

# The View from the Hill

September 2025



Hear. Live. Share. The Story of Jesus.

# A NOTE FROM DAVE

I'm not confident we will feel like it is Fall this month, but a new season is approaching our front steps. I rejoice today in God's love, mercy, and faithfulness to FBC Pensacola. I love seeing our church campus full of people on Sunday mornings. My soul warms up seeing sweet fellowship take place on Wednesday nights around dinner tables. My faith is strengthened when the church serves as the hands and feet of Jesus for our city and beyond. God is doing great



Dave Snyder
Senior Pastor

things in and through our church family. Rejoice with me!

Thank you for your sacrificial giving. By God's grace and your generosity, we are finishing up another strong budget year. Every penny given opens doors for kingdom building to take place, both inside the walls of our facilities and off our campus. With the end of one budget year comes the start of a new fiscal year (October 1). Please don't hesitate to ask questions about the proposed budget as well as attend our Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

How are you doing with the **25** in **25** Challenge? There are four months remaining for gospel conversations. Please join me in finishing this challenge strong. As a church, we glorify the Father by following the Holy Spirit in sharing the story of Jesus. Let's live out the mission statement together.

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 being your pastor.

Blessings,

Dave

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CURRENT SERMON SERIES:

DISCOVERING REDEMPTION'S THREAD



Brian Hicks Associate Pastor of Discipleship

September has arrived! I'm not sure if that excites you or makes you a little anxious about how fast time is moving, but here we are. I am excited about the arrival of September. It might have something to do with the fact that my birthday is in September, but I do like it for other reasons as well. Typically, we see the daily temperatures creep down ever so slightly to more enjoyable ranges. College football is back, Major League Baseball starts to get exciting, and

we get to look at those super comfortable flannel shirts in our closet knowing that their time is soon coming!

It is also a great time for things happening here at First Baptist Church of Pensacola. September gets us back into our normal Wednesday night routine, our weekday Bible studies start back up, and the Sanctuary Choir starts working on Christmas music. What an exciting time to be a part of FBCP!

We also begin looking forward to one of our most exciting events of the year, Party on Palafox. This year, **Party on Palafox** will take place on **October 5**th. It will be right here on our church campus. We'll have food, fun, games, and great fellowship. So, save the date and go ahead and start inviting your friends and neighbors. It is going to be an exciting event!

Thank you for being a part of the First Baptist Family!

# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

#### Jesus and Women

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays | 9:30 -11:30 AM | Rm. S-208 Beginning August 20 Led by Sonya Bryant

#### A Study of The Book of Romans

Wednesdays | 6 PM -7 PM | Rm. E-205 Beginning August 20 Led by Brooke Snyder & Ali Ohler

# The Way of Wisdom: A Study of The Book of Proverbs

Wednesdays | 6 PM -7 PM | Rm. E-310 Beginning September 10 Led by Amy Floyd & Kay Johnson

# Live Free: A Study of Galatians

Thursdays from 9:30 - 11 AM | Rm. S-208 Beginning September 18 Led by Leigh Sanders

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

#### First Timothy

Mondays | 6 PM - 7 PM | Rm. S-208 Beginning September 8 Led by Andy Keith

#### Be Strong: A Study in Joshua

Wednesdays | 6 PM -7 PM | Rm. E-207 Ongoing Kevin Hagen

#### COED

#### **Griefshare**

Wednesdays | 3:30 PM - 5 PM | Rm. E-213 Beginning September 3 Led by Lisa Bernau, Shirley Moates, and Don Emert

#### Sharing Your Faith: Evangelism 101

Wednesdays | 6 PM - 7 PM | Rm. E-208 Beginning September 10 Led by Tony Olesky



#### Wednesday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. in room E-213

Would you like to know more about First Baptist Church? If you are new here, we would love for you to join us at our next Discovering First class where we will talk about our church history, what we believe, and what you can expect from being a part of our church family. Register at <a href="mailto:fbcp.org/events">fbcp.org/events</a>.



