



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF PENSACOLA

The View from the Hill

January 2026



Hear. Live. Share. **The Story of Jesus.**

A NOTE FROM DAVE

2026!

How prepared do you feel to begin a new year? Do you have all your Christmas decorations put up yet? Are you ready to develop new routines and rhythms in 2026? As we all embrace this new year, I want to encourage you to remain steadfast on your faith journey. Remember the glorious truths of the Gospel as you navigate a new month. As in years past, we will have a Bible Reading Plan available. My hope is for your joy to be complete in Christ as you grow in His likeness.



Dave Snyder
Senior Pastor

For many of us, January can be a difficult month. The excitement of the holidays are now memories saved. Each morning, God gives your heart an opportunity for revival. Challenge yourself to maintain an unhurried approach for each day. Start simple with just fifteen minutes a day in scripture and prayer. Receive the blessing of peaceful time with the Lord. None of us can predict what this year will look like, but we can trust our God with each new sunrise. Treat your soul to a closer walk with thee.

Please take a few minutes and read what all is happening in the life of First Baptist. Please don't ever hesitate to let me know how I can pray or better serve you.

I love being your pastor.

Happy New Year!

Blessings,

Dave

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

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Brian Hicks

Associate Pastor of Discipleship

It has been quite an amazing year at First Baptist Church. We've had the opportunity to see God do some amazing things in and through our church. We've had the need to add an additional service along with additional Bible study classes. We have baptized over 65 people and had the chance to see others continue to grow in their faith. We have seen our small group Bible study classes continue to grow and we have seen MomCo

really flourish. We also see incredible growth in our age graded ministries from the baby room in the nursery all the way up to Leisure Timers serving our more mature folks. It truly is an exciting time to be here at First Baptist Church, and this is only within the area of Discipleship! If you expand the scope of focus to include our other mission and ministry areas, then it gets even more exciting to think about what God has accomplished through FBCP. We indeed have a great deal to be thankful for!

I don't know about you, but I don't want it to slow down, and I want to ask God to do even more in 2026! I believe that God will do just that, so let's join Him in the work He is doing in us and through us here at FBCP. I believe there are three main ways that you can do that.

1. Regularly attend a worship service and be a participant in worship, not just a spectator. That means sing along with the songs, dive into the Bible with Dave as he is preaching and be on time.
2. Be a part of a small group Bible study. Corporate worship times are incredible but getting together with other believers for Bible study and fellowship truly is the heartbeat of a local church.
3. Engage with others through serving in the church. We are blessed with so many ministries, missions, and other areas of service in our church that you can surely find a place to use your gifts and talents to serve the Lord as you serve the church.

If you need help finding a Bible study or a place to serve, I am here to help. Feel free to reach out to me and I can work to get you plugged into the life of the church so that you can be a part of what God will do in 2026!

LEISURE *timers*

JANUARY 20
10:15 AM | IN CHIPLEY HALL



Tuesday, January 20 at 10:15 a.m. in Chipley Hall

Welcome to the new year for Leisure Timers. As we settle into 2026, everyone is now accustomed to writing the correct date, marking a fresh start and new opportunities for our group.

We are excited to begin the year with a special educational program featuring Lt. Colonel Jerry Geil, USMC Retired. Jerry is a distinguished individual who has served our country honorably as a Marine aviator and Commanding Officer. His dedication and patriotism have been evident throughout his military career.

In addition to his military achievements, Jerry continues to serve our community as a volunteer at the NAS Pensacola Museum. Through his extensive knowledge and experience, he will provide new insights into our nation's military strength. We are thrilled to present this opportunity to learn from Jerry's experience and service, and we look forward to you joining us.

Register at fbcp.org/events or call the church office at 850-433-5631.

FOUNDATIONS



JAN 23 & 24

January 23 and 24

Join us for a transformative two-day event to strengthen your marriage and build a lasting foundation. Dr. Jamie and Tara Dew from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will be our guest speakers. Whether you're newlyweds or have been married for years, this conference will provide practical tools and spiritual insights to help you thrive together. Childcare is available for birth - 4 years old. Register at fbcp.org/events.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

WINTER BIBLE STUDIES

The Gospel on the Ground by Kristi McLelland

Wednesday mornings 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. starting January 14 for 7 weeks, led by Sonya Bryant.

Gospel by JD Greear

Thursday mornings 9:30-11:30 a.m. starting January 15 for 8 weeks, led by Mary Lou Lurton.

Daring Joy by Nicole Zasowski

Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m., starting January 21, led by Kay Johnson and Amy Floyd.

GATHER

Sunday, January 4 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 December 31. Sign up on the events page of our website.

