



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF PENSACOLA

The View from the Hill

November 2025



Hear. Live. Share. The Story of Jesus.

A NOTE FROM DAVE

This morning, the weather was in the low 50's. Putting on a jacket and sipping hot coffee was an added blessing as the cool fall morning reminded me of our God's power in creation. He has given different seasons which each offering a variety of blessings. Pensacola may not be known as a popular place to see fall colors. Yet, this morning felt different. I am thankful for this time of year. I am thankful for this day. I am thankful for every moment our God provides to experience His love and mercy on this side of heaven.

November is a month of gratitude. As I see what God is doing in the life of First Baptist, my heart is full of thanksgiving and joy. I love seeing new faces each week as well as long time faithful members. I enjoy seeing the church in action as we seek together to make our city better by serving the least of these. This month, we get to provide food for the hungry, shoebox blessings for children around the world, utility assistance with struggling families, and love for the broken. As you look at this month's newsletter, please look for opportunities to serve and get involved with the life of First Baptist!

Please join me in thanking **Neal Kinard** for her faithful ministry to our homebound members. After nearly twenty years of serving in this important role, Neal is retiring and preparing to enjoy the next chapter of her life. Neal has been a part of **First Baptist Church** since **1967**, and her love for the Lord and this church family has been evident in everything she's done. Through countless visits, phone calls, and prayers, she has shared the love of Christ with those who could not be with us in person, impacting more lives than we can fully know.

As we celebrate her service, I encourage you to reach out to Neal this month to share your love and appreciation. Her legacy of compassion and faithfulness will continue to inspire us all.

Enjoy November. I love being your pastor.

Blessings,

Dave



Dave Snyder
Senior Pastor

CURRENT SERMON SERIES:

THE *Story*



DISCOVERING REDEMPTION'S THREAD

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

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Scot Cameron

Minister of Traditional Worship

Christmas is right around the corner, and the excitement is building with each week of planning, rehearsal, and preparation. **A PENSACOLA CHRISTMAS** is not only our church's largest outreach event, but has become an enthusiastic community tradition for many in our city. Last year we welcomed close to 2,500 people in our three concerts, seeing a consistent growth in community engagement and audience attendance over the past three years.

Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend...**A PENSACOLA CHRISTMAS** concerts on **December 6 and 7 at 6:00 p.m.** each night. Our Festival Singers, Orchestra, Piano Quartet, and outstanding Soloists are overjoyed to welcome back the **PENSACOLA CHILDREN'S CHORUS** as our special guests.

As we did last year, we are presenting a 60-minute version of these concerts for families with younger children...**A FAMILY CHRISTMAS** will be **December 6 at 4:00 p.m.** featuring our own **KID'S PRAISE, CLARION CHOIR**, and special guests from the **WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL** Choir and Band.

We hope and pray that you not only come and enjoy this annual presentation, but also make it a priority to invite and bring your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. Spread the joy of Christmas and God's redeeming love through Christ's birth this year with our city and beyond.

A PENSACOLA *Christmas*

DECEMBER 6 & 7 | 6PM

WITH THE PENSACOLA CHILDREN'S CHORUS

DECEMBER 6 | 4PM

FAMILY CONCERT WITH SPECIAL GUESTS



Wednesday, November 5

With an optional dinner at 5:00 p.m. and class from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for our Now What class, where we'll dive into the second half of the membership process. We start this process through our Discovering First Class, but what does it look like to be a member of First Baptist? We'll answer that. Register at fbcp.org/events.



Sunday, November 9 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, November 18 at 10:15 a.m. in Chipley Hall
Inside the United States Secret Service: A Retired Agent's Perspective

Do not miss this captivating presentation by Mike Goehring. A retired U.S. Secret service Special Agent, who served under five presidents, from Richard Nixon to George H.W. Bush. With first-hand experience he will share insights into the agency's vital work of safeguarding U.S. leaders and foreign heads of state, conducting high-level investigations and preparing new agents for duty. As a former instructor at the Secret Service academy and a faculty member in criminal justice and psychology, Mike brings a wealth of knowledge, behind the scenes details and stories of one of the most elite law enforcement agencies in the world.

