



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF PENSACOLA

The View from the Hill

April 2026



Hear. Live. Share. The Story of Jesus.

A NOTE FROM DAVE



Dave Snyder
Senior Pastor

Spring has arrived! The battle has now begun with pollen and other outside allergy enemies. How are you doing in this battle? Even as I struggle to breathe at times, I love the blessing of a new season. He reigns over every season and renews His mercies with each morning. Slow down today and take in the beauty of His creation. Receive this day as a gift, walk by faith with every step, and seize every opportunity to share the story of His Son, Christ Jesus.

On Thursday evening, April 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall, we will gather for a **Maundy Thursday** service to reflect on the cross of Christ. I invite you to come and take part in this meaningful time of worship. "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin phrase *mandatum novum* ("a new commandment," from John 13:34), later rendered in French as *mande*. It is also known as Holy Thursday, Covenant Thursday, or Great and Holy Thursday. This day is set aside to remember the Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples as He prepared for the cross. As you arrive, you will enter and exit in silence, a solemn reminder of the weight of the moments leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. But take heart—there is good news. The silence will give way to celebration on Sunday as we gather to worship the risen Savior.

On **Good Friday**, our traditional music ministry will present *Passion: A Modern Oratorio*. This evening of worship through music will guide us through the story of Christ's suffering, sacrifice, and redeeming love, helping prepare our hearts for the joy of Resurrection Day. The presentation will take place on April 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We would love for you to come and be part of this meaningful night of worship.

Resurrection Day (Easter) falls on Sunday, April 5 and it's truly my favorite day of the year! We will follow our regular Sunday schedule, with contemporary services at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m., and a traditional service at 11:00 a.m. This is also a wonderful opportunity to get connected to a Bible study class and grow in community. I encourage you to invite someone to join you as your guest for this special day in the life of our church. Thank you for helping spread the Word. Let's make sure our community hears the Good News and celebrates the power of the empty tomb!

Please take some time to look through *The View*. If anything comes to mind, feel free to reach out with questions, and let me know how I can pray for you or serve you in any way.

Enjoy April!

I love being your pastor.

Dave

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

HEAR. LIVE. SHARE. THE STORY OF JESUS



Jason Givens

Minister of Contemporary Worship

As I write this, it is the week before holy week and I am reminded of some traditions my family had during Easter. Early morning every Easter my parents would wake me and my three brothers up before the sun would even rise. The night before my parents had packed up a breakfast for us to have that morning as we would arrive at Huntington College at the quad. My dad would read the gospel story

of Christ on the cross, and as the sun would rise, we'd begin to read the part as Mary and Martha arrived at the tomb, and then as the disciples quickly ran after her to see for themselves. We would spend time in prayer and focusing on Christ before we went to our church later that morning. Our goal was always to make it out to the field before sunrise however, I do recall one year watching the sunrise in the Winn-Dixie parking lot.

I'll tell you this story to remind us all as we live our life and lead our families to make traditions and memories with them. However, making traditions and memories are great, but we always need to remember to make Christ the focus and the central theme of all that we do. This week as we have Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Passion, and Easter Sunday I encourage you to start a tradition with your family or with friends or just yourself but more importantly I urge you to make our resurrected King the central theme of all you do.

- Jason Givens

EASTER

At First Baptist Church of Pensacola

April 1

No Midweek Gathering

April 2 | Maundy Thursday

Chipley Hall | 6 PM

April 3 | Good Friday

Passion | Sanctuary | 6 PM

April 5 | Easter Sunday

Contemporary | Chipley Hall | 8 AM + 9:30 AM

Traditional | Sanctuary | 11 AM

Bible Study | 9:30 AM + 11 AM



FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Sunday, April 5

A beautiful display representing new life following Jesus' death on Good Friday.

On Easter morning, please bring flowers to decorate the cross following the early worship service, prior to Bible Study.

Let's make our cross a visible reminder that Christ is risen!

CHURCH PICNIC



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APRIL 19 | 4-6 PM
BAYVIEW PARK
2000 E LLOYD ST.
PENSACOLA, FL 32503

Don't forget to bring a lawn chair and a dessert to share if you are able.
We can't wait to see you there!

Sunday, April 19, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Bayview Park

We'd love for you to come out to Bayview Park for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun! Dinner will be provided. If you're able, please bring a dessert to share and a lawn chair for seating. We can't wait to spend this time together with you!

DISCOVERING FIRST



Wednesday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m. in room S-208

Would you like to know more about First Baptist Church? If you're new here, we'd 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 fbcp.org/events.

SECRET CHURCH



Friday, April 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Gather with believers around the world for a focused night of deep Bible study, urgent prayer, and sacrificial giving—shaped by the faith of persecuted Christians. Be challenged by God's Word, stirred by global need, and reminded that following Jesus is worth everything. Come ready to listen, pray, and participate in making Jesus known everywhere—together. Register at fbcp.org/events. Childcare will be provided from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. with a reservation.

LEISURE TIMERS

Tuesday, April 21, 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.

HERITAGE CLUB LUNCHEON

Sunday, May 3, at 12:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall

First Baptist Church will celebrate the long-term investment of those who have been members of this church for 50 years or more! These individuals will be recognized during our worship services on May 3.

