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NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Wednesday, August 5
6PM 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!

WEIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Join us in supporting students at C.A. Weis Elementary through our Backpack Buddies ministry! Backpacks will be available at the tables behind the Welcome Desk and in the Kids Area. Take a backpack home, fill it with the requested school supplies, and return it to the church **August 5-9**. (Please wait to return backpacks during the designated collection week due to limited storage.)

KIDS MINISTRY NEEDS YOU THIS FALL

As we prepare for an exciting fall semester, we are looking for more volunteers to help invest in the next generation. Whether you can serve weekly or just once a quarter, there's a place for you!

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Serving on a quarterly nursery schedule
- Assisting with hallway security
- Helping in a Kids Sunday School class
- Assisting during Kids Worship

If you're interested in serving or would like more information, email Sarah Givens at sarah.givens1@gmail.com. We'd love to help you find the role that's right for you!

KINGDOM PARTNER

Sunday, July 26

Grand Mesa Baptist Church
110 SE Jay Ave,
Cedaredge, CO 81413
Pastor - Dennis Scroggins

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Sunday, July 26

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.

JULY 26, 2026

SUMMER

AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA



We glorify the Father by following the Holy Spirit in sharing the story of Jesus.

"Tilling the Soil" Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we remember the unprecedented religious freedom we have as a nation, and the obligation we have to share this freedom globally.

1. Parable of the Sower

- a. Sower—Son of Man
- b. Seed—Word of the Kingdom
- c. Enemy—The evil one, Satan, the devil

2. Challenge of the Wilderness

- a. Seed sown beside the road—lack of understanding (government restrictions)
- b. Seed sown in rocky places—affliction or persecution (social hostilities)
- c. Seed sown among the thorns—worry of the world and deceitfulness of wealth (secularism)
- d. Seed sown in good soil—yields an abundant harvest (religious freedom)

3. Strategy of Religious Freedom

- a. Recommitment to the Great Commandments (Matthew 22:37-39) and Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)
- b. Activation of a global network of effective intercessors
- c. Standing with the persecuted
- d. Persistence in evangelism (keep sowing the seed)

4. Impact of the Gospel

How is the feeding of the 5,000 relevant to our responsible to till the soil?



SUNDAY SPEAKER - 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.