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A SABBATICAL DETOUR:

FROM ROATAN'S SHORES TO TEGUCIGALPA'S SOUL

If you've been following along with my sabbatical adventures, you know my family and I have been soaking up the sun and sea on the idyllic island of Roatan, Honduras. It's been a much-needed reset—lazy beach days, snorkeling in crystal-clear waters, and plenty of time to reflect and recharge. The fishing has been good! We all enjoyed a feast of Black Fin Tuna. We also caught several large Barracuda. It turns out that eating barracuda in the Caribbean is dangerous, which is a shame - I was planning to make some fish dip like we enjoy back home. Follow us on social media for all the pictures and videos. Julie has captured some amazing images of the coral reef in the area with her underwater photo gear.

But sabbaticals aren't just about relaxation; they're about growth, connection, and stepping outside our comfort zones. That's why we decided to hop over to the mainland for a few days in Tegucigalpa (or Tegu, as the locals call it) to visit my dear friend Hernan Sierra and his wonderful family. Hernan and I go way back, and I've always admired the warmth and resilience of his household. Bringing my family here felt like the perfect way to blend our island paradise with a dose of real Honduran heart. We've been treated like royalty since we arrived, diving into some of the most incredible local cuisine you can imagine. Every meal has been a celebration, shared around the table with laughter and stories that bridge cultures and generations.

We've also been out exploring the city's vibrant sites. Tegu has this gritty, authentic charm that's a far cry from Roatan's laid-back vibe, but it's captivating in its own right. We've wandered through bustling markets, marveled at colonial architecture, and even picked up matching **Team Olympia** jerseys—Honduras' beloved soccer team. (Yes, we're now officially die-



hard fans, ready to cheer them on from afar!) And tonight, we're capping off the day with a visit to the iconic **Jesus Statue** overlooking the city. I can already picture the sunset views from up there.


But amidst all the fun and flavor, the real reason I wanted my family to experience the Sierra household and this area of Honduras has a much deeper meaning. Today, we ventured into one of the poorest neighborhoods in the city, a place literally built on a garbage dump. It's hard to wrap your head around: families scraping by in makeshift homes amid the refuse, most of them headed by single mothers who've been abandoned by husbands and fathers.



Survival here means sifting through the landfill for recyclable materials to sell—just enough to put food on the table. And even that meager income is chipped away by a “war tax” of 10-15% demanded by local gangs. It’s a cycle of poverty that’s as heartbreaking as it is unjust.

We had the profound honor of delivering groceries to several homes in the area. Simple staples like rice, beans, oil, and canned goods—things we often take for granted. The gratitude in their eyes was overwhelming, and the kids’ smiles lit-up the dim surroundings. My family and I felt privileged to contribute in this small way, but let’s be honest: it only scratches the surface. This neighborhood is a stark reminder of the challenges** so many face in Honduras and beyond — violence, and lack of opportunity** that no single act of kindness can fully address.

One of the highlights of our time in Tegucigalpa was the opportunity to preach at Hernan Sierra’s church (La Rocka), with Hernan himself graciously translating my message into Spanish for the congregation. Drawing from Acts 20:35—“It is more blessed to give than to receive”—I shared on the theme of generosity, encouraging everyone to embrace a life of open-handed living that reflects God’s abundant grace. The fellowship afterward was truly heartwarming, filled with shared stories, prayers, and connections that bridged our worlds. I trust that God used our time together to plant seeds of transformation in many hearts. As Julie and I prepare to head back to Roatan soon to continue our sabbatical, it’s bittersweet to leave Caitlyn and Cole behind—they’ll be staying on to serve alongside Hernan’s church, pouring into the community and gaining invaluable experiences.


Pastor Zach



HERE WE GROW AGAIN!

by Josh Wood
Central Nassau Campus Pastor

For the past year and a half, the FBFirst Central Nassau campus has gathered in the Northeast Florida Baptist Association building. This building has quickly become a beloved space for worship, connection, and ministry. We are excited to celebrate that through God's blessing and the generosity of FBFirst, we have been able to acquire this property!