As a member of the Heritage Club, a luncheon will be held in your honor in Chipley Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. During the luncheon we will recognize the new Heritage Club members who joined First Baptist in 1976.

If your current membership at First Baptist is prior to 1976 and you have never been invited, please contact Elizabeth Smith at 850-433-5631 for more information.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

NEW BIBLE STUDIES

The Familiar Stranger by Tyler Staton

Beginning Thursday, March 12, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in room E-214, led by Keri Medlock and Kristen Bass. Childcare is available by RSVP, contact kbirthright@fbc.org.

"The Story of Scripture", hosted by Dallas Theological Seminary

Beginning Wednesday, April 1, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in room S-208, led by Sonya Bryant and Amy Williamson.

A Jesus Shaped Life

Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in room S-208.

MOMCO

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

2026 Meetings: 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@fbc.org for more information.

CONNECT
WOMEN'S MINISTRY
Service Day APRIL 11
8:30 AM - 1 PM

Sign-up forms available at the Women's Desk in the Atrium or sign-up online by scanning the QR.

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Howerton at 850-501-6061 or howerton1956@gmail.com

PROJECTS:
Martha's Vineyard
Operation Christmas Child
Royal Family Kids
Samaritan Hands
Sewing for Jesus
Valerie's House
Weis Elementary

REGISTER HERE

CONNECT: WOMEN'S MINISTRY SERVICE DAY

Saturday, April 11, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall

Join us to connect with other women as we serve together, followed by lunch and a time of fellowship and sharing all that God is doing through the service opportunities from the day. We look forward to seeing you there!

GATHER

Sunday, May 17 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 May 14. Sign up on the events page of our website.

SEWING FOR JESUS

What a great time of year when spring is in the air and new life is coming up all around us! Sewing for Jesus is so excited to begin partnering with our FBCP and IMB missionary friends around the globe through directly working with them. We will continue to support many of our long-term missionary partners, but these new opportunities will allow us to directly meet the needs here and abroad with specific requests. SFJ has just completed several large projects that were then packed into the container for the Liberia missionary trip in June. What a true blessing it is to support our team as they go to support The Dahns and their ministry to this area. We look forward to hearing and seeing the direct impact these items will have to this wonderful ministry. Once again, SFJ will be actively involved with Connect in April. We so appreciate the opportunity to serve our church in this way. SFJ will be supporting Royal Family Kids Camp ministry by making bags for the children who attend RFK Camp. **SFJ meets the second, third and fourth Mondays of the month in the Mission First Building. We meet from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and break for lunch and a devotional at 12:30 p.m.** We would love to have you come join us. You don't have to stay the entire time. You may also pick up items that can be sewn at home and returned upon completion. Dates in April are **Monday, April 13, 20 and 27.** If you have a desire to serve in this ministry and have any questions about how you can get involved, please contact LynneMarie Prock at lynnemarie54@gmail.com.

COMFORT AND JOY

If you quilt, crochet or knit, or would like to learn in order to serve in this FBCP ministry, please join us at Comfort and Joy. This ministry makes items that provide comfort to those who are facing a difficult time in their lives. The supplies are provided for these projects. The lap blankets and prayer shawls are like the arms of Jesus comforting these sweet individuals. **We meet in the Mission First building on the first Monday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for lap quilting, and the second and fourth Friday mornings the month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to knit and crochet.** Our meeting dates in April are **Monday, April 6 and Friday mornings April 10 and 24.** If you have an interest in this ministry or have any questions, please contact Tricia Alger at tacraftstogo@gmail.com.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

THEOLOGY WITH DUDES

Tuesday, April 28 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 fbc.org/events or stop by the Welcome Desk. We can't wait to see you there!

STUDENT MINISTRY

April: TGOT - Verses 8-12

Wednesday, April 1: No Midweek

Wednesday, April 8: Invite Night - Seder

Wednesday, April 15: Family Groups

Wednesday, April 22: Family Groups

Wednesday, April 29: Serve Night

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A vibrant graphic for VBS '26. The background is dark blue with radiating light beams. On the left, a burst of colorful, translucent ribbons radiates from a central point. Overlaid on this burst is the text "SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS" in white, "ILLUMINATION STATION" in large, colorful, outlined letters, and "JOHN 8:12" in smaller white text. To the right, "VBS '26" is written in large, light blue, outlined letters. Below that, "JUNE 15-19" and "8:30 - 12:00" are written in white. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the graphic.

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION
STATION

JOHN 8:12

VBS '26

JUNE 15-19
8:30 - 12:00



June 15-19, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Shine bright in a dark world at VBS 2026. While many people claim to know about Jesus, many are in the dark about who He really is. During VBS kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals. Register at fbc.org/events.

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

May 14-18: Guatemala
Registration is full.

June 19-28: Liberia

July 11-17: Salt Lake City
Registration is full.

July 10-19: Liberia

July 18-25: Longmont, Co.

