special guest conductor Kenn Hughes.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

#### THEOLOGY WITH DUDES

Tuesday, October 21 from 6:45 - 8:00 a.m. in the ROC Theology With Dudes is a time for men to gather for prayer, breakfast, Bible study, and fellowship with Pastor Dave. Please register at <a href="mailto:fbcp.org/events">fbcp.org/events</a> or stop by the Welcome Desk. We can't wait to see you there!



#### Sunday, October 26 at 5:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall

Join us for an evening of encouragement and fellowship at our Men's Summit. Dinner will be provided at no cost.

Our guest speaker will be Jimmy Page, former executive with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Colorado. Jimmy is an author, speaker, and the founder of Be Unstoppable Elite Performance. He will be sharing on the topic: "Be a Man" — a look at Biblical masculinity from 1 Corinthians 16:13–14.

This is a great opportunity to connect with other men, enjoy a meal together, and be challenged in your walk with Christ.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



Tami Gibson, speaker from the February 25 ladies retreat is starting a new ministry in Pensacola called Pensacola Moms on Mission.

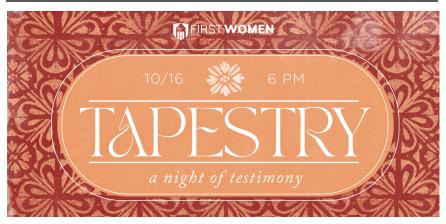
#### MOMCO AT FBCP!

Wednesdays, twice a month, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Motherhood can be challenging, but it doesn't have to be lonely. Come enjoy a moment of fellowship, breakfast, and learning together on how to navigate parenthood. The group is open to mothers of children from birth through age 18. Register at <a href="fbcp.org/events">fbcp.org/events</a>.

#### 2025 Dates:

October 8 & 11 November 5 & 19 December 10



#### Thursday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Two-three of our FBCP women will share their testimony of how God has woven their life together with Him and with each other. Dinner \$10, register at the events page, <u>fbcp.org/events</u> by Thursday, October 9, 2025.

## **UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY**

Luke in the Land, Bible study, by Kristi McLelland Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. starting on Wednesday, October 22 for 7 weeks. Led by Sonya Bryant.

#### GATHER

Sunday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall Excited to start back to this wonderful time of fellowship and biblical devotion. RSVP for dinner and if childcare is needed by October 30. Sign up on the events page of our website.

## SEWING FOR JESUS

Sewing for Jesus welcomes ladies of all ages to come and sew with us to make beautiful items in support of FBCP's local and foreign missionary efforts. We will be meeting on the following dates in October.

Monday, October 13 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Monday, October 20 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Monday, October 27 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

It is not necessary for you to already know how to sew. There are always things to do for those who do not sew or you can learn to sew. Please bring your lunch as we break for lunch and a devotion and prayer time at 11:30 a.m. Come and join these exceptional ladies as their put their talents and hearts into serving God through sewing.

If you have any questions and would like more information, please contact LynneMarie Prock at lynnemarie54@gmail.com.

## **COMFORT AND JOY**

Do you know how to crochet or knit? Would you like to learn to crochet or knit? Would you like to learn how to make a quilt-as-you-go lap quilt? All of these skills are happily taught so that you can create a prayer shawl or lap quilt for those in need. We will meet in October on the following days.

Monday, October 6 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Lap Quilting Friday, October 10 - 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.: Crochet and Knitting Friday, October 24 - 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.: Crochet and Knitting Please join us for a time of fun, fellowship and creativity in God's service.

If you have any questions and would like to know more, please contact Tricia Alger at <u>tacraftstogo@gmail.com</u>.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

On **Sunday, October 12,** shoeboxes will be available around the church, so take as many as you can carry, pack the box, and pray. Pray for customs clearance, those transporting the boxes, pastors and leaders that will share the gospel when giving the boxes and pray for those that will hear the Good News!

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesday, October 1: Invite Night Sunday, October 5: Party on Palafox

Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22: Family Groups

Wednesday, October 29: Serve Night

#### WARMTH FOR WEIS

We are excited to announce the Warmth for Weis Shoe Project will take place Wednesday, November 12, and Thursday, November 13, at C.A. Weis Elementary School.