Ephesians 3:19-20 reminds us, "the love of Christ surpasses knowledge" and we should trust in "Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think." This purchase is a testament to God's boundless love and provision, enabling us to expand our campus and deepen our impact in Central Nassau County and surrounding areas. Through His power at work within us, we are stepping into a new season of ministry, filled with the fullness of God's purpose and glory.

The newly acquired property amplifies our ability to share the love of Christ, providing expanded space for fellowship and children's ministry. This building, already a home for our community, now becomes a permanent foundation for ministry growth. We also have space for future office areas and possibly a dedicated youth center, which will be developed as our campus expands over the coming years.

Combined with the 12.5 acres purchased earlier this year, this acquisition doubles our frontage along Route 17, enhancing our visibility and accessibility. This increased presence along a major thoroughfare reflects God's desire for His church to shine as a beacon of His love, drawing others to know Him. The direct access from Route 17 makes our campus a welcoming destination with easy and safe access.

This milestone in the life of FBFirst Central Nassau is a living expression of what Paul was declaring in Ephesians 3:19-20, where he stated, "God's love and power exceed our greatest hopes." The acquisition of this property, paired with our expanded campus, equips us to fulfill our mission with renewed purpose, glorifying Him. We invite you to praise God for His great provision and rejoice as we partner together to build a thriving campus that reflects His love and transforms Central Nassau County for His glory!



US Route 17





Join us Sunday's at 5:00 pm
at Peters Point Beach.

August 31
September 28

WHY IMMERSION BAPTISM

by Shad Goltz

Adult Ministries Pastor

Baptism is one of the most significant steps a believer can take — it's an outward expression of our surrender to Jesus. But why do we practice baptism by immersion? Like everything, let's look at what the Bible has to say:

The Meaning of "Baptize"

The word "baptize" in the New Testament comes from the Greek word baptizō, which means to immerse, dip, or submerge. This word choice is intentional and points to a specific method — full immersion in water.

The Example of Jesus

Jesus set the ultimate example for us when He was baptized. Matthew 3:16 says, "As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water." This clearly shows that Jesus went down into the water and came back up, which describes immersion.

A Picture of the Gospel

Baptism is not just symbolic; it is a beautiful picture of the gospel message itself. Paul writes in Romans 6:4, "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead... we too may live a new life."

Going under the water represents Christ's death and burial. Coming out of the water represents His resurrection and our new life in Him. Only immersion fully captures this powerful imagery.

The Early Church's Practice

The early Christians consistently practiced immersion. In Acts 8:38-39, when Philip baptized the Ethiopian eunuch, they both went down into the water, and then came up out of it. The first believers understood and practiced baptism as a full immersion.

A Call to Obedience

More than anything, baptism is an act of obedience to Christ. Jesus commanded His followers to be baptized (Matthew 28:19-20). When we follow His example through immersion, we demonstrate our love and commitment to Him.

Immersion baptism is a biblical command and a beautiful way to publicly identify with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As a church family, we want to honor His Word in every way we can — including how we baptize.

If you have questions about baptism or are considering taking this important step of faith, please reach out to us. We would love to walk alongside you as you follow Christ more closely.



ECUADOR DENTAL & MEDICAL MISSION TRIP

by Shad Goltz
Adult Ministries Pastor

We are excited to share a recap of our second mission trip to Pate Ministries in Montañita, Ecuador — and we can confidently say it was even better than last year! Last year, we traveled with 15 team members. This year, we were blessed to have 18 participants, including three new additions: Todd Devanne, Bob Erickson, and Loretta Erickson. Each person brought incredible value to the team and played a vital role in making the trip a success.

This year, we expanded our dental services to include more preventive and restorative procedures, allowing us to meet even more needs in the community.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- **Dental:** We saw 184 patients, extracted over 232 teeth, filled 60 teeth, and applied sealants for 40 patients.
- **Medical:** We served 226 patients with various medical needs.
- **Optometric:** We helped more than 24 patients receive reading glasses.



Additionally, a local pastor was present to minister to and pray for patients and families in the waiting area, offering spiritual encouragement and support.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to FBFirst for your generous support of this mission trip. Your prayers and contributions helped us share God's love in a tangible way and bring hope and healing to so many.