Join us in Longmont, CO, as we support our Kingdom Partner, Connection Church, through park parties and community outreach. We will spend our days inviting families to evening events and serving together, with time built in to explore beautiful Colorado and experience the local culture. This trip is a great opportunity for families to serve side by side. Register at fbc.org/events.

All Dates subject to change.

Contact Craig at cbonelli@fbc.org for more information.

FLOWER ARRANGING

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

CHURCH TO CHURCH

Our next C2C Food Ministry distribution will be **Saturday, May 9**. We will have two packing days prior to that distribution. Please consult weekly News and Notes as well as FBCP social media for those packing days. In addition to our March distribution through our local church partners, we have been able to provide food to our local TSA employees who have been working without pay. This message is from TSA employees:

"Many thanks to you and all those at First Baptist Church for your kindness and generosity to TSA Officers. Everyone had a smiling face this evening."

What a blessing it is to be the hands and feet of Jesus!

KINGDOM PARTNERS

April 5: True North Church Girdwood
PO Box 1054
Girdwood, AK 99587
Pastor - Tyler Weaver

April 12: First Baptist Church Athens
201 East Hobbs Street
Athens, AL 35611
Pastor - Dr. Kennan Braden

April 19: First Baptist Church Gulf Breeze
555 Fairpoint Dr.
Gulf Breeze, FL 32561
Pastor - Dr. John Vickers

April 26: Procter Baptist Church
4401 Jimmy Johnson Blvd,
Port Arthur, TX 77642
Pastor - Daniel Stone

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

APRIL 5, 2026

SANCTUARY - Celebrate Easter - Our Lord is Risen.

APRIL 12, 2026

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of Charles Wendell Hawk, given by his family; Gaye, Charles, Scott and Ashley.

APRIL 19, 2026

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of Richard "Dick" Bell - a son, brother, uncle, choir member, and friend - given by his family.

APRIL 26, 2026

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of Jill Findley, given by her husband, Chig, and their children, Robin, Susan, and Steve.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Family and Friends of Carol Malone who passed away on February 28, 2026.

Family and Friends of Avanel Best who passed away on March 12, 2026 in Cairo, GA.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUMS

Memorials

Margaret Bell

Pamela Shelton, Music Ministry
Ray & Marsha Overton, Music
Ministry

Louise Toomey, Music Ministry

Roger & Linda Clubbs, Music
Ministry

Bettye Smith, Music Ministry

Sheldon Bernau

Lisa Bernau, Traditional Music
Interns

Frank & Bernice Osborne,
Martha's Vineyard

Avanell Best

Betty Barfield, Women's
Ministry

Mal Williams & Lynne Pardue,
Women's Ministry

Russell Fincher, Women's
Ministry

Ted Hughes, Women's Ministry

Gina Shockley, Women's
Ministry

Barbara Burks

Charles & Linda Bourne, SHM
Lind, Parker, & Turner Burks,

Student Ministry

Terry Davis, Disaster Relief

Jim & Judy Prim, Student
Ministry

Frank & Bernice Osborne, Anne
Armstrong

John & Amy Floyd, LEAFF

Comer & Kathy Knight, Student
Ministry

Lester & Joan Ennis

Vickery Griffin, Annie
Armstrong

Barry Hudspeth

Norma Driskell, Music Ministry

Davis & Sophie Ranney, Music
Ministry

Mary Washington, Music
Ministry

James & Debra Garrett, SHM

Al & Mary Lee Stubblefield,
Music Ministry

Comer & Kathy Knight, Music
Ministry

Gail Infinger

Frank & Bernice Osborne, SHM

Jerry & Diane Norris

Lisa Bernau, Martha's Vineyard

Stormie Simons

Louise Toomey, SHM

Pensacola Sports, SHM

Mary Anne Mitchen, SHM

Florence Watson

Frank & Bernice Osborne, SHM

Louise Toomey, SHM

Marty & Kay Sasse, Music
Ministry

Frank & Bernice Osborne,
Annie Armstrong

Al & Mary Lee Stubblefield,
Sewing For Jesus

NEW MEMBERS

Pamela Terry, Statement

Joshua Berry, Letter

James Michael Burkett, Letter

Kevin McGuffin, Letter

Amanda Cathey, Statement

William Cathey, 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.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, April 8

Tuscan chicken, mashed
potatoes, mixed veggies,
bread, dessert.

Alternate - chef salad (must
order ahead)

Wednesday, April 15

Hamburger night

Alternate - chef salad (must
order ahead)

Wednesday, April 22

Chicken quesadillas, rice,
beans, dessert

Alternate - chef salad (must
order ahead)

Wednesday, April 29

Roast beef, mashed potatoes,
honey glazed carrots, bread,
dessert

Alternate - chef salad (must
order ahead)

OFFERING REPORT

February 22, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$277,189
Year to Date Needs.....	\$2,438,019
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$3,003,713

March 1, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$80,419
Year to Date Needs.....	\$2,554,115
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$3,084,132

March 8, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$65,392
Year to Date Needs.....	\$2,670,211
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$3,149,524

March 15, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$48,430
Year to Date Needs.....	\$2,786,308
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$3,197,954

March 22, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$54,969
Year to Date Needs.....	\$2,902,404
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$3,252,922

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