



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF PENSACOLA

The View from the Hill

October 2026



Hear. Live. Share. The Story of Jesus.

A NOTE FROM DAVE



Dave Snyder
Senior Pastor

October has now entered the ring! I love living in Pensacola this time of year. As we all wait for the fair to come to town which often brings cooler weather, the days offer such wonderful reminders of the blessing of living here. I hope you take time to enjoy each day our God provides. Declare with your life... *This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.* **Psalm 118:24, ESV.** Each new morning is a grace-given clean slate. Jesus came to both redeem and restore. Throughout all of October, take time to preach the Gospel to yourself. It is a blessing to grow in the faith with you!

October is a big month for our church. Last month, you were introduced to **Housework**. This is our giving initiative to provide for both the HVAC and the children's building renovation. Beginning on **October 4th**, I want to invite you to join my family in bringing the pledge card to worship. By faith, I want our church to pledge and give what is needed for the project by **August 31, 2027**. I believe with God's help and provision, we can meet this goal together. Please pray and consider your gift to support the **Housework** needs of our church.

It is a blessing to serve as your pastor. Please take time to read this month's newsletter. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions about your church. Also, please feel free to share how I can pray and better serve you.

Blessings,
Dave

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Brian Hicks

Associate Pastor of Discipleship

I was looking at the calendar today and it is hard to believe how quickly we have moved from summer into fall. Well, the calendar has turned to fall, so far the temperatures haven't quite caught up with the calendar. We had a wonderful summer of camps, VBS, mission trips, and worship. The great thing about FBCP is that we don't slow down as we move into the fall.

We have kicked off our mid-week

Bible studies, the student ministry is in full swing, as well as the children and preschool ministries. What a great time to be a part of what God is doing here at FBC.

We also have two great events coming up in the month of October that are incredible opportunities for you to invite people to join you as you participate. The first event is **Party on Palafox**. That is going to be **October 18 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** This year we are moving it down to the Mission First parking lot so that we can spread things out a bit. We'll have food trucks, live music, free food, inflatables, and a wonderful time of fellowship. We need some help manning the welcome tables and inflatables, so please send me an email or follow the QR code below to get signed up to help. We'll also have some yard signs available for you to place in your yard to help advertise the event. Please join us for a great Party on Palafox and bring your friends!



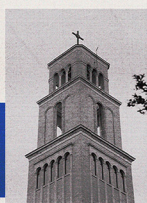
The second event is the very next Sunday evening. We are excited and honored to welcome Frank Blake, former CEO of Home Depot, to join us for our Men's Summit. Frank has displayed a powerful ability to combine his faith in Jesus with his leadership. He'll share some insights on those two topics that night. We'll have a great meal, some door prizes, and get to hear a powerful word from Frank. This is another great event to invite friends to join you as you attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. See you at church!

Brian Hicks



HOUSEWORK

FBCP



Our Story

For more than 180 years First Baptist Church of Pensacola has been a spiritual home – a place where God has shaped lives, families and futures.

This is the place where; couples stand before God and begin their marriages. Children are dedicated, taught and baptized. Students discover their faith and their calling. Families gather to worship, pray and serve. This is where we have Easter memories and Christmas Eve moments. We say goodbye and celebrate the lives of loved ones here.

This is where we have met Jesus, grown in faith and become family.

As we continue moving forward with the Housework Campaign, two important Sundays are approaching. On **September 27**, during our Annual Meeting, Pastor Dave will once again share the vision for Housework and remind us of the purpose behind this important effort. We encourage every church family to prayerfully consider how God may be leading them to participate.

Then, beginning on **October 4**, and through the month of October, we will have a special time of response during our worship services. Members will be invited to bring forward their commitment cards as a unified act of faith, generosity, and dedication to the future ministry of First Baptist Church Pensacola.

Please continue to pray for the Housework Campaign and for how God will use it to strengthen our church for years to come.

Commitment launch date, October 4

The Work

The total cost of the project is \$7.5 million. Through God's blessing and your generosity we have been preparing to undertake this extensive renovation by saving for the past few years and donations totaling \$4 million have already been made. Now we need to raise the remaining \$3.5 million to complete the work.