MOMCO

Motherhood can be challenging but doesn't have to be lonely. Come find your village with us! Starting again on **January 7**, join us for some hot coffee, breakfast, mentorship, and fellowship. Two Wednesdays a month, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. For more information: fbcp.org/women

2026 Meetings: January 7 & 21, February 4 & 18, March 4 & 25, April 8 & 29, May 6

NURSERY WORKERS FOR MOMCO

Looking for those who love kids and have an interest in keeping the nursery for MomCo meetings. MomCo meets twice a month on Wednesday mornings in the ROC at the church. Contact Lori Kizziah at womensministry@fbcp.org for more information.

FAVORED WOMEN: SPRING RETREAT 2026

Destin, FL

April 17-19, 2026

We are so excited to announce Spring Favored 2026 in Destin, FL! This year, the theme for the weekend is "Redeemed", as Isaiah 43:1 reminds us that He is with us and we are His! There are three days and two nights planned especially for you with powerful speakers and uplifting musicians, all while enjoying a few spring days! Kelly Minter, CAIN, Karen Kingsbury, Micah Tyler, Joy Greene and Favored Worship Team will be leading our Worship experience. More detailed information at favoredwomen.com.

If interested in this opportunity, reach out to Lori Kizziah, womensministry@fbcp.org.

CONNECT: WOMEN'S MINISTRY SERVICE DAY

Save the Date - **April 11, 2026**

SEWING FOR JESUS

How exciting it is to start a new year with the anticipation of what God has in store for Sewing for Jesus! We had a great 2025 sewing items in support of our church ministries both local and abroad. Sewing for Jesus was restarted several years ago to help Pastor Mark and Eunice Dahn's missionary presence in Liberia. SFJ started by making reusable feminine hygiene kits and little girls dresses which provide protection from sexual exploitation of young girls. We have continued this commitment and expanded our efforts. Medical bags were made, delivered and are on their way to various missions of the National Baptist Nursing Fellowship. Royal Family Kids Camp bags were sewn and embroidered for our RFK Camp Ministry. Burp cloths, receiving blankets and quilts were made and given to Alpha Pregnancy Center and One More Child. Adult bibs were made and given to those who are in FBCP's In-Home Ministry. Neck pillows were made for people staying at Martha's Vineyard while their loved ones are receiving medical care in Pensacola.

We will continue our commitment to "Give a cup of Water to the least of these in the name of Jesus" in 2026. Please join us on **Monday, January 12 and Monday, January 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Please bring your lunch for our break for devotions, prayer and lunch at 11:30 a.m. We would love to have you join us as we begin another great year Sewing for Jesus! If you have any questions, please contact lynnemarie54@gmail.com.

COMFORT AND JOY

Our Comfort and Joy prayer shawl and lap quilt ministry is going strong. We have made and given several shawls and lap blankets to individuals who have suffered loss or are going through a difficult health or family challenge. These shawls and blankets are a source of comfort and remind them that they are loved, prayed for and they are not alone. Each item is lovingly made and prayed over during its construction and when it is given. Each item comes with a note and is signed by the women of Comfort and Joy with a prayer that the person receiving it will feel the loving arms of God surrounding them as a constant source of peace and love. **The lap quilt ministry meets the first Monday of the month and will meet on January 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Please bring your lunch. **The knitting and crocheting ministry will meet the second and fourth Fridays on January 9 and January 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** If you know how to crochet, knit or quilt or would like to learn please contact, tacraftstogo@gmail.com.

Please consider donating to support these important ministries of FBCP. We also accept gift cards from Hobby Lobby, Michael's or "A and E" Fabric and Crafts.

STUDENT MINISTRY

January: TGOT - Overview of 1 Corinthians 13

Sunday, January 11: 6th Grade Promotion - Fast Eddies

Wednesday, January 14: Silent Disco

Wednesday, January 21: Family Groups Reboot

Wednesday, January 28: Serve Night



UP WKND

February 20-21

UP WKND a high-energy weekend event for 6th - 12th grade students, designed to bring them together for worship, teaching, and community. Featuring speaker Josh Stephenson, worship led by Zeal House, and hosted at First Baptist Church of Pensacola, it's all about encountering Jesus, building friendships, and being challenged to take your faith to the next level. Students, register at fbcp.org/events.

If you would like to be a host home or volunteer contact Gage Gordon at ggordon@fbcp.org.

DRIVE THRU HISTORY: THE GOSPELS

Wednesday evenings starting on January 14

6:00 p.m. in room S208

Drive Thru History: The Gospels tells the story of Jesus from the locations recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Dave Stotts travels to over 50 ancient sites in Israel to deliver the Gospels in a fresh way, show the evidence for the truth of scripture, and encourage participants to get excited about reading the Bible again.

Dave Stotts will take you on a unique driving tour of Israel to experience the actual places where Jesus traveled and taught. 18 episodes dive into the history, archaeology, geography and art surrounding the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Scott and Sandra Coleman will facilitate the presentations, leading a question-and-answer period after each episode in order to promote discussion and amplify understanding.

CHURCH TO CHURCH

We closed out 2025's six distributions with a beautiful day, serving 35 churches in November. Since June of 2020 our C2C ministry has served approximately 46,000 families.