On Wednesday, we will transform the Weis gym into a shoe store in preparation for the big day. Then on Thursday, every student will be sized and fitted with a brand-new pair of warm athletic shoes along with three pairs of socks. To help us serve all 550 students, we'll need volunteers throughout the day. Lunch will be provided for those serving the full school day Thursday, but if you can only give a few hours, we would still love to have your help.

#### Volunteers needed:

- Wednesday, November 12 | 9:30 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, November 13 | 7:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.

In addition to volunteers, we are especially asking for Prayer Warriors to cover this project in prayer throughout the week—this is our greatest need!

If you would like to support this project financially, the cost is \$30 per student, and together we'll be serving approximately 550 students this year.

For questions, please contact Jennifer Daniel at 850-572-0856.

## LOVE ON WHEELS

Love on Wheels, a ministry that transports our male and female homebound members to and from medical appointments, needs male and female church members to volunteer to serve in this ministry. If you are interested, please contact Lista Bodree at 850-207-9252 or cbodree@yahoo.com.

## FLOWER DELIVERY

The flower ministry needs church members to volunteer to deliver flower arrangements on Mondays to our members who are in facilities or at home. If you are willing to deliver once a quarter or more, please contact Lista Bodree at 850-207-9252 or cbodree@yahoo.com.

#### FLOWER ARRANGING

Due to restructuring the Flower Arranging Ministry and for the safety of our volunteers who deliver the flowers on Mondays, we are no longer accepting vase donations. Goodwill on Olive Road will accept your vase donations.

## CHURCH TO CHURCH

What a blessing to be a part of a ministry that feeds souls and provides sustenance for bodies! September 13, another tangible touch of Christ was felt through our C2C Food Ministry when 1300 families received the makings for 39 meals for a family of four.

Following is a thank you note the C2C ministry received after the last distribution.

Dear Giving Friends,

Thank you so very much for the precious food surprise. Everything was chosen with tasty, easy meal fixings, eating healthy, caring and so much love. Even my favorite dish soap was included. I am still crying a few happy tears. God is good. With His help and guidance can we be helpful, giving, kind and good to each other. As a young child growing up after World War 2 in Berlin, Germany, did I learn food was more important than a ring on your finger and nothing should be wasted. What could not be eaten, like potato peelings, leaves, or weeds could be used as fertilizer to grow food.

Because of my age and some health issues I can not do what I used to be able to do, but I thank God every day for what I can still do: watering plants, fixing a meal, doing dishes, and writing a little note of thank you after experiencing the gifts of love and caring from wonderful people like you.

With Love and Many Thanks,

Sincerely,

Heidi

Our next scheduled distribution will be **Saturday**, **November 8**, and another distribution is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, **December 13**. Be on the lookout for packing dates in October.

Won't you consider being part of this ministry to our hungry neighbors?

## FLORIDA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Annual Meeting November 9-11, 2025 First Baptist Orlando 3000 S John Young Pkwy, Orlando FL

Please visit the Florida Baptist Convention website (<u>flbaptist.org</u>) for Convention details. Please contact Elizabeth Smith at 850-433-5631 or <u>esmith@fbcp.org</u> to submit your name as a messenger. First Baptist Church is entitled to have 10 messengers. Our Leadership Team will approve the list of messengers at the monthly meeting on October 19, 2025.

## **NEW DEACON**

The following Deacon was affirmed Sunday, September 28, 2025.



Dale Duce

## Members of the Committee on Placement/Deacon Selection Team:

Mike Hudson, Chair; Allen Turner, Past Chair; Fed Barona, James Callaway, Eddie Gibbs, Emily Green, Linda Hinson, Brett Hudspeth, Riana Huntley, Linda Lasher, Leigh Shell.

Three long-standing deacons and beloved members of our church were nominated to become Emeritus.

On behalf of the entire Deacon Ministry, the following deacons were affirmed as Deacon Emeriti:

Comer Knight, Scott Bell, and Ron Jackson

## FBCP 180th ANNIVERSARY

First Baptist Church of Pensacola will celebrate our 180th Anniversary, May 2, 2027.