Our goal is to complete the fundraising by the end of Summer 2027.
To see a detailed breakdown of the cost, visit fbcp.org/housework.

Why is this important?

Air conditioning is important in Pensacola, Florida. We all know that. And we know that children are our future and with all the growth and new families joining us each week, the children's area is important to our family ministry.

But beyond that, this is important to support because – *This is God's House.*

It's where we learned the stories of Jesus.

It's where we find community when we feel alone.

It's where our children sang their first Christmas songs.

It's where we have prayed through storms – literal and spiritual.

We have been comforted in grief and strengthened in hope.

This is where God has met us again and again.

We inherited this church from those who sacrificed before us – they built this campus and cared for its needs.



Now it's our turn. Now it's your turn.



Scan here for more information
or to give to Housework.



PARTY ON PALAFOX

OCT. 18
4-6 PM

500 N PALAFOX ST

Sunday, October 18, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Join us for our annual fall festival, Party on Palafox! There will be plenty of fun for all ages. Best of all, it's free! We would love to see you there!

JOIN
CHURCH

NEW
MEMBERS

Now WHAT

Wednesday, October 28 • 6 PM

LEARN
MORE

WHAT'S
CHURCH

Wednesday, October 28, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Optional dinner at 5:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall

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

LEISURE TIMERS

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

Join us every third Tuesday of the month at 10:15 a.m. in Chipley Hall for Leisure Timers! Enjoy a warm time of fellowship, a delicious lunch, and a special entertainment program that changes each month.

It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, laugh, and spend time together—make plans to join us for our next gathering!

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

MEN'S MINISTRIES

THEOLOGY WITH DUDES

Tuesday, October 20, 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!

MEN'S SUMMIT

Sunday, October 25, at 5:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall

Men, join us for an incredible evening of food, fellowship, and encouragement at our Men's Summit. We are honored to welcome Frank Blake, former CEO of Home Depot, as he shares insights on faith and leadership.

A free dinner will be provided, making this a great opportunity to connect with other men and be challenged in your walk with Christ. You will not want to miss this special event. Register at fbcp.org/events.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

GOOD COMPANY
MOMCO

2026
Aug 26
Sept 9 & 23
Oct 7 & 21
Nov 4 & 18
Dec 2 & 16

2027
Jan 6 & 20
Feb 3 & 17
Mar 3 & 17
Apr 7 & 21
May 5

Twice a month from 9:30 - 11:30 AM
at First Baptist Church of Pensacola

MOMCO

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 how to navigate parenthood. Open for moms of all ages. Register at fbcp.org/events.

GATHER

Sunday, October 11, at 6:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall

Join the women of FBCP as we gather monthly to grow our friendships and flourish in God's Word with a devotion by Brooke Snyder. RSVP for dinner and if childcare is needed by October 8. Sign up on the events page of our website.

PENSACOLA MOMS ON MISSION

Saturday, October 17, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Sanders Beach Community Center

Pensacola Moms on Mission will host "Passing on the Passion for Jesus."

Guest Speaker Cricket Albertson, Titus Women, Wilmore KY.



Price is \$35 and includes lunch. Sign-up by following the QR code.

SHINE

Sunday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for an informative evening focused on protecting your family from digital trafficking. Guest speakers from Magdalene's House will share valuable insights, practical resources, and ways to recognize and prevent online exploitation. Light refreshments will be provided. Reserve your spot at fbcp.org/events.

LADIES RETREAT

February 19-21, 2027

Step away from the noise and busyness to experience a Winter Retreat crafted for the heart to rest and enjoy fellowship.

"Restore My Soul" will be hosted at the beautiful Island Resort in Destin.

Through quiet moments, guided session, shared meals, and the calming rhythm of the ocean, you'll find space to release, renew, and return home restored. This is your invitation to rest deeply in our Father's presence and draw near to Him.

Begin budgeting now so you can register to join in the fun.

Registration will begin **November 1**. Registration fee: \$125, \$50 due at sign up.

Gulf front room \$179/night

Pool view \$149/night

Room rates can be shared with up to 4 per room, all hotel room costs will be due by **January 17**.

Our speaker will be Kasey Summers from Trussville, Alabama.

