



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF PENSACOLA

The View from the Hill

August 2026



Hear. Live. Share. The Story of Jesus.

A NOTE FROM DAVE

Do you feel like it's already August? I've always thought that certain months have a unique feel to them. August, however, is simply hot and humid, with the added routine of a new school year for many families. I hope you enjoy the beginning of this new month and continue to treat each day as a gift from God. Before long, summer will give way to fall!



Dave Snyder
Senior Pastor

Thank you for your prayers during my sabbatical. You have been blessed over the past month by wonderful pastors faithfully proclaiming God's Word. You're in for another blessing this Sunday as Dr. Stephen Rummage, Executive Director-Treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention, will be our final guest preacher during my sabbatical. Please help us give him a warm First Baptist welcome!

August 9 will be an exciting day for our church as we celebrate our "Back to School" Sunday. Be sure to wear your school colors! I'm looking forward to being back with you and continuing our journey through the book of Acts. Until I return, I want to challenge you to testify to the gospel of the grace of God by sharing it with someone this week.

You are truly a blessing to my soul. I have missed you and look forward to continuing our journey of faith together. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the pastor of First Baptist Church.

Stay cool in this summer heat!

Love,
Dave

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

TESTIFY

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

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

HEAR. LIVE. SHARE. THE STORY OF JESUS



Brian Hicks

Associate Pastor of Discipleship

It is hard to believe that it is already August, but here it is. It has been a great summer here at First Baptist Church. We've seen God do some really amazing things during RFK, VBS, Youth Camp, and Kid's Camp. Then we also have seen several mission teams sent out to Guatemala, Colorado, Utah, and Brazil. It is such a joy to be used by God!

The arrival of August also means that we are getting ready to kick off our normal fall schedule of programming. We'll start with promotion Sunday and then as the weeks progress, we'll get back to our normal weekly Bible study schedule. We've got some great Bible studies that are being prepared for the church. Look for a schedule coming soon. There will be Bible studies on many days during the week and several on Wednesday nights. There should be something for everyone. If you've never joined a small group Bible study, there is no better time than now.

Speaking of promotion Sunday, we are so blessed to be seeing growth all over campus and especially in our younger generation. People like to call them "the future of the church", but they are here now, and we need to make sure that we are investing in them. With that growth comes the need for more folks to serve. I realize that not everyone is called to serve youth and children, but I believe that there are several in our church who have been gifted by God to do just that. We just need to get them serving! So, if you feel led to serve in the youth or children's area, please reach out and let's get you plugged in. There are many options of age groups to serve, different roles to serve in, and different serving schedules. Let's make sure that we are investing in the lives of these children and youth.

Let's work together to make the coming months incredible here at First Baptist Church!

AUGUST 5
AT 6 PM

NIGHT OF Worship

WITH JASON HOARD



NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Wednesday, August 5, at 6:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall

Jason Hoard is an experienced mandolinist and guitarist who started touring at a young age with his dad playing Bluegrass. He has toured with several Christian bands, including Josh Groban, Natalie Grant, Elevation Worship, and Crowder. We look forward to a Bluegrass Night of Worship and can't wait to see you there!

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 9

Join us as we celebrate Promotion Sunday! Children and students will move up to their new Sunday School classes as we kick off a new ministry year. Everyone is encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing their school colors as we celebrate this exciting milestone. We can't wait to see you there!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

Wednesday, August 12, at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for our Back-to-School Bash as we celebrate the start of a new school year! Enjoy water slides, snow cones, and a meal beginning at 5:00 p.m. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt and join the fun as we kick off the school year with a tropical-themed evening for the whole family!

DISCOVERING FIRST

Wednesday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m. in room E-213

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.

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Starting Wednesday, August 5 | *Study of Revelation* by Margaret Feinberg. Led by Amy Williamson and Sonya Bryant in room E-209.

Starting Wednesday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m. | *Red Letters*, study of the words of Jesus. Led by Brooke Snyder and Ali Ohler.

Starting Thursday, September 10, at 9:30 a.m. for 8 weeks | *God Won't Leave You There: Joseph's Story*. Led by Leigh Sanders.

Starting Wednesday, September 16, at 6:00 p.m. | *The Names of God*, a study on who God is and Who He Calls us to Be. Led by Amy Floyd and Kay Johnson.

