



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF PENSACOLA

# The View from the Hill

July 2026



Hear. Live. Share. The Story of Jesus.

## A NOTE FROM DAVE



**Dave Snyder**  
Senior Pastor

### July has arrived!

As you are reading this, I am away on sabbatical. Thank you for allowing my family this time to rest, recharge, and spend meaningful time together. It truly is a blessing and privilege to serve as your pastor.

You are in for a treat this month as you hear from Brian Hicks, Ryan Whitley, Peter Burmeister, and Randel Everett.

Each of these men loves the Lord, loves His Word, and looks forward to preaching and spending time with you. I am grateful for each of them and their willingness to serve our church.

As you look through the month of July, you will notice there is much happening at First Baptist. I want to encourage you to stay connected and engaged. God is doing great things in our church, and it is a blessing to see lives changed each week by His amazing grace.

If you need anything while I am away, please contact the church office and speak with Elizabeth Smith. She can direct you to the appropriate staff member who can assist you.

Please know that I love you, am praying for you, and look forward to seeing you again soon. I pray you have a wonderful July. Stay cool in this Florida heat and, as my son Elias likes to say, **"Make memories!"**

Love,  
Dave

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

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**Peter Burmeister**  
*Executive Pastor*

Summer is always a special season at First Baptist Church Pensacola, and this year we are excited to welcome a number of guest speakers to our pulpit on both Wednesdays and Sundays. On Wednesday nights, Craig Bonelli, Brian Hicks, and I will be sharing. On Sundays, you will have the opportunity to hear from Brian Hicks and me, as well as two former pastors of FBCP returning to our church and two special guest speakers.

Below, you will have the opportunity to get to know each of our guests a little better and learn how you can be praying for them as they prepare to minister to our church family this summer.

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## SUNDAY, JUNE 28



**Dr. Barry Howard**  
*Interim Pastor at  
FBC Huntsville*

Dr. Barry Howard is the retired Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pensacola; serving from 2005-2017. Since retiring from FBCP, Dr. Howard has served as a leadership coach and consultant with the Center for Healthy Churches. He is currently serving as the interim pastor at the First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Alabama.

Following his retirement in Pensacola, he served as the interim pastor at the Greystone Baptist Church in Raleigh and the Myrtle Grove Baptist Church in Pensacola. From 2020-2024, he served as the transitional pastor at the Church at Wieuca in North Atlanta.

In his earlier years, Dr. Howard served as the pastor at the First Baptist Church of Williams, the Brookwood Baptist Church in Birmingham, the First Baptist Church of Corbin (KY), and the Post Oak Springs Baptist Church in Jacksonville (AL). He earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts from Jacksonville State University, a Master of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and completed additional studies at Oxford University. He has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, and Samford University. He completed Executive Leadership Coach training at the Pastoral Institute in Columbus, Georgia.

Dr. Howard has a passion for fostering healthy practices among clergy and congregations. In addition to his love for the local church, he enjoys golf, reading, and writing. His columns are also frequently posted or published by Good Faith Media, Baptist

News Global, The Christian Century, The Alabama Baptist, The Baptist Standard (TX), The Florida Baptist Witness, Church Executive, The Center for Healthy Churches, and The Lewis Center for Church Leadership.

He and his wife, Amanda, currently live on Cove Lake in northeast Alabama. You can subscribe to his blog at [www.covecreekreflections.com](http://www.covecreekreflections.com) or follow him on Twitter at @BarrysNotes.

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## SUNDAY, JULY 12



**Dr. Ryan Whitley**  
Pastor at CrossPoint  
Church

Raised in Bluff Park, Alabama, Ryan Whitley has dedicated more than 40 years to ministry, including the past 30 years as Pastor of First Baptist Center Point/CrossPoint Church in Trussville, Alabama. He earned a Master of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Beeson Divinity School.

In addition to his pastoral ministry, Ryan has invested in the next generation of church leaders through his service as an adjunct professor and, more recently, as a mentor to aspiring pastors at Beeson Divinity School. He also currently serves as First Vice President of the Alabama Baptist Convention.