Kasey is a mother to 3 children, ages 9, 6, and 3. She is an artist and enjoys sharing the word of God through her art. Kasey will share her heart, God's word and a creative art project with us as she leads "Restore My Soul".

SAVE THE DATE:

Tour of Tables: Coming September 2027

SEWING FOR JESUS

As we start a new fiscal year at FBCP so many exciting things are on the horizon for Sewing for Jesus! I loved what Pastor Dave said recently "Mission isn't just something we do for people; it's something we do with people." Sewing for Jesus is deeply invested in sharing the gospel while providing tangible items that can be distributed through FBCP's missionary efforts. We are the hands of God, while others are the feet of God bringing the gospel to the lost both near and far. Sewing for Jesus actively supports our missionaries in foreign countries such as Guatemala, Liberia, Thailand, and most recently Indonesia. We also partner with Operation Christmas Child to provide items for the Christmas shoe boxes. The Baptist Nursing Fellowship brings much needed medical care in foreign countries and distributes Sewing for Jesus medical missionary bags to patients as a means to transport their medicine and other supplies. Our loving, servant hearted women come together on the second, third and fourth Mondays of the month to sew items that help carry the gospel to others, protect young girls and comfort little children torn from their homes. If you are looking for a ministry where you can work alongside your friends, make new friends, or work from home, SFJ is worth looking into. We are happy to have you join us from **9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., Monday, October 12, 19 and 26, with lunchtime devotional at 11:30 a.m.** You do not need to spend the entire time. If you do not know how to sew and wish to learn, we are happy to help you learn to sew so that you can join us making beautiful items for those in need. Come join us and make a difference that will last a lifetime.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about Sewing for Jesus please contact LynneMarie at: Imandjp4@icloud.com. Donations are gratefully accepted.

PIECE MAKERS

Ladies, join Piece Makers as we create lap quilts to bless elderly individuals in need. Whether you're an experienced quilter or have never picked up a needle and thread, you are welcome! No experience is necessary, just come ready to learn, serve, and enjoy time with other women.

We meet every first and third Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on the second floor of Mission First.

Come be a part of something meaningful as we use our hands to bring warmth, comfort, and encouragement to others.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesday, October 7: Invite Night- Night Zero

October 9-11: Fall Retreat

Wednesday, October 14 and 21: Family Groups

Sunday, October 18: Party on Palafox

Wednesday, October 28: Serve Night

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

DID YOU KNOW?

During collection week, Operation Christmas Child uses MORE semi-trucks than Walmart uses the following week for Black Friday.

We are preparing to fill one of those semi-trucks with FBCP's shoeboxes (what will not fit will be sent to Olive Baptist Church to be loaded into another semi). You can help pack shoeboxes during two October workdays: **October 6 and October 22, both from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Mission First.**

On **Sunday, October 18**, shoeboxes will be available around campus for members to pick up to pack their own Full, Fun and Personalized shoeboxes. Please remove packaging from items, and remember not to pack toothpaste, food, soap, candy or liquids. If you do not know how to track your shoebox, ask us. The deadline to return your personal shoeboxes to FBCP is **Sunday, November 15.**

You can also pack a shoebox online for \$30. Shoeboxes packed online allow Samaritan's Purse to deliver shoeboxes to countries that have strict customs regulations, such as Kenya. Please scan the QR code to go to FBCP's page to pack a shoebox online. You choose the age and gender of the child for whom you wish to pack and select the items. You can also upload a photo and a letter. Or, you can choose to let them pack a shoebox for you. The deadline to pack online is **Thursday, December 31.** Volunteers will pack your specific shoebox in January.



On **Saturday morning, November 21**, we need 15 men to help load our shoeboxes onto the semi-truck that Samaritan's Purse sends to us. We will start at **8:30 a.m. (no earlier!) and probably wrap up by 10:30 a.m.** Please email Jill Satterwhite if you can assist. jsatterwhite@nwfillaw.com

Finally, **JOIN US IN ATLANTA!** If you are 13 years of age or older, you can go to the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center. FBCP is approved for 25 volunteers on each of the following 3 days:

Thursday, December 10, 5:00 - 10:00

Friday, December 11, 5:00 - 10:00

Saturday, December 12, 5:00 - 10:00

You can work one, two or all three days. There are standing and sitting jobs. The standing jobs involve inspecting shoeboxes and preparing them for shipment. The sitting jobs involve prepping filler items to be used in shoeboxes when inappropriate items are removed. Samaritan's Purse secures discounted rates at nearby hotels. This is a very effective, very inexpensive way to participate in international missions and get a glimpse behind the scenes at the scope and magic of Operation Christmas Child. Please email Judy Leatherwood by **Friday, November 20** if you are interested. jrleather@cox.net

AS YOU PREPARE TO CELEBRATE JESUS' BIRTH, FILL A SHOEBOX SO A CHILD WILL BE TOLD ABOUT JESUS.