3C's

by Dan Beckwith
Executive Pastor

First Baptist Church Fernandina Beach exists to glorify God by obediently making and equipping disciples of Christ in North Florida and throughout the world through Coaching, Community, and Commission by the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is our hope and prayer that during the course of your week you have the opportunity to talk about your church. As you share with your friends and family about our amazing worship, talented staff, and incredible facilities, we also hope you share a little about what we are trying to do. In essence, we want you to know the mission and vision of First Baptist so that you can tell the world what we are about and what we prioritize in ministry.

At the end of Jesus' ministry here on earth, He gathered with His followers and gave them His final instructions. Jesus promised to return but also tasked them and us to be about the work of making disciples. Matthew 28 records this scene and it becomes for us the work we are to strive towards until our Savior's return. This "Great Commission," has become the cornerstone and foundation of what the Church must be about. We cannot simply be a cool church with hip preachers and influential members. We have to be a church that is doing everything it can to make disciples.

How do we make disciples? Time is a valuable commodity. As your pastors, we believe that if you will give three hours of your week to the church, we can help you become a disciple. And

maybe even a disciple who makes disciples. We break this down into three areas.

COACHING. Our first hour together is spent in worship. We gather together to sing praises to God and hear God's Word taught. During this time together, we hear from our "coach" about how to understand and apply God's Word to our own lives. We also bring our needs to God through prayer. We even give our tithes and offerings to God as an act of worship. We celebrate baptism together as new members join our flock. We even participate in the Lord's Supper together as we corporately remember the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. This is the first step of discipleship.

COMMUNITY. The second hour is spent in community with smaller groups. This is what we call "life-on-life discipleship." As you fellowship and study God's Word with a group of peers, you learn from each other how the Bible can be applied in real life situations typically surrounded by people going through the same stage of life. This builds the critical network that you can lean on in times of trouble. God did not design us to go through the world alone. Connecting to your community around the Word of God is the next step in discipleship.

COMMISSION. Finally, we take all that we learned and put it to work. We become God's hands and feet as we serve one another and the world around us. We are blessed to have incredible volunteers that serve in a huge variety of ministries. You can serve newborn babies in our nurseries all the way to ministering to our homebound seniors in the nursing home. We partner with dozens of ministries that impact our community and our world in both practical and spiritual ways. To be a disciple is to take up the commission for yourself and get to work.

We also recognize that we are not all on the same steps in our Christian walk. Let me challenge you to start with one hour. If you are already a faithful attender, try adding an hour in one of our community groups. Ready for the next step? Get plugged into one of our volunteer opportunities and see if you can help us carry out the Great Commission to make disciples! That is what First Baptist is all about.

SPREADING MUSIC, JOY, AND FAITH IN WASHINGTON DC

by Jennifer Hudson
Music Ministries Director

Eighteen members from our incredible Sanctuary Choir and 12 Choir “Groupies” embarked on a week-long ministry-focused trip to the nation’s capital, blending sightseeing with heartfelt worship and musical fellowship. Several months of preparation culminated in powerful performances at some of America’s most iconic landmarks, including the Lincoln Memorial, the World War II Memorial, the Capitol Rotunda, and the acclaimed Kennedy Center.

Throughout their stay, our choir joined forces with other great choirs from around the United States for a series of uplifting performances. These musical gatherings were not only displays of artistic talent, but also acts of worship, celebrating faith and unity in Christ amid the historic backdrop of Washington, D.C. Their voices touched the hearts of hundreds as they sang “In God We Trust,” “We Believe,” and “God Bless America.”

A most memorable moment came on July 3rd, when the group performed a two-hour “Tribute to Veterans” concert at the Kennedy Center. The 325-voice choir lifted their voices in praise and remembrance, honoring those who served. Songs like “Meet Me at



Arlington” and “God Bless the USA” brought tears to many. Each veteran received a medal from the worship pastors. It was an unforgettable evening filled with hope, patriotism, and faith. The choir was joined by legendary artists Sandi Patti and Charles Billingsley. The performance was deeply spiritual, with many in the audience moved by the worship and love of country. Our own director, Jennifer Hudson, was honored to conduct in this concert, and serve as the sole female among ten other male directors.