Ryan and his wife, Vonda, have been married since 1986 and have two children. Their son, Taylor, and his wife, Lydia, live in Berlin, Germany, where they serve at Community Church Berlin. Their daughter, Kelsey, who is recently engaged, lives and works in the Birmingham area.

Among Ryan's greatest blessings are his grandsons, Luke and Caleb. Whether serving his congregation, mentoring future pastors, or spending time with his family, Ryan remains deeply committed to helping others grow in their faith and follow Christ faithfully.

Ryan was also Dave Snyder's pastor before moving to First Baptist Church of Pensacola.

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## SUNDAY, JULY 26



**Dr. Randel Everett**  
Senior Fellow for  
Religious Freedom at  
Dallas Baptist University

Dr. Randel Everett accepted the position of Senior Fellow for Religious Freedom at Dallas Baptist University after retiring as Founding President of 21Wilberforce.

He spent four decades as pastor of churches in Florida, Virginia, Arkansas, and Texas before founding 21Wilberforce in 2014 to focus attention on religious persecution abroad and the enduring importance of religious liberty in the United States.

Everett was the Founding President of the John Leland Center for Theological Studies in Falls Church, Virginia and his wife Sheila was the Dean of Students at Leland. He served as the Executive Director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Throughout his career, Everett has traveled to nearly 50 countries, meeting with religious and government leaders and witnessing first-hand the ravages of persecution.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas and Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. Everett also has an honorary Doctor of Divinity from the University of Richmond and Doctor of Humanities from Dallas Baptist University.

Sheila and Randel returned to Pensacola in June of 2025, after he served as pastor of FBCP from 1992-1996. Their son Jeremy and his wife Amy, live in Waco and have three sons: Lucas, Sam and Wyatt. Their daughter, Rachel, and her husband Eric, live in Orlando with their daughter Klara.

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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 2



**Dr. Stephen Rummage**  
*Executive Director-  
Treasurer of the Florida  
Baptist Convention*

Dr. Stephen Rummage is the Executive Director-Treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention. Stephen has pastored churches in Florida, Oklahoma, North Carolina, and Louisiana. He received the Ph.D. in preaching at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the M.Div. with a specialization in biblical languages from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served on the faculties of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also has authored several books and founded a daily nationwide broadcast ministry which aired from 2010 to 2024. Stephen and his wife, Michele, have one son and daughter-in-law, and a beautiful granddaughter.

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We are grateful for the opportunity to hear from these faithful servants of God and the unique perspectives they will bring as they open God's Word.

We look forward to what the Lord has in store for us in the weeks ahead.

Peter



# NO MIDWEEK *Service*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

As we celebrate Independence Day, please note that there will be no Midweek Gathering on **Wednesday, July 1**, and the church office will be closed **Friday, July 3**.  
Have a blessed and safe Fourth of July!



## WAHOOS FAMILY NIGHT

**Wednesday, July 8 dinner starts at 5:00 p.m.**

Join us for family night at the Blue Wahoos stadium as we enjoy a good meal at 5:00 p.m. in the party box and watch the Blue Wahoos play! Tickets are \$10 per person. Make sure to register early to secure your spot at [fbcp.org/events](http://fbcp.org/events).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### BIBLE STUDY

*Study of Revelation* by Margaret Feinberg, led by Amy Williamson and Sonya Bryant will begin **August 5**. Location to be determined pending the construction work progress.

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### LADIES SELF DEFENSE CLASS

**Thursday, August 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the ROC**

Cost is \$10 and space is limited. Sign up coming soon to the events page.

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### GATHER

**Sunday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall**

Ladies please join us for dinner, fellowship and a devotion led by Brooke Snyder. Dinner is \$5. Register at [fbc.org/events](http://fbc.org/events).

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### SEWING FOR JESUS

Proverbs 31:13, 20. "She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy."