Together, you'll examine names for the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and you'll discover the impact each of God's names has on your relationship with Him. Each name you encounter will inspire you to worship God for who He is and challenge you to consider how your life can be transformed in light of His character.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Starting Monday, September 14 | *Genesis*. Led by Andy Keith.

Wednesday nights | Led by Kevin Hagen.

COED BIBLE STUDY

Drive Through History: Part 2

Starting Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. | *Be Worshipful - A Study of Psalms*. Led by Kelly LeBu.

MUSIC MINISTRY

A FESTIVAL OF KEYBOARDS

Sunday, August 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Come enjoy some of the finest Traditional hymns and sacred songs from a host of our church and community players on six grand pianos, the majestic pipe organ, and our new historic harpsichord.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

THEOLOGY WITH DUDES

Tuesday, August 25, 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 - SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 25

Speaker: Frank Blake (former Chairman and CEO of Home Depot)
More information coming soon.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

LADIES SELF DEFENSE CLASS

Thursday, August 6, at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the ROC

Join us for a self-defense class for ladies aged 16 and over presented by Benjamin Hogge of Matos Jiu Jitsu. (matosbjjpensacola.com)

Cost is \$10 per person and is limited to the first 50 ladies to register. Light refreshments will be available. Register at fbcp.org/events.

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 fbcp.org/events.

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 insight, practical resources, and ways to recognize and prevent online exploitation. Light refreshments

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.

SAVE THE DATES:

Women's retreat February 19-21

More details and registration to follow soon.

Tour of Tables: Coming September 2027

SEWING FOR JESUS

Sewing for Jesus is having a great summer working on some exciting new projects in support of our missionaries. We are so excited that the container reached Liberia and that the dresses, Days 4 Girls Kits, and all the other items SFJ sewed, in support of LEM, made it there safely. In July, we were also able to provide 100 dresses to OCC, making a total year-to-date of 250 dresses. Dresses and Days 4 Girls kits are so important in the fight against childhood exploitation. We are so happy to be able to actively join in the fight against this evil. In July, SFJ was also able to provide dresses, boys shorts, and baby items to our missionaries in Guatemala. We are busily working on items for the next missionary trips to both Liberia and Guatemala. If you would like to find out more about what we do, please drop by and join us on the first, second and third Mondays of the month. We meet from **9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with lunch at 11:30 a.m.** The dates in August are Monday, August 10, 17, and 24. God opens doors to see what you will do. I hope that you will join us as we have fun and fellowship serving together. If you have any questions, please contact LynneMarie at: Imandjp4@icloud.com.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesday, August 5: Night of Worship

Sunday, August 9: Promotion Sunday

Wednesday, August 12: Invite Night: B2SB - Luau Night

Wednesday, August 19: Family Group Reboot

Wednesday, August 26: Serve Night

FOSTER CARE MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

We are looking forward to kicking off our fourth year of Ignite, our mentor/tutoring program, and Art for our kids who have experienced foster care. We would love for you to join us. Ignite meets each Tuesday with sessions at 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. We will start September 15. Art will start Wednesday, September 16, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Both meet at FBCP. If you are interested in serving with us, providing snacks or helping with our monthly family gifts please contact Amy Floyd at 850-418-1939 or japm@att.net. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to serve these children and become another caring and encouraging adult in their life!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child workdays:

Thursday, August 6, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Mission First

Thursday, August 20, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Mission First

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT MISSION FIRST!

During our first Christmas in July, our church family packed an incredible 1,538 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes while enjoying air conditioning, hot dogs, watermelon, and wonderful fellowship. Thank you to everyone who came out to share in the food and fun to help send good news and great joy to children around the world!

SAMARITAN HANDS

Read: 1 Corinthians 13

The inspiration for today's devotion is based on a true story—not from ancient history or a faraway place, but from yesterday, June 25, at Samaritan Hands.

What is love? How would you define it? How does it reveal itself? Just ask Corrie.

Yesterday, Corrie stopped by Samaritan Hands simply to say “thank you” for the help she received more than five years ago. The only thing she asked for was someone to pray with her for five minutes. Forty-five minutes later, we were still talking.