MEN'S MINISTRY

THEOLOGY WITH DUDES

Tuesday, November 18 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 fbcp.org/events or stop by the Welcome Desk. We can't wait to see you there!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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.

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 fbcp.org/events.

2025 Dates:

November 5 & 19
December 10

SAVE THE DATES

Gather: January 4, 2026
Connect: April 11, 2026

SEWING FOR JESUS

Sewing for Jesus is busy finishing our end-of-the-year projects that include receiving blankets, medical missionary bags, adult bibs, and receiving blankets. We are excited to wrap up another great year with Sewing for Jesus supporting the local and foreign missionary efforts of FBCP. Our meetings in November will be held on **Monday, November 10 and November 17**. This will be the last sewing meeting to complete our projects for the year. We will meet in the **Mission First building from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will break for lunch, prayer and a devotional at 11:30 a.m.** Please bring your lunch or snack. We hope you can join us as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus during this holiday season. End-of-year donations are gratefully accepted to help fund this important ministry.

COMFORT AND JOY

What a blessing it has been to start this amazing ministry and to minister to those who have suffered loss or illness this year. If you would like to learn how to crochet, knit, or make a lap quilt, please join us on the **First Monday and the second Friday in November**. We meet in the Mission First building and welcome those with established skills or those interested in learning. We will not meet the fourth Friday of November due to Thanksgiving. **Monday, November 3** - "Quilt as you go" - lap quilting. We will meet from **9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** with a break for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your lunch or snack.

Friday, November 14, we will meet from **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** We hope you will join us for these opportunities to share fun and fellowship. Please contact lynnemarie54@gmail.com with any questions or for further information.

STUDENT MINISTRY

November Series: YHWH - Love and Faithfulness

Wednesday, November 5 - Game Night

Wednesday, November 12 - Invite Night: Friendsgiving

Wednesday, November 19 - Family Groups

November 21-22 - Fall Retreat

November 24-28 - Thanksgiving Break

GRIEFSHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Surviving the Holidays begins on **Wednesday, November 5, 2025 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.**, during our regular weekly session time in the same room. Please let Lisa Bernau know if you need any additional information, lbernau4@gmail.com.
griefshare.org/holidays

CHURCH TO CHURCH

NOVEMBER 8 IS OUR NEXT DISTRIBUTION. Because we will have a larger number than usual of items to distribute, we'll need additional volunteers. Please consider serving with us.

Midwest Food Bank, an international Christian organization that receives donated food from manufacturers and distributors, has begun to provide us with some free food which will vary with each load. Because some of the items, such as pallets of baby food, are not something that we would include in our distributions, we have been able to share some much needed and appreciated items with our foster children's ministry and the local REAP homes. We are truly grateful for this new source of food and are grateful for God's provision which we pray will enable us to maintain at the current level, if not grow, this ministry.

For 2026, the food distribution dates are:

January 10

March 14

May 9

July 18

September 12

November 14

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 (flbaptist.org) for Convention details.

QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING

Wednesday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall

AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of September 17, 2025 Quarterly meeting
- Approve Minutes of September 28, 2025 Annual Congregational meeting
- Organizational Report
- Finance Report
- Missions Committee

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Sunday, November 16, is the last day to turn in shoeboxes to FBCP.

Don't want to shop? Pack a shoebox using FBCP's online Shoebox Page! You can even upload a photo and letter to be included in your shoebox.

The cost is \$30 including shipping. Packing a shoebox online helps us reach children in countries whose customs regulations are particularly difficult, such as Kenya. You can pack a shoebox online through **December 31**. Select the age/gender of your shoebox recipient and select the items. Please use our QR code so we will know how many children FBCP reached!