FBCP has a rich history of Kingdom service. Many milestones and hurdles are documented in our archives. Regretfully there are also many voids in our history.

The History and Archives Department is asking each ministry to share how it has been the hands and feet of Jesus. This information will be used in celebrating the church's 180th anniversary.

When did your ministry begin? Who were the key people in starting the ministry? What are some of the highlights of your ministry? What are the current goals of the ministry?

Photographs would be welcomed! Please, provide the Who, What, When, and Where relating to each photograph.

How should you submit your information?

Photographs and documents you do NOT want returned can be left in the History mailbox in the church's workroom.

You can also submit electronically to fbcp.archives@gmail.com.

Please avoid sending very large files in a single email.

Please use Word or rich text.

Documents can be scanned and submitted as Adobe, pdf files.

Photographs can be scanned and sent as jpg.

History and Archives will create a file for your ministry and preserve documents and photographs submitted.

When are submissions due? December 1, 2025.

Compiling all the submissions, writing, editing, formatting and printing the 180th anniversary publication will take considerable time. Early submissions will be GREATLY appreciated.

Thank you on behalf of Toni Clevenger and the History and Archives team!

Questions? David Sutton at dasu1@bellsouth.net.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Molly Jane Adair, Baptism Sutton Bolitho, Baptism Olivia Bowden, Baptism Hannah Crowe, Baptism Joe Duncan, Baptism Eagle Fricks, Baptism Jarkees Gould, Baptism Estevao Gouveia Goncalves, **Baptism** Isaiah Henry, Baptism Camdyn Hershberger, Baptism Cooper Hershberger, Baptism Noah Jacobs, Baptism Selorm Komanyor, Baptism Selali Komanyor, Baptism Selawoe Komanyor, Baptism Keller Leonard, Baptism Rebecca Leonard, Baptism

Theo Leonard, Baptism Alex Leonard, Baptism Melanie Magaha, Baptism Zachary Magaha, Letter Kelly Marriman, Baptism Amanda Mejias, Letter Brandon Mejias, Letter Isaac Merriman, Baptism Jack Motley, Statement Samantha Motley, Letter Jeff Rau, Baptism Penelope Schwan, Baptism Aaron Stewart, Statement Livi Taylor, Baptism Leo Valencia, Baptism Rex Valencia, Baptism Sarah Webb, Baptism

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

#### **OCTOBER 5, 2025**

SANCTUARY - The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Randy Rigsby, given by the Rigsby and Conner families.

#### **OCTOBER 12, 2025**

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of our dear friend, Doris Jean Mowe, given by James and Shirley Callaway.

#### **OCTOBER 19, 2025**

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of Dan Bridges, given by Pat Bridges and family.

#### **OCTOBER 26, 2025**

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of Jerry and Diane Norris, given by their grateful family; Lisa, Diana, Benjamin, Mark, and Grace.

## KINGDOM PARTNERS

#### October 5:

Church of the Good Shepherd P.O. Box 617, 708 College Ave, Winona Lake, IN 46590 Pastor - Eric Sass

#### October 12:

Grand Parkway Church 12000 FM 1464, Richmond, TX 77407 Pastor - Neil McClendon

#### October 19:

**Grace Bible Church** 1027 Dixie Dr., Clute, TX 77531 Pastor - Chad Poe

#### October 26:

First Baptist Church Blackshear 670 Main St., Blackshear, GA 31516 Pastor - Justin Gambrell

## MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUMS

#### Memorials

Frances Alberti

Frank & Bernice Osborne, One More Child

#### Sheldon Bernau

Lisa Bernau, Martha's Vineyard & Music Interns

Flo Minchew, Music Ministry *Jill Findley* 

Mike & Cheryle Samples, Reeves Scholarship Fund

#### Don Green

James & Shirley Callaway, RFK Mike & Cheryle Samples, Reeves Scholarship Fund

Les & Macklyn Fairchild, Sewing For Jesus

#### Carol Hudspeth

Frank & Bernice Osborne, One More Child

#### John McIntosh

Scott & Mitzi Shanks, State Mission Offering

#### Gloria Meissner

Comer & Kathy Knight, Children of Christ Orphanage

#### J. P. & Julie Minchew

Flo Minchew

#### **Becky Morrison**

Frank & Bernice Osborne, Anne Armstrong

#### Doris Jean Mowe

Frank & Bernice Osborne, Music Ministry

#### Jerry & Diane Norris

Lisa Bernau, Music Ministry & Martha's Vineyard Flo Minchew, Martha's Vineyard Les & Macklyn Fairchild, Sewing