Corrie shared that she wanted to better understand what God was calling her to do with her “new life.” In her own words, Samaritan Hands showed her “what true love means.” She said that, of all the ministries she had visited, Samaritan Hands stood out as the most sincere and genuine.

I searched our records for her previous visit, but it must have been before 2022 because we had no file or database record for her. Since that time, Corrie has turned her life around by seeking God's will and faithfully following His direction. It hasn't always been easy, but today she has a steady job at a Publix store near Panama City, where she works alongside a wonderful group of fellow believers.

While visiting Pensacola yesterday, she happened to drive by our building and felt God prompting her to stop in and reconnect with us.

Corrie said that when she first came to Samaritan Hands, her life was in shambles. Yesterday, however, she came with a different purpose—to pray for us, to pray for the work we do, and to thank us for giving her something she desperately needed: **hope**. Those were her words. As she spoke, tears filled her eyes. She simply could not express enough gratitude for what God had done in her life through the love she experienced here.

That doesn't mean life is now free of difficulties. Far from it. But today she has a home instead of living on the streets. She has meaningful work with people who value and encourage her. She is searching for a church home and desires to honor God in every area of her life.

We talked about the importance of prayer, approaching God with reverence and holy awe, trusting Him to lead instead of asking Him to simply be our “co-pilot.” We also discussed praying that God would lead her to the church where He wants her to serve—and then becoming fully plugged into that church family.

Corrie also shared that her mother recently passed away, but she was able to witness the remarkable transformation in her daughter's life before she did. What a precious gift that must have been.

Before she left, I reminded Corrie that our door is always open and that we would love to hear from her again.

So, what is today's lesson?

There is no limit to what God can do when we faithfully share His love with those who need it most. Sometimes a simple act of kindness, a listening ear, or a heartfelt prayer can become the turning point in someone's life. As 1 Corinthians 13 reminds us, love never fails—and when we allow God's love to flow through us, He can accomplish far more than we could ever imagine.

- Bill Farris

CHURCH TO CHURCH

The weather forecast for our July distribution was dire, indeed. Thunderstorms were expected to begin around the time of the scheduled arrival of the first church partner. Yet, once again the rain held off until our distribution was completed! 1,300 families were blessed with canned and dry food items, meat and 8 bags of produce. A special thanks goes to Steve's Farm for its generosity in providing us with an abundance of extra sweet corn from his farm in northern Escambia county. Our next distribution will be **September 12**. Please consider becoming a part of this vital ministry.

FALL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Center for
**CLERGY CARE
& EDUCATION**

presents

Fall Health Symposium

First Baptist Church
Chipley Hall
500 N. Palafox St
Pensacola, FL 32501
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM



THE MANY FACES OF GRIEF

Understanding Loss, Healing, and Hope

Thursday, September 10, 2026

FREE ADMISSION!! Continental Breakfast & Lunch Provided

This symposium is open to the community:

Lay people, Healthcare workers, Clergy, Social workers – all are invited.

**Grief is not limited to the death
of a loved one.**

It can follow:

- Divorce
- Serious illness/Loss of health
- Retirement
- Family conflict/Lost Relationships
- Life Transitions

**Many people can grieve silently,
unaware of the emotional,
physical, and spiritual impact.**

Join us for a conversation to:

- Recognize common grief reactions
- Learn the difference between normal and complicated grief
- Learn evidence-based approaches to resilience and healing

Register: debbiecfdc@gmail.com 4 CEUs

Baptist Health Care is accredited by the Florida Medical Association and an approved CEBroker Continuing Education Provider (50-183). This activity is approved for a maximum of 4.0 CEUs for the following: LCSW, LMFT, LMHC, CMSW, RN, APRN, LPN, CNA, psychologist, limited license psychologist.