Volunteers are needed to help load shoeboxes onto the truck on **Saturday, November 22 at 8:45 a.m. at Mission First**. Please text Jill Satterwhite at 850-982-2027 if you can assist.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PRAYER TREE

Prayer is the most important part of Operation Christmas Child. Please take a look at the photos decorating the OCC Prayer Tree near the Welcome Desk. The photos show 5 stages of a shoebox's journey: people packing shoeboxes, the shoeboxes moving through Processing Centers to be shipped to over 100 countries, volunteers in receiving countries transporting the shoeboxes to pastors, the shoeboxes being distributed to children, and children attending the 12-week discipleship course, "The Greatest Journey."

In 2024, just under 12 MILLION shoeboxes were delivered with the Good News of Jesus Christ to children worldwide. It is a tremendous endeavor to pack, collect, transport and deliver these shoeboxes and then to teach "The Greatest Journey" to children. Please take a photo from the tree home with you to pray over the part of the shoebox's journey shown in the photo. Those 12 million shoeboxes – and the children who receive them – absolutely need to be covered in prayer.

TRIP TO ATLANTA PROCESSING CENTER

Contact Judy Leatherwood at 850-450-5440 to process shoeboxes in Atlanta on any or all these 3 days: **December 4, 5 and 6**. It is an amazing, rewarding experience.

SAMARITAN HANDS

Samaritan Hands is in need of the following:

- Coats & Jackets, Sweaters & Sweatshirts (Medium to XXL)
- Men's Jeans all sizes **ESPECIALLY**

34 X 30	36 X 30	38 X 30
34 X 32	36 X 32	38 X 32
34 X 34	36 X 34	38 X 34

WARMTH FOR WEIS

We are excited to announce the Warmth for Weis Shoe Project taking 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.

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

February: North Africa (registration is closed)

Spring Break: Longmont, Co. - Jr/Sr high school students

June 19-28: Liberia

There will be two information meetings starting **Sunday, November 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room and Wednesday, November 12, at 7:15 p.m., location TBD.**

June 8: Salt Lake City

July 10-19: Liberia

July 16-24: Longmont, Co.

TBD: Guatemala

All Dates subject to change

Contact Craig at cbonelli@fbcp.org for more information.

LOVE ON WHEELS

Love on Wheels, a ministry that transports our male and female In-Home Ministry 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 In-Home Ministry members. If you are interested in volunteering to deliver flowers, 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.

IGNITE

Ignite, our mentoring and tutoring program for children in care, was launched in 2023 at First Baptist Church of Pensacola to meet one of the most requested needs from foster parents. It's well known that one caring adult can turn a child's story from a statistic into a success story — and Ignite does just that. Through one-on-one mentoring sessions held weekly during the school year, students build meaningful relationships while receiving valuable academic support. We are deeply grateful for the dedicated volunteers who make Ignite a life-changing program for our students and their families.

One of those volunteers is John Heer, who faithfully serves in several ministries within our church. In the testimony that follows, John shares about his experience with Ignite and how God has worked through this ministry in his life.

"Serving as a mentor in our Ignite Mentoring Program has been a huge blessing in my life and based on feedback from the kids and their foster parents has had a positive impact on them too. These children in care have seen and heard things that most of us never will. They've had challenging childhoods and meeting with them weekly gives some stability to an otherwise chaotic life.

Yet, even though they have experienced things most of us cannot even imagine, they want to be loved. That's where we come in.

Being with them weekly provides an opportunity to be present and for God to work through us with them. We help them with their homework, but even more importantly we establish a relationship with them and demonstrate Christ's love for each one of them.

From a practical viewpoint, helping them get better at learning gives them a better chance of success in school and then hopefully becoming a contributing member of society, thus breaking the generational effects of their early years.

From a personal standpoint, we get to experience the Love and Joy Jesus talks about when we do His Will. And this makes me want to serve in other foster areas as well.

Finally, this exposure gives us the opportunity to pray for these kids and their families."