Beyond the concerts, the group explored the sights of Washington, D.C., visiting landmarks and immersing themselves in the city’s rich history, including Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian, and the Museum of the Bible. Great meals were shared with strangers who became friends, miles were logged walking and adventuring, and yet, their purpose remained rooted in ministry—using their talents to inspire, uplift, and worship God in a setting filled with national significance.

Interested? Email Jennifer at jenniferhudson@fbfirst.com.

— LET — NATURE *Sing*

SUNDAY
SEPT 7

FALL CONCERT

No one sings the majesty and splendor of God's creation better than His actual creation! Mark your calendars for Sunday evening, **September 7th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm** as we unveil our music ministry's exciting fall project: "Let Nature Sing."

This one-night-only performance is not to be missed! Join our incredible team of music ministry instrumentalists and choral singers as we celebrate the beauty of creation through a musical journey in song. This free concert is open to the public, will feature our amazing 65-voice choir and 20-piece

orchestra, and is sure to fill up fast. Tickets are not required, so be sure to get here early to grab a good seat! Doors open at 5:30 pm.

The concert will feature fun, beautiful, and inspirational selections based on scriptural themes of mountains, valleys, the heavens, the waters, and creation. The program is sure to leave you mentally encouraged and spiritually inspired! Make plans to join us on September 7th at 6:00 pm and invite your family and friends to come with you! Childcare will be provided through age 4.

FAMILY REUNION SUNDAY

September 21

Plan now to gather your family and join us on September 21 as we celebrate all that God has done to sustain the ministry of this church. The day will be filled with God-honoring worship and biblical preaching. Be ready for good food, fellowship, and fun activities for the kids and the adults, too. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate all that God is doing at FBFirst. See you there!

Immediately after the 10:45am service. No ticket required.

SUNDAY
SEPT 21

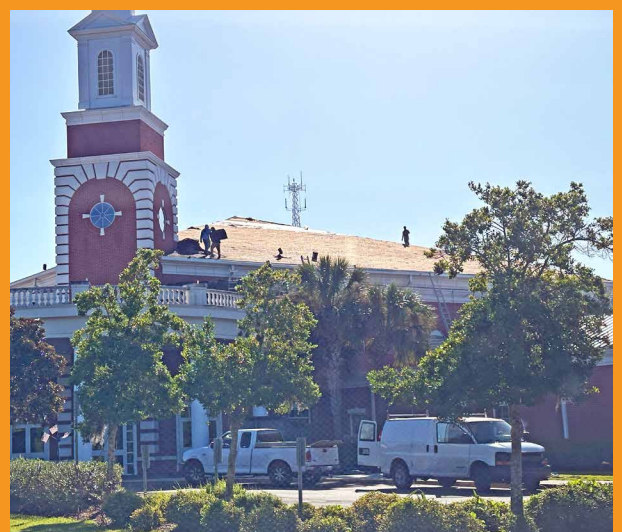


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Strengthening Our Foundation — One Project, One Blessing at a Time!





Get **CONNECTED**

JOIN A SMALL GROUP

Community is one of our 3 C's in our strategy for our church at FBFirst. Joining a church small group is vital for spiritual growth and wonderful for establishing lasting relationships with other members of our congregation. Get connected to a life group and you will experience the following:

1

Community/Support: Small groups provide a close-knit group of people where members can support each other through life's challenges and celebrate successes together.

2

Spiritual Growth: They offer an opportunity for deeper Bible study, prayer, and discussion, helping members grow in their faith and understanding of Scripture.

3

Personal Connections: Small groups allow for more intimate relationships, fostering friendships and accountability that might not be possible in larger church settings.

4

Practical Help (Meeting ministry needs): Members often assist each other with practical needs, such as meals during illness, childcare, rides to doctor appointments, etc.

5

Service Opportunities: Small groups frequently engage in service projects, providing a way to serve the community and live out their faith in tangible ways.

6

Safe Place: They provide a safe space to ask questions, express doubts, and share personal struggles without judgment.

**SCAN
ME!**



If you are not in a Small Group (Sunday School), please feel free to reach out and we will get you connected. Email shadgoltz@fbfirst.com to get started.

For a current list of our small groups & locations, please visit our website at fbfirst.com/adults.