This symposium is generously funded by:

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and empowering Christians for impactful service.*

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Today**

**SEPTEMBER 15
5:30 PM
HILLCREST – SPANISH TRAIL**



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**Knowing
Your People**
Dr. Larry Lyon



**Great Commission
for Every Christian**
Zane Pratt



Purposeful Partnership
Minister's Wives Breakout
Stephanie Lyon



Say So By Serving
Siege & Diana Davis



Preaching Panel

Dr. Ted Traylor



Jim Locke



Dean Inserra



Apologetics for Every Christian

Dr. Josh Wallnofer



Dr. Walt Magaba



**Leading
Through Change**
Dr. Brian Nall



**Shepherding
Through Crisis**
Dr. John Hodges



SEPTEMBER 15



5:30 PM



HILLCREST – SPANISH TRAIL

QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, at 6:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall
AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of May 27, 2026 Quarterly meeting
- Organizational Report
- Finance Report
- 2026-2027 Budget Presentation & Discussion
- 2027 Presentation of Deacon Candidates
- 2027 Committee & Ministry Teams
- Ministry Reports

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 27, at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.
Agenda

- Affirm 2026-2027 Proposed Budget
- Affirm 2027 Committees and Ministry Teams
- Affirm 2027 Deacon Nominees

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

AUGUST 2:
First Baptist Church of Milton
6797 Caroline Street
Milton, FL 32570
Pastor - Dr. Jonathan Russell

AUGUST 9:
Baptist Collegiate Ministries
Baptist Student Center
11000 University Pkwy,
Pensacola, FL 32514
Director - Quinton Englebright

AUGUST 16:
Immanuel Baptist Church
4187 HWY 90
Pace, FL 32571
Pastor - Dr. Jeremy Holley

AUGUST 23:
Church at 7th and Grand
720 Grand Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Pastor - Josh McCarty

AUGUST 30:
Hamilton Baptist Church
32815 County Rd 112
Robertsdale, AL 36567
Pastor - Dr. Lonny Hughes

NEW MEMBERS

Tyler Blowers, Letter
Cami Filz, Baptism
Madelyn Page, Baptism

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

AUGUST 2, 2026

SANCTUARY – In loving memory of Ben A. Stevens, Jr., given by his family.

AUGUST 9, 2026

SANCTUARY – In loving memory of John and Mary Ellen Edwards, given by their children and grandchildren.

AUGUST 16, 2026

SANCTUARY – In loving memory of Frances Little, Tom Little, Jr. and David E. Little, given by their family; Patricia, and Thomas Little.

AUGUST 23, 2026

SANCTUARY – In precious memory of Ellabeth Marie Luttrell born into the arms of Jesus on August 28, 2022, affectionately given by her family.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Theresa Moore and family in the loss of her brother, Mike Mertens, on July 10, 2026 in Superior, NE.

Judy Arledge and family in the loss of Tom Arledge on July 13, 2026 in Columbia SC.

Family and friends of Jean Driskell who passed away on July 19, 2026.

Deborah Lindley and Peter Burmeister in the loss of Mary Dreading, her mother and his grandmother, respectively, on July 24, 2026 in Daphne, AL.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUMS

Memorials

Sheldon Bernau

Lisa Bernau, Traditional Music Interns

Clayton Jennings

Mike & Cheryl Samples, Reeves Scholarship Fund

Jerry & Diane Norris

Lisa Bernau, Martha's Vineyard

Ray Overton

George Garrett, SHM

Frank & Bernice Osbourne, RFK

Honorariums

Amy Floyd

Dylan Black, One More Child

James & Margaret Neyman, LEAFF

Leslie Miller

Ken Counselman Sunday School Class, Traditional Music Ministry

Tyler & Ashton Wilkins

Joe Duncan, Church Directed Mission Fund

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, August 5

Chicken quesadillas, rice
and beans, corn salad, and
dessert.

Alternate - salad (order
ahead)

Wednesday, August 12

Back-to-School Bash
Hawaiian teriyaki chicken,
fried rice, macaroni salad,
and dessert.

Alternate - salad (order
ahead)

Wednesday, August 19

Lasagna, green beans, salad,
bread, and dessert.

Alternate - salad (order
ahead)

Wednesday, August 26

Pork tenderloin, mashed
potatoes, mixed vegetables,
bread, and dessert.

Alternate - salad (order
ahead)

OFFERING REPORT

June 28, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$71,060
Year to Date Needs.....	\$4,527,750
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$5,171,716

July 5, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$65,496
Year to Date Needs.....	\$4,643,846
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$5,237,212

July 12, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$67,221
Year to Date Needs.....	\$4,759,942
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$5,304,433

July 19, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$66,032
Year to Date Needs.....	\$4,876,038
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$5,370,465

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