The Ignite Mentoring Program is more than tutoring—it's an opportunity to reflect Christ's heart to children who desperately need to see His love in action. Through simple acts of presence, patience, and prayer, God is changing lives—both theirs and ours. As we continue to show up week after week, we're reminded that the smallest seeds of faithfulness can grow into lasting hope.

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 fbc.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.

KINGDOM PARTNERS

November 2: First Baptist Church of Panama City
640 Grace Ave
Panama City, FL 32401
Pastor - Craig Conner

November 9: First Baptist Church of Brookhaven
200 E Monticello St.
Brookhaven, MS 39601
Pastor - Greg Warnock

November 16: Church on Bayshore
622 Bayshore Drive
Niceville, FL 32578
Pastor - James Ross

November 23: First Baptist Church Montgomery
305 S Perry St.
Montgomery, AL 36104
Pastor - Mark Bethea

November 30: First Baptist Church of Beulah
5805 Beulah Church Road
Pensacola, FL 32526
Pastor - Jed Miller

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The Pastor, Staff and Church Family extend Christian sympathy to the following:

Tina McGhee and family in the loss of her mother, Elizabeth Powell, on October 5, 2025 in Brookhaven, MS.

Mac McDaris and family in the loss of his wife, Ginny McDaris, on October 10, 2025.

Family and friends of Dorothy Strickland who passed away on October 16, 2025 in Dauphin Island, AL.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

SANCTUARY - In memory of Miss Bessie Yates.

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

SANCTUARY - In memory of Jimmie Ruth Hurst, given by Ray, Kay and Eric Hurst, Heidi, Keith, Adam and Olivia Weekley, and Jim and Evona Adcox.

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of S. J. and Billie Bell, given by their children and grandchildren.

FOYER - In loving memory of Charles B. Beuris, given by his wife Nancye Beuris and their children; Cindy Ledford, Greg Beuris and Peggy Schwartz.

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

SANCTUARY - In honor of Margaret Bell, and in celebration of her 93rd birthday, we lovingly give these flowers: Angela & Richard Shepherd, Mamie Shepherd, and Jess & Nate Shepherd.

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

SANCTUARY- In memory of J.P. and Julie Annwyn Minchew, given by Flo Minchew and Anne-Marie Sport.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUMS

Memorials

Sheldon Bernau

Lisa Bernau, Traditional Music Interns

Jerry & Diane Norris

Lisa Bernau, Martha's Vineyard

Curtis Walker

Ronnie & Ray Granade, SHM

Honorariums

Kathy Corley

Dee Seymour, Sanctuary Choir Interns

Laurie Helms

Dee Seymour, SHM

Margaret Neyman

John & Amy Floyd, Royal Family Kids

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.fbc.org/resource-center
or call the Welcome Center Desk
(850)433-5631

TICKET PRICES

Adult Meals: \$5 | Child Meals: \$3
Family Max*: \$20

**Family Max = 8 immediate
family members*

DINNER MENU

Wednesday, November 5

Chicken and wild rice
casserole, honey glazed
carrots, bread, and dessert.

Kids: Grilled cheese

Wednesday, November 12

Thanksgiving Dinner
Turkey, cornbread dressing,
sweet potato casserole,
bread, and dessert.

Kids: Mac and cheese

Wednesday, November 19

Vietnamese Meal
Teriyaki chicken, fried rice,
egg rolls, and dessert.

Kids: same as adults

OFFERING REPORT

September 30, 2025

Weekly Needs.....	\$110,241
Weekly Receipts.....	\$72,167
Year to Date Needs.....	\$5,732,520
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$6,928,958

October 5, 2025

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$72,252
Year to Date Needs.....	\$116,096
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$72,252

October 12, 2025

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$85,745
Year to Date Needs.....	\$232,192
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$157,997

October 19, 2025

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$51,465
Year to Date Needs.....	\$348,288
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$209,462

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