



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF PENSACOLA

The View from the Hill

September 2026



Hear. Live. Share. The Story of Jesus.

A NOTE FROM DAVE



Dave Snyder
Senior Pastor

Thank you for blessing my family with a sabbatical this summer. We treasured our time as a family as we explored parts of the world, learned about different cultures and church history, and made memories together. I was able to travel in the States to see family and dear friends while worshipping in different churches. I'm grateful for those who preached during my time away. I know our church was blessed to hear from different voices! It is good to be back and to start this new season with you. I love you dearly and consider it a blessing to serve as your pastor.

The hot days of summer are getting old! The Pensacola heat has worn out its welcome, and I'm ready for the weather to change from hot to at least warm! Are you ready for fall? September may bring fall, but it sure feels like summer. Stay cool in this heat and prepare your heart for a new season. Our God is doing great things at FBC Pensacola. It has been wonderful seeing our church grow together. I look forward to each week of life and ministry with you. My prayer is that God would increase your joy and strengthen your faith with each new day.

Last month, you were introduced to the **Housework** initiative on a Sunday morning. Our church campus needs work, and by God's grace and your generosity, we can get it done. The two biggest areas of renovation are the HVAC system and the preschool/children's area. The total cost for **Housework** is \$7.5 million. We have already secured \$4 million in gifts for the work. Now, we must come together and raise the additional \$3.5 million to reach the finish line. Would you join me in caring for the house that has cared for us? Please watch for more information as we go on this generosity journey together.

Please take a few minutes and see what all is happening at FBCP. Don't ever hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

I love being your pastor.

Blessings,

Dave

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AND PURPOSE OF GOD IN ACTS

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

HEAR. LIVE. SHARE. THE STORY OF JESUS



Craig Bonelli

Associate Pastor of Missions

Happy September! In many ways, this year has gone by pretty quickly. As I was writing this, I took a few minutes to look back and reflect on how God has used First Baptist Pensacola this year.

Our church sent people to North Africa, Liberia, Longmont, Utah, Guatemala, Brazil, Japan, India, and several other places I'm sure I've forgotten to mention. Since the spring, we have also hosted four or five different churches' mission teams on

our campus.

Hundreds of guests have come through our doors to work alongside our church and local partners as Jesus was made known throughout our community. One group that stayed on our campus shared the gospel more than 100 times on the streets of Pensacola.

When you stop and think about it, it's a reminder that God is using our church in ways that reach far beyond our own walls.

Fall also reminds us that Christmas is coming. And with Christmas comes Operation Christmas Child and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Beginning in mid-October, you will have more opportunities to pack shoeboxes. Boxes will be available around the church for you to take home and fill. Take some time this month to learn more about Operation Christmas Child, what goes into each box, and what happens after the boxes are distributed and the ministry that takes place all around the world as the gospel of Jesus Christ is shared.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/evangelism-discipleship-multiplication/>

Speaking of Christmas, it is also time to begin thinking about the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Over the next few months, we will begin promoting this important offering. One hundred percent of the offering goes to support missionaries serving through the International Mission Board.

And since we're talking about missions and Lottie Moon, mark your calendar for **Wednesday, October 14.**

We will have a special commissioning service for Rick and Jennifer as they prepare to head overseas in December. They are scheduled to begin training in late October before heading to Asia for a three-year assignment.

This is one of the great privileges of being a sending church: we don't just talk about missions—we get to send our own. Let's celebrate this together!

<https://www.imb.org/generosity/lottie-moon-christmas-offering/?designation=>

Before we know it, winter will be here, and we will be looking toward another year of opportunities to take the gospel around the world.

Start thinking about joining us next year as we look toward trips to places like the Middle East, Liberia, Panama, Guatemala, Colorado, Utah, and more.

It is great to witness what God is doing and has done through our

VIETNAMESE MINISTRY

PASTOR KENNY NGUYEN CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF MINISTRY ON JULY 15, 2026

As I look back on my first year of ministry at First Baptist Church of Pensacola, my heart is filled with gratitude to God. One year ago, the Lord opened the door for me to serve this wonderful church family, and what a privilege it has been. This anniversary is not simply a celebration of one year of service; it is a celebration of God's faithfulness, His grace, and His work among His people.