#### Sunday, September 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Come join us at Park West for a special time of celebration through baptism. Bring a lawn chair and gather with us for an inspiring, joyful moment in the lives of those taking this important step of faith. If you would like more information, or wish to be included, contact the pastor's administrative assistant, Elizabeth Smith, at 850-433-5631, or register at fbcp.org/events.

#### MEN'S MINISTRY

#### THEOLOGY WITH DUDES

**Tuesday, September 23 from 6:45 - 8:00 a.m. in room S-220** Theology With Dudes is a time for men to gather for prayer, breakfast, Bible study, and fellowship with Pastor Dave. Please register at <u>fbcp.org/events</u> or stop by the Welcome Desk. We can't wait to see you there!

#### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



# MOMCO

2025

Sept 3 & 17 Oct 8 & 22 Nov 5 & 19 Dec 10 2026

Jan 7 & 21 Feb 4 & 18 Mar 4 & 25 Apr 8 & 29 May 6

#### 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. Every meeting we will have a different speaker with practical teaching on parenting and life. To top it off, you can gather wisdom from our mentor moms, appointed to each table, who have successfully survived preparing their kids to adulthood. The group is open to mothers of children from birth through age 18. Register at <a href="mailto:fbcp.org/events">fbcp.org/events</a>.

#### **GATHER**

Sunday, September 7 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 September 4. Sign up on the events page of our website.



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

## TAPESTRY: A NIGHT OF TESTIMONY

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

2-3 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.

#### SEWING FOR JESUS

What a joy it was to see pictures of the Dress a Girl dresses being distributed in FBCP's recent missionary trip to Liberia to work alongside Dr. Mark and Eunice Dahn's Light Evangelism Ministry Center! One of our dear sisters in Sewing for Jesus, Sonya Bryant, was able to make the trip as part of the mission team. She shared a particularly touching moment when she was asked by the ladies who were receiving the dresses for their daughters, if the dresses were new? When Sonja replied "Yes, they were made especially for the girls. Both the dresses and the girl receiving the dress were prayed for during the making and sending of the dress". The ladies were amazed. They asked, "You mean no one else has ever worn this dress before?" It is hard for us to realize that places such as this exist today. This simple question warmed the heart and brought tears to the eyes of each of the Sewing for Jesus ladies when Sonya shared the pictures and the story. What an amazing blessing to be able to touch these little girls' lives in such an impactful way. SFJ also sent Days for Girls reusable feminine hygiene kits with the team to Liberia. These kits will be distributed throughout the villages by members of the Purity Program at LEM School. These kits, along with the gospel and the knowledge of God's plan for their lives are given to young women who normally must exchange sexual favors to obtain money to purchase these necessities. If you are looking for a ministry where you can have a global and local impact on the lives of young girls, this is the ministry for you.

Sewing for Jesus is in the midst of finishing our little girl dresses, older girl headbands and Days for Girls kits to be included in the Operation Christmas Child Boxes for Christmas 2025. If you would like to be part of this important missionary effort, please join us in September on the following Mondays in the Mission First Building, September 8, 15 and 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will have lunch, fellowship and a devotional starting at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your lunch. You can also come and pick up precut dresses to take and sew at home and return when finished. Donations for materials and fabric are always appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact LynneMarie Prock at *lynnemarie54@gmail.com*.

# **COMFORT AND JOY**

Our prayer shawl and lap quilt ministry is going strong. We have made and given several shawls to women who have suffered loss or are going through a difficult health or family challenge. These shawls are a source of comfort and remind them that they are loved, prayed for, and they are not alone. Each shawl is lovingly made and prayed over during its construction and when it is given. Each shawl comes with a note and is signed by the women of Comfort and Joy with a prayer that the person receiving the shawl will feel the loving arms of God surrounding them as a constant source of peace and love. If you know how to crochet, knit or quilt or would like to learn please contact, Tricia Alger at <a href="mailto:tacraftstogo@gmail.com">tacraftstogo@gmail.com</a>.

Comfort and Joy will be meeting **Friday, September 12 and Friday, September 26 in Mission First from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** No meeting on Labor Day.