For Jesus Bill Santo

Flo Minchew, SHM

#### **Curtis Walker**

Ron & Margaret Jackson, SHM
Scott & Mitzi Shanks, State
Mission Offering
Bryant & Sara McNutt, SHM
Jim & Deb Garrett, SHM
Comer & Kathy Knight, SHM
S & D Musser, SHM
Rick & Laura Miller, SHM
Dan & Cathy Matthews, SHM
Providence Christian School, SHM

Susie & Curtis Walker

Flo Minchew, SHM

#### **Charles Washington** Ron & Margaret Jackson, SHM

James & Shirley Callaway, Backpack Buddies Flo Minchew, SHM Comer & Kathy Knight, SHM Mary Washington, SHM Mike & Cheryle Samples, Reeves

Scholarship Fund Linda White

Frank & Bernice Osborne, Music Ministry

#### **Honorariums**

Ken Counselman
Bill & Shirley Linne, General Fund
Ed & Jennifer Daniel
Lisa Bernau, Backpack Buddies
Laurie Helms
Lista Bodree, SHM
Richard & Brenda Roselli, SHM
John Hodges
Carole Thompson
Linsey & Kitty Hoover

Al & Mary Lee Stubblefield, Sewing For Jesus

#### CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Clergy Appreciation Month with the second Sunday designated as Pastor Appreciation Day. This is a time to say "thank you" for the work of our Ministerial Staff and Senior Pastor. Please consider writing a note of thanks or sending a special card. For your convenience, there will be cards available during our Mid-Week service, if needed, and a collection basket in the Chipley Hall Atrium.

## To register for meals and events stop by the Welcome Desk or visit fbcp.org/events

To sign up via phone, call us at (850)433-5631.

#### **FAMILY DINNER**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 5:00 P.M.

Make your reservation each week by Tuesday at noon by visiting www.fbcp.org/resource-center or call the Welcome Center Desk

#### TICKET PRICES

(850)433-5631

Adult Meals: \$5 | Child Meals: \$3 Family Max\*: \$20 \*Family Max = 8 immediate family members

#### **DINNER MENU**

## Wednesday, October 1

Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, dessert.

Alternate: Autumn salad

Kids: Pizza

#### Wednesday, October 8

Hamburger steak with gravy, rice, corn casserole, bread, dessert.

Alternate: Autumn salad

Kids: Mini corn dogs

#### Wednesday, October 15

Chicken quesadillas, Mexican rice and beans, dessert. Alternate: Autumn salad Kids: Same as adults

## Wednesday, October 22

Lasagna, green beans, salad, bread, dessert.

Alternate: Autumn salad Kids: Lasagna, green beans, bread, dessert.

#### Wednesday, October 29

Chili and cornbread night with side salad and dessert. Alternate: Autumn salad

Kids: Chicken nuggets with Mac-n-cheese and dessert

## OFFERING REPORT

## August 24, 2025

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## August 31, 2025

Weekly Needs	\$110,241
Weekly Receipts.	\$58,574
Year to Date Nee	ds \$5,181,316
Year to Date Rec	eipts \$6,359,490

## September 7, 2025

\$110,241
\$63,017
\$5,291,557
\$6,481,081

## September 14, 2025

Weekly Needs	\$110,241
Weekly Receipts	\$66,502
Year to Date Needs	\$5,401,798
Year to Date Receipts	\$6,547,583

#### September 21, 2025

Weekly Needs	\$110,241
Weekly Receipts	\$309,202
Year to Date Needs	\$5,512,039
Year to Date Receipts	\$6,856,785

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