FALL 2025 GROUPS

by Shad Goltz
Adult Ministries Pastor



We're excited to launch a new season of Groups this fall! Whether you're looking to deepen your walk with Christ, grow in biblical knowledge, strengthen your relationships, or find encouragement in community, there's a place for you. Fall Groups are a great way to connect, be challenged, and grow in faith alongside others.

Our groups meet weekly and offer something for every age and stage of life. Check out the lineup below and start praying about where God may be leading you this season.

FALL 2025 GROUPS INCLUDE:

Begins August 13

Biblical Citizenship – The Biblical Citizenship class was specifically created for churches and includes commentary from leading Biblical scholars, Constitutional experts, national Leaders, and Religious Liberty Champions.

Conversations – Learn a natural and effective way to share your faith in everyday life through this practical Gideons-led training.

DivorceCare – A support group for those navigating separation or divorce. 6pm. Childcare provided. Meal at 5pm in the gym (\$5/person).

Financial Peace University – Learn to budget, beat debt, and build wealth with biblical wisdom. See Pastor Shad to sign up.

GriefShare – Find support and guidance after loss. 6pm. Childcare provided. Meal at 5pm in the gym (\$5/person).

Begins TBA

Care Ministries:

Anxiety Care Group:

Walking through the suffocating world of anxiety? Join us for our first Care Ministry G4 based group for people struggling with anxiety.

Men's Care Group:

False Love: a group for men to help them work through or take preventative measures in dealing with porn addiction.

Embrace Life: Single Mom Bible Study (Leaders Edition) Gain full access to the curriculum, plus leader notes, tips, ice-breakers, training videos, and more—everything you need to lead with confidence!

Sunday Morning Group:

FCA Coach's Bible Study: led by Andrew Baker, FCA Director of Nassau & Baker Counties

Women's Study – Heaven by Jennifer Rothschild (Wed morning and evening) Explore the subject of Heaven from a biblical perspective, separating what's true about Heaven from what's based on legend, media depictions, and hopeful guesses!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER FOR ONE OF THESE GROUPS, VISIT
www.fbfirst.com/adults.

If you have any questions, contact
Sarah Howard at sarah@fbfirst.com or Pastor Shad Goltz at shadgoltz@fbfirst.com.

CELEBRATING FAITH, FREEDOM, AND OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

by Stacy McKenzie
Office Manager

What a powerful weekend it was celebrating our Christian heritage and patriotism! The 2nd Annual Christian Heritage Parade & Faith Festival was a joyful display of unity, with more than 55 groups participating — from floats and vintage cars to fire trucks and scooters. Spectators lined the streets and cheered us on, followed by a vibrant festival in Central Park featuring the Living Waters Praise Band, food trucks, vendors, and inspiring messages from Pastor Zach Terry and Judge John Meisburg.

The celebration continued Sunday with our annual Christian Heritage Sunday at FBFirst. Patriotic music and a sermon from Pastor Zach set the tone, followed by a special lunch with guest speaker Congressman Aaron Bean. He shared personal stories of faith, public service, and his role in the U.S. House of Representatives, encouraging us all to stay rooted in our faith and values.

We're thankful for everyone who made this weekend possible—from the planning team and volunteers to all who attended. Plans are already underway for the 3rd Annual event in late June 2026!



If you're interested in being a Premier Sponsor or in being on the leadership & planning committee, we'd love to have you join us. Contact Stacy at stacymckenzie@fbfirst.com.







SCHOOL IS O-FISH- -ALLY HERE

by Zach Zettler
Children's Pastor

Ask most teachers at the end of the school year and they will tell you they can't wait for school to be over and they want a much-deserved break. It's true, these selfless individuals – whether it's those who teach in a public, private, or even homeschool capacity – pour their lives into their students and the families. They definitely need some time off to recover from several months of intentional instruction. However, by the end of the summer, they are ready to get back into their classrooms and make a difference in the lives of children.

KIDS & STUDENTS

I, like many of you, am grateful for teachers. My mom was a public school teacher, we homeschool our girls, and we even have extended family who are all in the education world. This is one of the reasons why, today, we celebrate those who are standing in the education gap for our kids. Back-to-School Sunday is more than just a kickoff to a new school year, but it's an intentional time to remind ourselves to pray, encourage, and come alongside all of our educators and administrators. For our kids to learn and succeed, it takes all of us, whether the child is a Kindergartener or a Senior in high school.