#### MERRIWIDOWS

Well our summer break has come to end and the MerriWidows will be gathering on Friday, September 19 at 11:30 a.m. at O'Briens Bistro 4350 Bayou Blvd. Any questions please contact Darlene Ginnetti 609-442-9777 text or email <a href="mailto:darleneginnetti@gmail.com">darleneginnetti@gmail.com</a>.

#### STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesday, September 3: Invite Night: Laser Tag

Wednesday, September 10 and 17: Family Groups

Sunday, September 14: Beach Baptism

**Wednesday, September 24:** Serve Night: See You At The Pole Rally in the Sanctuary

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are in the last quarter of this year's Operation Christmas Child project! Let's finish strong:

Tuesday, September 9, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Processing shoebox items.

Saturday, September 20, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Packing shoeboxes.

Friday, September 26, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Processing shoebox items.

# GRIEF, LOSS & LOVING LEGACY

Thursday, September 11 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall

Join us for the Fall Health Symposium, hosted by the Center for Clergy Care and Education. This community event will explore the book by Dr. Ira Byock, The Four Things That Matter Most—"Please forgive me. I forgive you. Thank you. I love you."—as a framework for healing, legacy, and connection at life's end. Discover how intentional communication can bring peace, purpose, and lasting impact for both the living and the dying. Register for this free event by emailing <a href="mailto:dwinslett@centerforclergycare.com">dwinslett@centerforclergycare.com</a>. Lunch will be provided.

#### CHURCH TO CHURCH

Make plans to join fellow servants for our next C2C food distribution **SEPTEMBER 13 at MISSION FIRST!** There are 1300 boxes packed and placed on pallets. Fresh produce has been ordered to be delivered the morning of the distribution, and meat is in the freezer to be shared with those in need.

Our Mission First ministry center is such a blessing, allowing us to purchase and store food, safely pack boxes, and efficiently distribute to local churches to use as vehicles to share THE GOSPEL. Approximately 25 volunteers each day packed the 1300 boxes.

In mid-July we picked up 148 bushels of donated corn from STEVE's FARM. That is a total of about 7,400 pounds, over 3 1/2 tons. We thank God for this generous provision that helped many families. We distributed most of it to churches and a few to the Pensacola Police Department.

God continues to bless us as we serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. What a privilege it is to be a part of a generous, compassionate congregation!

## QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING

Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of May 21, 2025 Quarterly meeting
- Organizational Report
- Finance Report
- 2025-2026 Budget Presentation & Discussion
- 2026 Presentation of Deacon Candidates
- 2026 Committee & Ministry Teams
- Ministry Reports

#### ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 28 at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. AGENDA

- 2025-2026 Proposed Budget
- 2026 Committees and Ministry Teams
- 2026 Deacon Nominees

#### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The WMU mission action group will meet **Tuesday**, **September 9 at 10:30 a.m. at 4691 Bohemia Pl**.

Lunch will follow. RSVP at grand3sbc@gmail.com.

#### 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.

#### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

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

Barbara Fife and family in the loss of her husband, Tom Fife, on July 17, 2025.

Family and friends of Earl Cooper who passed away on August 3, 2025.

Neil Thorsen and family in the loss of his sister, Patricia Swan, on August 25, 2025.

#### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

#### SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of my wonderful husband Jim, given by Mary Holmes.

#### **SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

SANCTUARY – In loving memory of Orpha and Lloyd Swilley from Bill & Annette Casey and Keith & Vicki Swilley.

#### **SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

SANCTUARY – Flowers in the Sanctuary built to glorify God in loving memory of J.B. and Adelaide Ward, given by Jean Cobb Askew and her son, Brandon Cobb.

#### **SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

SANCTUARY – In loving memory of Herman and Irene Williams, and Lynda Shuman; given by Dennis Shuman.