Best Present Ever!

FLOWER ARRANGING

Due to restructuring the flower arranging ministry and due to the safety of the volunteers who deliver to our In-Home Ministry members, we no longer accept vase donations. Goodwill on Olive Road will accept your donations.

NEW MEMBERS

Carter Bodree, Baptism
Jon Cohrs, Statement
Hope Cohrs, Statement
Janelle Cook, Baptism
Michele Crystalhenge, Baptism
Betsy Dudley, Letter
Cross Dudley, Statement
Marin Dudley, Baptism
William Dudley, Baptism
Cami Filz, Baptism
Esther Gill, Baptism
Debra Hanas, Statement
David Hanas, Statement
Paula Howard, Statement
Jeff Kaczmarek, Statement
Makaley Kaczmarek,
Statement

Mack Kercher, Baptism
Ameleo Mendoza, Baptism
Frances Miller, Statement
Lenora Motley, Statement
Hung Nguyen, Baptism
Sao Nguyen, Baptism
Jason Parrish, Statement
Elena Parrish, Statement
Nina Schwelm, Baptism
Cindi Taylor, Letter
Jacob Taylor, Baptism
Amelia Thompson, Baptism
Emma Toenes, Baptism
Trevor Williams, Baptism

KINGDOM PARTNERS

OCTOBER 4:
Snyder Memorial Baptist Church
701 Westmont Dr.
Fayetteville, NC 28305
Pastor - Blake Bengé

OCTOBER 11:
Salem Baptist Church
338 Salem Church Rd
PO Box 1628
Collins, MS 39428
Pastor - Stephen Hartman

OCTOBER 18:
The Point Church
13801 Innerarity Point Road
Pensacola, FL 32507
Pastor - Kyle Valaer

OCTOBER 25:
Chets Creek Church
4420 Hodges Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32224
Pastor - Tyler Core

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Nancy Strebeck and family in the loss of her brother, James Strebeck, on September 10, 2026 in Collins, MS.

Family and friends of Glynn Brown who passed away on September 13, 2026 in Gulf Breeze.

Lynne Kilchriss and family in the loss of her mother, Norma Pecoraro, on September 16, 2026.

Family and friends of Richard Langford who passed away on September 16, 2026.

Phillip Bobe and family in the loss of his mother, Edith Bobe, on September 19, 2026.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

OCTOBER 4, 2026

SANCTUARY - The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Randy Rigsby, given by Gloria Rigsby, Mandy Conner, and family.

OCTOBER 11, 2026

SANCTUARY – In loving memory of our dear friend, Doris Jean Mowe. Given by James and Shirley Callaway.

OCTOBER 18, 2026

SANCTUARY – In loving memory of Dan Bridges, given by Pat Bridges and family.

OCTOBER 25, 2026

In loving memory of Jerry and Diane Norris, given by their grateful family; Lisa, Diana, Benjamin, Mark, and Grace.

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, October 7

BBQ chicken, baked beans,
mac and cheese, cornbread,
dessert

Wednesday, October 14

Tuscan chicken, mashed
potatoes, green beans, bread,
dessert

Wednesday, October 21

Traditional lasagna, french
bread, dessert

Wednesday, October 28

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes,
roasted broccoli, roll, dessert

OFFERING REPORT

August 23, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$61,319
Year to Date Needs.....	\$5,456,519
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$5,971,428

August 30, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$304,451
Year to Date Needs.....	\$5,572,615
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$6,275,880

September 6, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$79,424
Year to Date Needs.....	\$5,688,711
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$6,355,303

September 13, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$53,524
Year to Date Needs.....	\$5,804,808
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$6,408,827

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