Kenny Khanh Nguyen
Minister of Vietnamese Congregation

We have a wonderful team of coordinators leading 6 ministries: Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, Caring, Evangelism and Prayer.

Our weekly activities:

- Sunday: 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. – Adult Sunday School
- Sunday: 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. – Worship
- Tuesday night: 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Women Bible Study on Zoom
- Wednesday night: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study in the Epistle of Hebrews at church
- Saturday morning: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. – Church Prayer Meeting at Pleitz Chapel & Zoom
 - September 15-30, 2026 – Pastor Kenny & Thuvan will lead a mission team of 18 people from Canada, Australia and USA to bring the Gospel of Christ to unbelievers at Aquilla Christian Rehab Center in Hanoi, Vietnam; University students in Seoul, Korea and Vietnamese Students and workers in Tokyo & Osaka, Japan.

My prayer for the coming years is that we will become increasingly passionate about knowing Christ, making Him known, and building His kingdom. May our church be a place where God's Word is faithfully preached, Christ is exalted, prayer is powerful, worship is genuine, discipleship is intentional, and people are transformed by the Gospel.

One year has passed, but I believe this is only the beginning of what God wants to do. I am excited about the future and grateful for the privilege of serving alongside FBC Pensacola family. Whatever lies ahead, our confidence is not in our abilities, programs, or plans. Our confidence is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you, First Baptist Church of Pensacola, for allowing me to serve with you during this past year. Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, your patience, and your love. Most of all, thank you for joining together in the greatest mission of all—to glorify God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

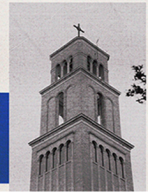
To God alone be the glory for this first year of ministry here. May He continue to guide us, strengthen us, unite us, and use us for His purposes.

Soli Deo Gloria—to God alone be the glory!

Pastor Kenny Nguyen,
Vietnamese Congregation



HOUSE WORK



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.



*And now it is time for us to care
for the House that has cared for us.*

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 fbc.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.

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Study of Revelation by Margaret Feinberg

Wednesdays at 9:30 - 11:30 AM | E-209

Ends September 9 | Led by Sonya Bryant & Amy Williamson

Footsteps of the Savior by Max Lucado

Wednesdays at 9:30 - 11:30 AM | E-209

Begins September 23 | Led by Sonya Bryant & Amy Williamson

Red Letters - A study of the words of Jesus

Wednesdays at 6 PM | E-205

Begins September 9 | Led by Brooke Snyder and Ali Ohler

The Names of God - A study on who God is and who He calls us to be

Wednesdays at 6 PM | E-310

Begins September 16 | Led by Amy Floyd and Kay Johnson

God Won't Leave You There: Joseph's Story

Thursdays at 9:30 AM | E-205

Begins September 10 | Led by Leigh Sanders

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Genesis

Mondays at 5 PM | E-208

Begins September 14 | Led by Andy Keith

2 Samuel

Wednesdays at 6 PM | E-207/209

Ongoing | Led by Kevin Hagen

CO-ED

Be Worshipful - A study of Psalms

This study is geared towards 20's and 30's, single and married.

Wednesdays at 6 PM | E-214

Ongoing | Led by Kelly LeBu

Griefshare

Wednesdays at 3:30 - 5 PM | E-213

Begins September 2 | Led by Lisa Bernau, Shirley Moates, and Don Emert

Drive Thru History: Part 2

Wednesdays at 6 PM | E-213

Begins September 9 | Led by Scott & Sandra Coleman

FALL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, September 10, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall

The Center for Clergy Care and Education presents Fall Health Symposium: The Many Faces of Grief—Understanding Loss, Healing, and Hope.

This is a free event for anyone experiencing grief through death, divorce, serious illness/loss of health, retirement, family conflict/lost relationships, or life transition. To reserve your spot, email debbiecfdc@gmail.com.

BEACH BAPTISM

Sunday, September 13, 4:00 p.m. at Park West

Come join us for a special time of celebration through baptism. Bring a lawn chair and gather with us for an inspiring, joyful moment in the lives of those taking this important step of faith. If you would like more information, or wish to be included, contact the pastor's administrative assistant, Elizabeth Smith, at 850-433-5631, or register at fbcp.org/events.