#### KINGDOM PARTNERS

#### September 7:

#### The Church at Liberty Park

12001 Liberty Parkway, Vestavia Hills, AL 35242

Pastor - Buck Poole

#### September 14:

#### First Baptist Church Lenoir City

2085 Simpson Rd E., Lenoir City, TN 37772

Pastor - John Hunn

#### September 21:

#### **Heights Baptist Church**

600 Pickens Ave, Pensacola, FL 32503

Pastor - Jim Duck

#### September 28:

#### First West

500 Pine Street, West Monroe, LA 71291

Pastor - Michael Wood

### MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUMS

#### Memorials

Sheldon Bernau

Lisa Bernau, Music Ministry

Earl & Elizabeth Cooper

Friendship Sunday School Class, Women's Ministry

(Personal Touch)

Mr. & Mrs. John Edwards Kahl & Patricia Edwards,

Backpack Buddies

Tom Fife

Pat Pickens, SHM

Jill Findley

Pat Pickens, SHM

James & Shirley Callaway,

Lottie Moon

Don Green

Annette Scarbrock, SHM

Gloria Meissner

Bill & Patricia Threadgill, SHM Clubbs Sunday School Class,

SHM

J. P. Minchew

Boots Eckert, Music Ministry

Bill & Avery Morrison

Boots Eckert, Music Ministry

Jerry & Diane Norris

Lisa Bernau, Music Ministry James & Shirley Callaway,

Martha's Vineyard

**Bill Santo** 

Pat Pickens, SHM

James & Shirley Callaway,

Leisure Timers

#### **Bonnie Simoneaux**

Boots Eckert, Music Ministry

**Curtis Walker** 

Ken & Becky Richmond, SHM Jack & Betty Logsdon, SHM

Pat Pickens, SHM

James & Patricia Radney, SHM Libby Jones & William Walker,

Jr, SHM

Bill & Patricia Threadgill, SHM Friendship Sunday School

Class, SHM

**Curtis & Susie Walker** 

Gary & Suzy Bellamy, SHM Turner Family Charitable

Foundation, Inc., SHM

Blackstock, Trice, Jarrell &

Wilson Families, SHM

Caroline Stickel, SHM

Edsel & Donna Johnson, SHM

Louise Toomey, SHM

Keith & Regina Newton, SHM

Bill & Barbara Farris, SHM

Kathy Bass, SHM

Charles Washington

Ken & Becky Richmond, SHM

Sidney Keywood, SHM Jack & Betty Logsdon, SHM

Ray & Marsha Overton, SHM

Nettie Eaton, SHM

Caroline Stickel, Music Ministry

Bill & Barbara Farris, SHM

# **NEW MEMBERS**

Jan Bobe, Letter Phillip Bobe, Jr, Letter Estevao Gouveia Goncalves, Baptism Jeff Rau, Baptism Andrea Taylor, Letter Livy Taylor, Baptism

# 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 (850)433-5631

#### **TICKET PRICES**

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

#### DINNER MENU

## Wednesday, September 3 Chicken pot pie, salad, bread,

dessert

**Alternate:** Parmesan crusted baked chicken with veggies and rice

Children: Mini corn dogs

#### Wednesday, September 10 Roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread, dessert

Alternate: Parmesan crusted baked chicken with veggies and rice

Children: Mac and cheese

# Wednesday, September 17

Chicken divan, roasted vegetables, bread, dessert **Alternate:** Parmesan crusted baked chicken with veggies and rice

Children: Chicken fingers

## Wednesday, September 24

Meatball subs, green bean casserole, grape salad, dessert **Alternate:** Parmesan crusted baked chicken with veggies and rice

Children: Same as adult

(child's portion)

#### OFFERING REPORT

#### July 27, 2025

\$110,241
\$296,952
\$4,630,112
\$5,889,600

#### August 3, 2025

Weekly Needs	\$110,241
Weekly Receipts	\$89,687
Year to Date Needs	\$4,740,353
Year to Date Receipts	\$5,979,287
Year to Date Needs	\$4,740,353

#### August 10, 2025

Weekly Needs	\$110,241
Weekly Receipts	\$64,547
Year to Date Needs	\$4,850,594
Year to Date Receipts	\$6,043,834

#### August 17, 2025

Weekly Needs	\$110,241
Weekly Receipts	\$59,220
Year to Date Needs	\$4,960,835
Year to Date Receipts	\$6,103,055

#### August 24, 2025

Weekly Needs	\$110,241
Weekly Receipts	\$256,615
Year to Date Needs	\$5,181,316
Year to Date Receipts	\$6,359,670

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