



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF PENSACOLA

The View from the Hill

May 2026



Hear. Live. Share. The Story of Jesus.

A NOTE FROM DAVE



Dave Snyder
Senior Pastor

The year continues to fly by and now May has entered our lives. It is indeed a blessing to experience each new month with you at First Baptist. I love what our God is doing in our congregation. Each week, by your faithfulness, more are coming onto our campus and hearing the story of Jesus. I'm curious, do you have **Acts 20:24** memorized yet? If not, there are still many months remaining in 2026. Make it your goal to not only have the **TESTIFY** theme verse memorized, but also take the opportunities given to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

We had a most blessed Easter last month. By God's grace, close to 2000 were on our church campus for a morning celebrating the resurrection of our Savior. I enjoyed seeing so many take pictures by the flowered cross as well as meeting guests invited by many faithful church members. Let's take the excitement from last month and let it be on our minds and hearts as we enter the mission field each day. We don't have to wait for another Easter to have more come and hear about Jesus!

Beginning June 28, I will be away for six weeks on sabbatical. Our church has a tradition of providing a sabbatical to the senior pastor after seven years of completed ministry leadership, and I am grateful for this opportunity for rest, refocus, and family time.

My desire during these weeks is to rest, recharge, and renew my love for the Lord and for my family. With our four children at important ages, this is a special season to invest in them, make meaningful memories, and gain fresh perspective through time together and learning from other places and cultures.

Plans have been made to cover the day-to-day operations of the church, as well as pulpit coverage while I am away. Thank you for your prayers, support, and love. I look forward to returning refreshed and grateful for all the Lord is doing in our church. More will be shared next month before the sabbatical begins.

Please take a few minutes and read what is happening in the life of our church. Don't hesitate to ask any questions!

I love being your pastor,
Dave

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

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Kim Birthright

Director of Preschool Ministry

Vacation Bible School: Illumination Station

Get ready for an exciting week as Vacation Bible School returns to FBCP June 15–19! This year's theme, *Illumination Station*, will shine a light on God's truth in a fun and unforgettable way.

Throughout the week, kids will discover how to walk in the light of God's Word through engaging Bible stories, hands-on crafts, high-

energy recreation, music, and more. Each day is designed to help children grow in their faith while having an absolute blast with friends and leaders who care about them.

VBS is open to children who have completed VPK through 5th grade, and we would love for your child to join us! Whether it's their first time or they come every year, this is a week they will not want to miss.

Our team is already preparing for an incredible experience, and we are also looking for volunteers to help bring *Illumination Station* to life. There's a place for everyone to serve!

Registration is now open, so be sure to sign up and invite a friend. We can't wait to see how God moves during this amazing week!

- Kim

CLASS OF 2026

Congratulations, graduates!



Jabin Bonelli
Pensacola State College
Charter Academy



Lillian Espinosa
Pace HS



Landon Garcia
Pensacola Catholic HS



Sydney Grace Hudspeth
Booker T. Washington HS



Jenny Lykins
Gulf Breeze HS



Charlotte NeSmith
West Florida HS of
Advanced Technology



Ruth Oaks
Aletheia Christian Academy



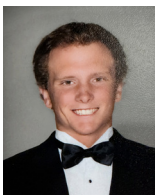
Olivia Quale
Booker T. Washington HS



Kade Rollins
Gulf Breeze HS



Luke Tarnosky
Pensacola State College
Charter Academy



Matthew Thorn
Gulf Breeze HS



Lula Wilson
Booker T. Washington HS

ANNIE ARMSTRONG

Thank you, church family, for your incredible generosity in giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Because of your faithful support, we not only met our goal—we exceeded it! Your gifts are making a meaningful impact in sharing the Gospel across North America.

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.

HERITAGE HALL

Sunday, May 3, from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Join us as we celebrate the 179th anniversary of First Baptist Church! In honor of this special occasion, we invite everyone to visit Heritage Hall, located on the 3rd floor of the Education Building, just across the breezeway from the Sanctuary.

Heritage Hall features dozens of historic photographs lining the hallway walls, capturing memorable moments from our past. In the Main Gallery, you'll find the cross that once stood atop the church tower, along with a rich display of artifacts and stories. There's even a special room dedicated to the legacy of our Children's Ministry.

Come and experience the history of your church — we look forward to seeing you there!