LEISURE TIMERS

Tuesday, September 15, 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.

EQUIP CONFERENCE

Tuesday, September 15, at 5:30 p.m. at Hillcrest on Spanish Trail

Join the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association for the Equip Conference! This evening will provide practical training and encouragement for church leaders through a variety of breakout sessions designed to help you grow and serve more effectively in ministry. Register for this conference at pbbassociation.org/equip-conference.

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

DISCOVERING FIRST

Wednesday, September 30, 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.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

THEOLOGY WITH DUDES

Tuesday, September 22, 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

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

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

Have you ever felt the tug on your heart to do mission work but were unable to physically go to the mission field? There are many ways to go "on mission" even though you are unable to leave Pensacola. Sewing for Jesus provides a wonderful opportunity to help spread the gospel by sharing God's love through items that are desperately needed. Items made by SFJ enable missionaries to provide tangible support to the people groups they serve. Whether it is baby items sent to missionary-run pregnancy centers in foreign countries; dresses, baby items and boys shorts sent to our Guatemala missionaries; reusable feminine hygiene kits, dresses, skirts, boys shorts, and bags sent to Liberia; medical missionary bags that go to foreign countries with the Baptist Nursing Fellowship, or little girl dresses distributed through OCC. These items lovingly sewn and prayed over by the ladies of Sewing for Jesus, provide opportunities for missionaries to share the gospel with people we may never meet this side of heaven. Please join us on the second, third, and fourth Mondays of the month at Mission First. **We meet from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and break for lunch and prayer at 11:30 a.m.** Our September meeting dates are: **Monday, September 14, 21 and 28.** We also welcome ladies who are interested in sewing at home to support this important ministry. Donations of fabric material, thread, and other sewing items or monetary donations are welcomed. Come help us be the hands of Christ as we sew items and send them to those who are the feet of Christ. If you have any questions, or want to know more about the ministry, please contact LynneMarie Prock at Imandjp4@icloud.com or 279-786-1710.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesday, September 2: Invite Night

Wednesday, September 9 and 16: Family Groups

Sunday, September 13: Beach Baptism and BBQ

Wednesday, September 23: Night of Worship at Olive Baptist Church

Wednesday, September 30: Family Groups

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

September is a great time to buy school supplies and other summer sales items for your personal Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Buying items on sale allows you to pack a fun and fully filled shoebox far less expensively than buying everything in November. Also, join us at Mission First on either of the following two dates to assist with the church's shoeboxes:

Tuesday, September 8, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (prepping items)

Saturday, September 19, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (packing shoeboxes & prepping items)

Children 5 and over are welcome with parents, and teenagers can earn volunteer hours.

This is a great way to meet people who do not attend your preferred service or Bible study class.

CHURCH TO CHURCH

DID YOU KNOW?

In Escambia County. . .

About 1 in 7 people lack reliable access to safe, affordable food.

One in four local children live in food-insecure homes, heavily relying on school-provided breakfast and lunch programs.

Many of our high poverty neighborhoods feature high poverty rates without a nearby supermarket.

Recently our C2C Food Ministry leader, Barton Starr, wrote that our ministry is "A physical ministry with eternal consequences." The results of this ministry will only be fully felt in eternity.

Our next distribution is **Saturday, September 12, at Mission First**. Please consider participating in this ministry with eternal consequences.

C.A. WEIS ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

A big thank you to everyone who shopped, purchased, and prayed over the school supplies for C.A. Weis Elementary School. We were overwhelmed by the response and are so grateful for the generosity shown. Every item was needed and will make a difference for the students at C.A. Weis.

The teachers and staff tremendously appreciate the love and support shown to their students. Our partnership with C.A. Weis Elementary School has truly been a blessing, not only to them, but also to our FBCP family. We are grateful for the opportunity to come alongside this school and shine a light for Jesus every day as these students use the supplies so graciously given.

Thank you for helping make this possible. God is so good!

SHOE AND SOCK PROJECT

The dates are set for our C.A. Weis Shoe and Sock Project: **November 3 and 4!** This very special project takes place on the campus of C.A. Weis. We will set up the shoe store on the morning of November 3 and then spend November 4 giving out shoes and socks to the students.