It's also a Sunday in which we promote our kids to their next class. Kindergarteners have moved out of the Preschool Ministry into our Elementary age ministry. We give our well wishes to our 5th graders who are now moving into the Student Ministry. They are "O-fish-ally" in a new stage and phase of life. Our goal across the Family Ministry Team is simple: to make disciples, and that's why we are very selective about our curriculum and ministry opportunities. We want them to be prepared to walk into their next phase of life and ministry, to become a disciple through Coaching, Community, and Commission. There is always room for people to join the team and we would love to have you be a part of it with us. For more information, contact Sharon Bradley (Preschool Ministry Coordinator), Zach Zettler (Children's Pastor), or Gabe Zavala (Student Pastor).

THANK YOU FOR SERVING – LET’S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING!

by Zach Zettler
Children's Pastor

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO SERVE AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. AS I REFLECT ON MY FIRST YEAR, I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT THAT MADE ONE OF THE BEST WEEKS HAPPEN. A LOT OF THAT HAS TO DO WITH YOU, THE VOLUNTEER.

As we head into the fall, Sharon and I are gearing up for a new Sunday school year. I wondered if your experience at VBS may have been a nudge from the Holy Spirit, saying, “You can do this on a regular basis!” If so, we would love to have you join our team in a variety of capacities:

PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES (9:00AM/10:45AM)

Serving on a rotation basis

KIDS WORSHIP (10:45AM HOUR)

Serving on a rotation basis

MUSIC & MISSIONS LEADERS (WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM)

We have opportunities to serve as Greeters, Check-In Team Members, Hallway Monitors, Security Team Members, and a whole lot more. If you would like to serve, please reach out to Sharon (sharonbradley@fbfirst.com) or Zach (zachzettler@fbfirst.com) directly.





MAGNIFIED!
PSALM 34:3
DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD
IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS

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A SUMMER OF IMPACT:

CELEBRATING WHAT GOD HAS DONE

by Zach Zettler
Children's Pastor

Summer at FBFirst is always a time of adventure, joy, and spiritual growth—and this year has been no exception. From Vacation Bible School to CentriKid Camp, we've seen God move powerfully in the lives of the children who call FBFirst their church home.

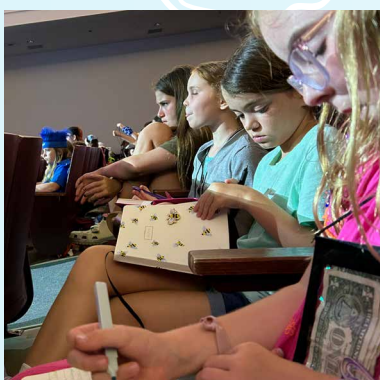
In early June, our church campus was transformed into a vibrant, larger-than-life environment for VBS. Throughout the week, we explored God's perspective, discovering how deeply Jesus values and loves children. **Over 500 children, 30 preschoolers, and 300 dedicated volunteers** came together for Bible study, games, snacks, worship, and a whole lot more! It was an incredible week, and we're celebrating that 48 children made decisions to trust Christ as their Savior! God was magnified in even the smallest of hearts.

CentriKid Camp was another highlight of the summer. We took **43 campers and 7 energetic, Christ-centered adult leaders** to Brewton-Parker College for a week of fun, faith, and friendships. Designed for kids in grades 3–5, the camp offered intentional Bible teaching, worship, and tons of activities—including the always-anticipated OMC (Organized Mass Chaos). For many kids, it was their first experience away from home, and they were encouraged to grow in their personal walk with Jesus by practicing spiritual habits like daily quiet time, worship, and prayer.

We are so grateful for what God is doing in and through the next generation at FBFirst. Thank you, church family, for your prayers, support, and faithful service. Let's continue to invest in the spiritual growth of our children—Together, Let's Build Kingdom Families.