MUSIC MINISTRY

PENSACOLA PRAISE SYMPHONY

Saturday, May 2 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join 100 instrumentalists from all over the area in a stylistically varied concert of inspiring orchestra songs focused on Christ. FREE concert as we accept financial donations for our concert mission partner WEIS Initiatives (Backpack Buddies).

DEO GRATIAS

Sunday, May 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

FBCP and community singers join the PENSACOLA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA with Saint Saen's ORGAN SYMPHONY, Beethoven's CHORAL FANTASY, and Michael Cox's DEO GRATIAS.

LEISURE TIMERS

Tuesday, May 19, at 10:15 a.m. in Chipley Hall

Our May meeting concludes our 2025-26 Leisure Timers year. We will resume in September, but May is always a special program. This month will be an entertainment agenda, and we are annually blessed with a concert presented by our own FBCP Gospel Choir. Join us for a time of reminiscing great memories of songs of our youth, toe tapping rhythms, and words taken from the Bible. A great time of fellowship, fun, and food.

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Thank you to all who served at Connect. We hope you will continue to serve throughout the year with our FBCP ministries.

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
Last meeting before summer, 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.

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.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

THEOLOGY WITH DUDES

Tuesday, May 19 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 - Verse 13

Wednesday, May 6: Invite Night - Señor Wednesday

Wednesday, May 13: Pancake Study Break

Wednesday, May 20: Family Groups

Sunday, May 24: Senior Sunday

Wednesday, May 27: Serve Night (VBS Prep)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A vibrant graphic for VBS '26. The background is dark blue with radiating light beams. On the left, a colorful burst of light contains the text "SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS" and "ILLUMINATION STATION" in large, stylized letters. Below "ILLUMINATION STATION" is the reference "JOHN 8:12". On the right, "VBS '26" is written in large, light blue, bubbly letters. Below that, the dates "JUNE 15-19" and times "8:30 - 12:00" are displayed 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.

HELP US BLESS OUR VBS TEACHERS WITH SNACKS!

We're looking for volunteers to provide snacks during the week of VBS for our amazing teachers as they pour their hearts into serving our kids. If you would like to help, please consider signing up to bring items like fruit, dips, chips, cookies, cakes, or other yummy treats.

To sign up, you can email Darlene Ginnetti at darleneginnetti@gmail.com, or scan the QR code!

Let's show our VBS team some love and keep them fueled for a great week!



VBS LEADER MEETING

Sunday, May 3 at 12:15 p.m. in the ROC

VBS leaders, it's almost time! Join us as we get everything ready for an incredible week of VBS. Register for the meeting at fbc.org/events.

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, May 3, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Big Red Bus will be parked behind the ROC on Guillemard Street. No appointments necessary, please walk in and share the gift of life through donating blood.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

WE HAVE OVER 1,000 SHOEBOXES PACKED! Thank you for everyone who volunteered at Connect.

You can work on preparing items for the 4th and 5th graders to pack during VBS by showing up either **Friday, May 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or on **Thursday, May 14, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Let your 4th and 5th graders know we are looking forward to them packing the next 1,000 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes during VBS!

CHURCH TO CHURCH

Next Food Distribution

Saturday, May 9

Sign up to volunteer at fbc.org/events

Our C2C ministry is not just about feeding people. There are other organizations that are already doing that. We want to feed people by starting where people live, which is the model Jesus gave us. But, we also follow His example to do several spiritually important things:

- Reach people for Christ.
- Assist churches in the county to meet the needs of the people in their communities, and to come alongside them as they reach those people for Christ. In the process of doing these two things, we pray churches will also grow and extend their abilities to touch others in Jesus' name.
- Provide opportunities for the membership of FBCP to engage the community in a tangible way as they assist to "provide a cup of cold water" in Jesus' name.

ONE MORE CHILD: MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Sunday, May 10

The annual Mother's Day Offering makes an enormous impact, giving hope and transforming the lives of foster children, hungry children, trafficked children, single moms, and struggling families. For more information, or to give online directly, go to onemorechild.org/mothersdayoffering.

DISCOVERING FIRST

Wednesday, May 20, 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.

NOW WHAT

Wednesday, May 27

Optional dinner at 5:00 p.m. and class from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for our Now What class, where we'll 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.

QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING

Wednesday, May 27 at 6:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall

AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of February 2026 Quarterly Meeting
- Organizational Report
- Finance Report
- Committee Reports

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 fbcp.org/events.

All Dates subject to change.

Contact Craig at cbonelli@fbcp.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.

KINGDOM PARTNERS

May 3: First Baptist Church of Hendersonville

106 Bluegrass Commons Blvd,
Hendersonville, TN 37075
Pastor - Dr. Bruce Chesser

May 10: West Bradenton Baptist Church

1305 43rd Street W
Bradenton, FL 34209
Pastor - Sam Rainer

May 17: First Baptist Church of Mount Dora

1000 E. 1st Ave
Mount Dora, FL 32757
Pastor - Dr. Thomas Jamieson

May 24: Ray's Chapel Baptist Church

170 W Bogia Rd
McDavid, FL 32568
Pastor - Grant Norris

May 31: Slater Baptist Church

113 Whitney Street
Slater, SC 29683
Pastor - Scott Catoe

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

MAY 3, 2026

SANCTUARY – Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nixon Daniel, Jr., by their family.

MAY 10, 2026

SANCTUARY – In loving memory of Meagan Napier, given by her family.

FOYER – In loving memory of Earl Hutto on what would have been his 100th birthday, given by his wife, Nancy Hutto and daughters Lori and Amy.

MAY 17, 2026

SANCTUARY – In loving memory of Julie Ann Nunn, given by her mother Juanita Ashley and family.

MAY 24, 2026

SANCTUARY – In loving memory of T.H. and Angie Blackmon, given by John and Talmadge and their families.

MAY 31, 2026

SANCTUARY – In loving memory of Wyatt Shows, Sr., given by his wife, Barbara, their children and grandchildren.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Stacey Balka and family in the loss of her father, Sonny Harris, on April 11, 2026.

Family and friends of Linda Griffin who passed away on April 15, 2026.

Margaret Jennings and family in the passing of Clay Jennings on April 22, 2026.

Bob White and family in the loss of his wife, Janice White, on April 22, 2026.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUMS

Memorials

Margaret Bell

Scott & Mitzi Shanks, Annie Armstrong

Sheldon Bernau

Lisa Bernau, Traditional Music Interns

Avanell Best

Joyce Doyal, Women's Ministry

David Best, Women's Ministry

Warren & Sue Tate, SHM

Linda Griffin

John & Amy Floyd, RFK

Sonny Harris

Friendship Sunday School Class, Calvary Missionary Baptist

Church of Sheridan

Barry Hudspeth

Scott & Mitzi Shanks, Annie Armstrong

Velma Lee

Mark & Sandra Eubanks, SHM

Jerry & Diane Norris

Lisa Bernau, Martha's Vineyard

Alan Scott

Boots Eckert, SHM

Florence Watson

Scott & Mitzi Shanks, Annie Armstrong

NEW MEMBERS

Denise Bradley, Statement

Diane Brooks, Letter

Michele Crystalhenge, Baptism

Michael Duke, Letter

Jack Eddington, Statement

Grace Eddington, Statement

Michael Gambill, Statement

Kylie Gambill, Baptism

Alexis Gambill, Baptism

Heather Gambill, Statement

Michael Gambill, Jr., Statement

June Claire German, Baptism

Caleb Hughes, Statement

Sam Johnson, Statement

Emily Johnson, Statement

Melissa Simmons, Statement

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, May 6
Taco night
(no kids alternate and no
alternate salad)

Wednesday, May 13
Poppyseed chicken, rice, lima
beans, corn bread, dessert.
Kids - chicken fingers
Alternate - salad

Wednesday, May 20
Pork tenderloin, mashed
potatoes, steamed veggies,
bread, dessert.
Kids - pizza
Alternate - salad

Wednesday, May 27
Lasagna, green beans, salad,
bread, dessert.
No kids alternate
Alternate - salad

OFFERING REPORT

March 29, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$269,399
Year to Date Needs.....	\$3,018,500
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$3,522,321

April 5, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$122,330
Year to Date Needs.....	\$3,134,596
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$3,644,651

April 12, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$80,979
Year to Date Needs.....	\$3,250,692
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$3,725,630

April 19, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$68,882
Year to Date Needs.....	\$3,366,788
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$3,794,512

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