"A woman named Dorcas was referred to in the Bible as a disciple. She could have given of her coins, but she chose to give of herself also. She saw the poor and needy people, widows and orphans as they wandered up and down the beach in Joppa searching for rags swept in by the waters of the sea. To these poor people, without sufficient clothing, good rags washed up on the shore must have been like gold nuggets. Dorcas became stirred with the desire to help them. With her sewing needle as her tool and her home as her workshop, she established a service that has reached to the far corners of the earth. Out of this first work of hers grew the Dorcas Sewing Societies, that became world wide. Even today her name is synonymous with acts of charity." - Edith Deen, *All the Women of the Bible*

Summer is a busy time for all of us, including the Sewing for Jesus Ministry. With new missionary opportunities, we have a lot to do to support our church missionary efforts. We are busy making little girl dresses, older girl skirts, assorted baby items, Days 4 Girls kits and medical bags. Every item fills a need expressed by our missionaries. Items we make create a tangible connection with these people groups and offer an opportunity for missionaries to share the gospel. In addition, dresses and skirts provide coverage and protection for endangered girls, Days 4 Girls kits offer hope for an education and protection from exploitation, baby items allow hope and access to alternatives for an unplanned pregnancy. Sewing for the needy has been with us since Bible times. Please join your loving sisters in Christ on **Monday, July 13, 20, and 27 on the second floor of the Mission First Building. We meet from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with lunch break and devotional at 11:30 a.m.** You are welcome to come and help to share the gospel, one garment at a time. If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact LynneMarie at [lmandjp4@icloud.com](mailto:lmandjp4@icloud.com).

## COMFORT AND JOY

Comfort and Joy creates beautiful lap quilts and prayer shawls to provide to those in need of comfort during difficult times in their lives. Comfort and Joy Quilting Ministry will meet at **9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of the month, July 6 on the second floor of the Mission First Building.** If you would like to learn to quilt or if you already know how to quilt and would like to serve in this important ministry, please come join us. If you have any questions or would like to know more about this ministry either to participate or to find out about requesting a lap blanket, please contact Kitty at [mamanole1@yahoo.com](mailto:mamanole1@yahoo.com).

### STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesday, July 1: No Midweek

Tuesday, July 7: Pool Parties (New 6th Graders are welcomed)

Wednesday, July 8: Wahoos Family Night (Ultimate Frisbee Day)

Wednesday, July 15: Battles, Birdies and Buc-ees (All Day)

Wednesday, July 22: Bob Ross Night

Wednesday, July 28: Fish-N-Grits - Beach Worship (New 6th Graders are welcomed)

### VBS SNACKS

Thank you to everyone who donated such wonderful goodies for our VBS volunteers. Everything was truly appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed!

### CHURCH TO CHURCH

The month of July is full of ways to be entertained and opportunities for fellowship...celebrating our nation's 250th birthday, attending a Wahoos game with your church family, and of course, the annual Blue Angels air show. Sandwiched in between all these events is an opportunity for service to those in need. **JULY 11 IS OUR NEXT CHURCH TO CHURCH FOOD DISTRIBUTION!** Please join us for a time of serving the food insecure in our community. Sign up to volunteer [fbcp.org/events](http://fbcp.org/events).

### UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

July 11-17: Salt Lake City

Registration is full.

July 10-19: Liberia

July 18-25: Longmont, Co.

Registration is full.

All Dates subject to change.

Contact Craig at [cbonelli@fbcp.org](mailto:cbonelli@fbcp.org) for more information.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child workdays to prep for Christmas in July:

Thursday, July 9, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Mission First

Thursday, July 16, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Mission First

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT MISSION FIRST!

On Saturday, July 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., you can beat the heat by packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for 2 to 4 year old children. Bring your family, pack shoeboxes and enjoy free hotdogs and watermelon for lunch.

A Great Big Shout Out to the 4th and 5th grade VBS students who packed a whopping 1,393 shoeboxes to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with 5 to 9 year old children!! That was Amazing!

## 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.

## KINGDOM PARTNERS

FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

### People Group

Pray for the Egyptian Arabs of Egypt

[peoplegroups.org/people\\_groups/PG011496/](http://peoplegroups.org/people_groups/PG011496/)



JULY 5:

### Military Chaplaincy

150 Hase Rd. Suite A

Pensacola, FL 32508-1051

Command Chaplain

Navy - Commander Jeremy

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[namb.net/chaplaincy/](http://namb.net/chaplaincy/)



JULY 19:

### Aliceville First Baptist Church

323 Broad Street NE

Aliceville, AL 35442

Pastor - Charlie Wilson

JULY 26:

### Grand Mesa Baptist Church

110 SE Jay Ave,

Cedaredge, CO 81413

Pastor - Dennis Scroggins

JULY 12:

### Highland Baptist Church

6240 Hwy 95A,

Molino, FL 32577

Pastor - Josh Helton

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

JULY 12, 2026

SANCTUARY – In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overman, Jr., given by their children; Lynnette and Jack, and their families.