We are praying that you will be able to be a part of this special project. A donation of \$35 will provide shoes and socks for one student, and this year we will be serving approximately 500 students. More details will be coming soon! If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Jennifer Daniel, 850-572-0856, or Gatormom79@aol.com.

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.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Backpack Buddies is beginning its 18th school year serving children in our community! Through this program, FBCP provides food bags filled with kid-friendly food and snacks to disadvantaged elementary school students and their siblings, helping ensure they have enough to eat over the weekend.

We are blessed to serve two schools in Escambia County: C.A. Weis Elementary and A.K. Suter Elementary. A \$60 donation provides one child with a food bag every weekend for the first semester. Your gift helps provide food for children in our community who might otherwise go without over the weekend.

Checks should be made payable to FBCP with "Backpack Buddies" on the memo line. You can also give electronically; just be sure to designate your gift to Backpack Buddies. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Daniel 850-572-0856 or Gatormom79@aol.com.

KINGDOM PARTNERS

SEPTEMBER 6:
First Baptist Church of Troy
200 West College St.
Troy, AL 36081
Pastor - Dr. Ross Lankford

SEPTEMBER 13:
Century Correctional Institution
400 Tedder Rd
Century, Florida 32535
Steven Dean - Senior Chaplain

SEPTEMBER 20:
Aliceville First Baptist Church
323 Broad St. NW
Aliceville, AL 35442
Pastor - Charlie Wilson

SEPTEMBER 27:
Highland Baptist Church
6240 County Hwy 95A,
Molino, FL 32577
Pastor - Josh Helton

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Family and friends of Michael McCracken, former member and FBCP Pianist, passed away on August 12, 2026.

Tommy and Linda Ellis' son, Adam Ellis, passed away on August 22, 2026 in Tallahassee, FL.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of my wonderful husband Jim, given by Mary Holmes.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

SANCTUARY – In loving memory of Dr. Earl Crisp, Ret. Cdr., given by his wife, Dr. Patty Crisp and the Sardelli Family.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

SANCTUARY – Flowers in the Sanctuary built to glorify God in loving memory of J.B. and Adelaide Ward, given by Jean Cobb Askew and her son, Brandon Cobb.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUMS

Memorials

Dave Andrews

Friendship Sunday School
Class, Music Ministry

Sheldon Bernau

Lisa Bernau, Traditional Music
Interns

Frank & Bernice Osborne,
Martha's Vineyard

Mary Jo Dreading

Dorothy Morris, Housework

Mr. & Mrs. John Edwards

Kahl & Pat Edwards, Backpack
Buddies

Clayton Jennings

Frank & Bernice Osborne, SHM

Jerry & Diane Norris

Lisa Bernau, Martha's Vineyard

Ray Overton

Frank & Bernice Osborne, RFK

Laura Robinson

Friendship Sunday School
Class, SHM

Stormie Simons

Friendship Sunday School
Class, SHM

Tommy Smallwood

Mary Buff, Backpack Buddies

Honorariums

Ed & Jennifer Daniel

Lisa Bernau, Backpack Buddies

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, September 2

Taco night

Alternate - salad (order
ahead)

Wednesday, September 9

Poppyseed chicken, wild
rice, lima beans, cornbread,
dessert.

Kids - hamburger sliders

Alternate - salad (order
ahead)

Wednesday, September 16

Roast beef, mashed potatoes,
green beans, bread, dessert.

Alternate - salad (order
ahead)

Wednesday, September 23

Sesame chicken, rice,
steamed broccoli, rolls,
dessert.

Kids - grilled cheese.

Alternate - salad (order
ahead)

OFFERING REPORT

July 26, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$312,881
Year to Date Needs.....	\$4,992,134
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$5,683,346

August 2, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$75,669
Year to Date Needs.....	\$5,108,231
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$5,759,015

August 9, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$103,215
Year to Date Needs.....	\$5,224,327
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$5,862,229

August 16, 2026

Weekly Needs.....	\$116,096
Weekly Receipts.....	\$58,880
Year to Date Needs.....	\$5,340,423
Year to Date Receipts.....	\$5,921,109

NEW MEMBERS

Jacobs Braedan, Statement
Charles Cotton, Baptism
Micah Defield, Statement
Steven Harari, Statement
Sara Oaks, Baptism

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