WAYS TO CONNECT

IN-PERSON AT NEXT STEPS

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ONLINE CONNECT CARD

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Help make Christmas special for children around the world through Operation Christmas Child! Shoeboxes are available throughout the church. Pick one up, fill it with gifts, and return it to FBCP by **Sunday, November 15**. To build a shoebox online follow the QR code.

GATHER

Sunday, November 8
6PM in Chipley Hall

Ladies, please join us for dinner, fellowship, and a devotion led by Brooke Snyder. Dinner is $5. Email *lorikizziah@gmail.com* to register.

QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING

Wednesday, November 11
6PM in Chipley Hall

AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of September 16, 2026 Quarterly meeting
- Approve Minutes of September 27, 2026 Annual Congregational meeting
- Organizational Report
- Finance Report
- Missions Committee

CHURCH TO CHURCH FOOD MINISTRY

Saturday, November 14
6:30 - 10:30AM

We are looking for 50 volunteers. Register at *fbcp.org/events* to see a list of serving opportunities and to secure your spot!

THEOLOGY WITH DUDES

Tuesday, November 17
6:45-8AM 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!

LEISURE TIMERS

Tuesday, November 17
10:15AM in Chipley Hall

Join us for Leisure Timers! Enjoy a warm time of fellowship, a delicious lunch, and a special entertainment program that changes each month.
Register at *fbcp.org/events* or call the church office at 850-433-5631.

KINGDOM PARTNER

Sunday, November 8

First City Church
1301 E. Gadsden St., Pensacola, FL 32501
Pastor - Taran Howell

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Sunday, November 8

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 8, 2026

TESTIFY

EXPERIENCING THE POWER, PRESENCE, AND PURPOSE OF GOD IN ACTS

We glorify the Father by following the Holy Spirit in sharing the story of Jesus.

SERMON NOTES	NOVEMBER 8, 2026

"Take Courage!"
Acts 23

1. Our _____ is often tested most when life gets tough.
    a. vv. 1-5
    b. Paul was willing to put his character on trial!
    c. 1 Peter 3:14-16
    d. As you testify, remember your character matters!
    e. "The measure of every man's virtue is best revealed in time of adversity – adversity that does not weaken a man but rather shows what he is."
    – Thomas A Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*, Book 1, Chapter 16
    f. 3 Questions to consider when life is tough
        i. Will I trust God when things get hard?
        ii. Will I do what is _____ when it's not easy?
        iii. Will I remain faithful when life doesn't go my way?

2. The hope of the resurrection gives us _____ to face life's challenges.
    a. vv. 6-11
    b. Paul divides the Pharisees and Sadducees by declaring that he is on trial because of his hope in the resurrection.
    c. "Without the belief in the Resurrection the Christian faith could not have come into being. The disciples would have remained crushed and defeated men. Even had they continued to remember Jesus as their beloved teacher, His crucifixion would have forever silenced any hopes of His being the Messiah. The cross would have remained the sad and shameful end of His career. The origin of Christianity therefore hinges on the belief of the early disciples that God had raised Jesus from the dead."
    – William Lane Craig, *Knowing The Truth About The Resurrection*, p. 116-117

3. He is still working when _____ surrounds us.
    a. vv. 12-22
    b. After the uproar in the Sanhedrin, the Lord appeared to Paul during the night and encouraged him. He assured Paul that just as he had testified about Christ in Jerusalem, he would also testify in Rome.
    c. 1 Peter 5:8
    d. Have you ever been in a situation where fear felt bigger than your _____?

4. He will accomplish His _____.
    a. vv. 23-35
    b. No circumstance is beyond His control.
    c. Proverbs 19:21
    d. The Roman military was protecting the very man God had promised would _____ in Rome!
    e. Acts 23:11

Why was Paul willing to go through all of this? Because of Jesus.

NOW WHAT?!

Jesus faced the cross, conquered the grave, and lives today!

Anyone who places their faith in Him can have forgiveness of sin, freedom from fear, and the confidence that their future is secure in His hands.