MORE THAN JUST CAMP: A WEEK TO REMEMBER



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by Gabe Zavala
Youth Pastor

FUGE CAMP



What a powerful week of camp! We had 56 people attend Fuge Camp at Ridgcrest, and God did an incredible work in the lives of all who attended. It was a fun-filled, Gospel-centered week where students were challenged not only to know the light, Jesus, but also to point others to it and live it out in their lives. If you went to Fuge, you were blessed by God in some way; either you were part of the eight students who were brought from spiritual death to life or the witnesses who saw God at work. It was incredible for students to pray for each other and their student ministry, and to see them celebrate every time they gained a brother and sister in Christ—which was a highlight of the week. Each night we celebrated students and prayed God would stir in their hearts to have more Gospel conversations. It was truly a life-defining week. All I can say is, “Soli Deo Gloria!”

Our Puerto Rico 2025 mission trip did not disappoint. Twenty youth and their parents experienced an incredible week of obedience, faithfulness, service, and fellowship. We prayed across different communities, had Gospel conversations with locals, fixed homes, and served at the local food bank. In one of the teams, as we were prayer walking, an older local stopped us to see if we could pray for her grandson, who was not on the best path. As we did, that opened the door for our team to pray for her sister and a neighborhood friend. Toward the end of our conversation, we discovered that they were the aunts and grandmother of the Diaz brothers, both professional baseball players, one as a pitcher for the New York Mets and the other for the LA Dodgers. The keyword I always share with the team is flexibility, reminding them constantly to be ready to be used by God in unique ways. We don't go for our satisfaction, we go to live out our faith and point others to the hope, Jesus Christ. It truly was a great team that faithfully served others. I don't know about you, but I am ready for the next one!

by Gabe Zavalla
Student's Pastor

PUERTO RICO

STUDENT MISSION TRIP



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



Delaney Crews

We're excited to welcome Delaney as the new Executive Assistant to Pastor Zach!

Delaney brings a heart for ministry, a strong work ethic, and a passion for serving the church. In her new role, she will help support Pastor Zach and the leadership team as they continue to guide FBFirst with excellence and vision.

Please join us in praying for Delaney as she steps into this important role. If you see her around campus, be sure to say hello and give her a warm FBFirst welcome!

We're so glad to have you on the team, Delaney!



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Join us for fellowship, fun, and good food on Saturday, September 6th for a Fish Fry in the Gym at 5PM. Mark your calendars and invite your friends for one of our favorite events of the year! No need to sign-up, just come ready to enjoy the evening together.

To connect with our 55+ community that's serving with joy, living with purpose, and finishing strong -- and having some fun together along the way, contact Pastor Frank at fcamarotti@bellsouth.net.



FALL FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 | 6-8PM

It's a fun and family-friendly evening! We'll have Trunk or Treat, games, food, music, and plenty of fall fun for all ages. Come in costume (nothing spooky, please!) and enjoy a safe and festive night. Bring your friends, and invite your neighbors — it's going to be a blast!

Want to decorate a trunk or volunteer? Email Zach Zettler at zachzettler@fbfirst.com or visit fbfirst.com for details.



JOIN PASTOR ZACH **WEEKDAYS**

RADIO BROADCAST

Outreach Mission

The Truth 91.7/91.9 FM
Jacksonville | 7:30 am

WBTG 1290 AM/106.3 FM
Northwest Alabama | 9:30am

WRZN 720 AM/103.5 FM
Gainesville/Ocala | 6:00 pm

WTLN 990AM/105.7FM Orlando | 6:30 pm

WTMN 1430 AM/96.3 FM
Gainesville/The Villages | 6:00 pm

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2025 Calendar Highlights

AUGUST

- 10 B2S & Move-Up Sunday
- 31 Beach Baptism

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Fall Choral Concert
- 21 Family Reunion Sunday
- 28 Beach Baptism

OCTOBER

- 31 Fall Festival

NOVEMBER

- 23 Low Country Boil
- 27 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

- 13-14 Christmas Choral Concert
- 24 Christmas Eve Service

* Schedule subject to change. Visit
fbfirst.com for the most current information.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP | 9:00AM and 10:45AM
WEDNESDAY | 6:00PM (5:00PM Dinner)

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SUNDAY WORSHIP | 9:15AM and 11:00AM