JULY 26, 2026

SANCTUARY – In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wilson, Sr., Bob and Lou Wilson, Julian and Trudy Wilson, and Bessie Fillingim, given by the family.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Family and friends of Shelby McElliott who passed away on May 18, 2026 in Chipley, FL.

Nancy Andrews and family in the loss of her husband, Dave Andrews, on May 30, 2026.

Family and friends of former member Earle Rogers, Beth Gowing's brother-in-law and Erin Rogers' grandfather, passed away on June 17, 2026.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Amanda Conley and family in the loss of her mother, Laura Robinson, on June 25, 2026.

## MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUMS

### Memorials

#### ***Sheldon Bernau***

Lisa Bernau, Traditional Music  
Interns

#### ***Linda Griffin***

Luther & Kathy Taylor, RFK

#### ***Clayton Jennings***

Charles & Linda Bourne, SHM  
Luther & Kathy Taylor, SHM

#### ***Jerry & Diane Norris***

Lisa Bernau, Martha's Vineyard

#### ***Ray Overton***

Philip & Rebecca Reichert, SHM  
Ron & Margaret Jackson, SHM  
Daniel & Lee Peacock, SHM  
Comer & Kathy Knight, SHM  
Delores Seymour, SHM

#### ***Janice White***

Thomas Benton, Sewing for  
Jesus

Luther & Kathy Taylor, Sewing  
for Jesus

Charles & Linda Bourne, SHM

Fred & Sharon Pierdolla, SHM

Rick & Judy Leatherwood, OCC

### Honorariums

#### ***Darlene Ginnetti***

Mary Whittington, Merri  
Widows

## NEW MEMBERS

Tracy Bush, Letter

Michael Bush, Letter

Nicole Coppenger, Statement

Ben Coppenger, Statement

Michael Duvall, Baptism

Mitchell Redman, Statement

Kaylie Redman, Statement

To register for meals and events stop by the  
Welcome Desk or visit [fbcp.org/events](http://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.fbcp.org/resource-center](http://www.fbcp.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, July 15

Pasta bar with traditional  
marinara and Alfredo sauce,  
assorted toppings, salad, and  
dessert.

**No Kids**

**Alternate** - salad (order  
ahead)

### Wednesday, July 22

Fried chicken, Mac and  
cheese, collard greens, corn  
bread, dessert.

**No kids**

**Alternate** - salad (order  
ahead)

### Wednesday, July 29

Hamburgers, fries, potato  
salad, dessert.

**No kids**

**Alternate** - salad (order  
ahead)

## OFFERING REPORT

May 24, 2026

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| Weekly Needs.....          | \$116,096   |
| Weekly Receipts.....       | \$57,828    |
| Year to Date Needs.....    | \$3,947,269 |
| Year to Date Receipts..... | \$4,400,216 |

May 31, 2026

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| Weekly Needs.....          | \$116,096   |
| Weekly Receipts.....       | \$261,761   |
| Year to Date Needs.....    | \$4,063,365 |
| Year to Date Receipts..... | \$4,661,976 |

June 7, 2026

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| Weekly Needs.....          | \$116,096   |
| Weekly Receipts.....       | \$78,345    |
| Year to Date Needs.....    | \$4,179,461 |
| Year to Date Receipts..... | \$4,740,321 |

June 14, 2026

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| Weekly Needs.....          | \$116,096   |
| Weekly Receipts.....       | \$59,178    |
| Year to Date Needs.....    | \$4,295,558 |
| Year to Date Receipts..... | \$4,799,499 |

June 21, 2026

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| Weekly Needs.....          | \$116,096   |
| Weekly Receipts.....       | \$301,158   |
| Year to Date Needs.....    | \$4,411,654 |
| Year to Date Receipts..... | \$5,100,656 |

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