Our next distribution will be **January 10, 2026**. Distributions in 2026 are scheduled for the second Saturday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Please consider joining our army of volunteers to pack and distribute food to the food insecure of our community.

Volunteers for packing and distributing are always needed and welcome!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

FBCP'S shoeboxes are on their way to Pastors in Ukraine, Cameroon, Republic of the Congo and two sensitive countries in West Africa.

Pastors will share the Good News of Jesus Christ with children before they distribute the shoeboxes to them.

It will be a time of Good News & Great Joy!

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Alex Nsengimana, who grew up in Rwanda during his nation's genocide, will share how receiving a shoebox gift sowed seeds of hope and love that he desperately needed.

(Due to the nature of his experience, this event is inappropriate for children under 12.)

Location: TBD

JANUARY WORKDAYS

Thursday, January 8, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We will tackle all the November/December purchases.

Monday, January 19 (MLK Holiday), from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Bring your family to pack pencil packs.

QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING

February 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall

AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of November 2025 Quarterly meeting
- Organizational Report
- Finance Report
- Ministry Reports

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

February: North Africa (registration is closed)

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

June 19-28: Liberia

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.

KINGDOM PARTNERS

January 4:

Parkway Baptist Church

17284 MS-67

Biloxi, MS 39532

Pastor - Ken Naquin

January 11:

Dawson Memorial Baptist Church

1114 Oxmoor Rd.

Birmingham, AL 35209

Pastor - Dr. David Eldridge

January 18:

First Baptist Church of Winfield

830 US-43

Winfield, AL 35594

Pastor - Tim Coleman

January 25:

Bellview Baptist Church

4750 Saufley Field Road

Pensacola, FL 32526

Pastor - Steve Bruce

NEW MEMBERS

Tomas Escobar, Statement

Evans Taylors, Statement

Olivia Flood, Letter

Matt Ritter, Statement

Lydia Toenes, Statement

Jenna Carbonell, Baptism

Ashley Adams, Baptism

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUMS

Memorials

Sheldon Bernau

Lisa Bernau, Traditional Music
Interns & Lottie Moon

Dr. & Mrs. B. R. Little

Amy Williamson, Lottie Moon

Marty Nash

Counselman Sunday School
Class, SHM

Jerry & Diane Norris

Lisa Bernau, Martha's Vineyard

Alan Scott

Fred & Sharon Pierdolla,
Student Ministry

John & Amy Floyd, RFK

Vick & Anne Vickery

Griffin Vickery, Lottie Moon

Curtis Walker

Luther & Kathy Taylor, Lottie
Moon

Honorariums

Ken Counselman

Counselman Sunday School
Class, Lottie Moon

John & Amy Floyd

Kay Johnson, RFK

John Heer

Rebecca Linker, RFK

Kay Johnson

James & Ann Jordan & Family

Newell & Phylis Floyd

Doug & Julie Holstad

John & Amy Floyd, RFK

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

The Luker Family in the loss of Jeanette Luker Moody, mother of Sammy Luker, and grandmother to Lauren Fain and Lindsey Simmons, on December 4, 2025.

Scott Nash in the loss of his mother, Martha Nash, on December 6, 2025. Our sympathy also to her sisters, Almeda Thompson and Mary Davis.

Sonya Bryant and family in the loss of her father, Raymond McKnight, on December 6, 2025.

Eddie Allison and family in the loss of his father, Edgar Allison, Jr., on December 7, 2025.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

JANUARY 4, 2026

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of Jack and Dorothy Duke, given by their daughter Beth Henderson and her family.

JANUARY 11, 2026

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of Sheldon Bernau, given by his grateful family: Lisa, Diana, Benjamin, and Claudia.

JANUARY 18, 2026

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of Carroll C. Hughes given by his wife, Joy; son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Julie and family.

JANUARY 25, 2026

SANCTUARY – In loving memory of Frank and Dot Hamilton, given by their children, Kelley and Frankie Hamilton and family.

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

**No alternate or kids meals
for this month.**

Wednesday, January 7

Tuscan chicken, mashed
potatoes, green beans, bread,
chocolate caramel heath bar
cake.

Wednesday, January 14

Hamburger steak with gravy,
mashed potatoes, braised
greens, bread, blueberry
crumble.

Wednesday, January 21

Chicken and sausage
jambalaya with rice,
panzanella salad, french
bread, brownies.

Wednesday, January 28

Shepherd's pie, steamed
vegetables, bread, dessert.

OFFERING REPORT

November 23, 2025

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$72,165
Year to Date Needs.....	\$928,769
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$823,799

November 30, 2025

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$276,489
Year to Date Needs.....	\$1,044,865
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$1,100,288

December 7, 2025

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$107,268
Year to Date Needs.....	\$1,160,962
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$1,207,556

December 14, 2025

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$81,967
Year to Date Needs.....	\$1,277,058
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$1,289,523

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