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## FALL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, September 10  
8:30AM - 1PM 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](mailto:debbiecfdc@gmail.com).

## CHURCH TO CHURCH FOOD MINISTRY

Saturday, September 12  
6:30 - 10:30AM

We are looking for 50 volunteers. Register at [fbcp.org/events](http://fbcp.org/events) see a list of serving opportunities and to secure your spot!

## LEISURE TIMERS

Tuesday, September 15  
10:15 AM 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. Register at [fbcp.org/events](http://fbcp.org/events) or call the church office at 850-433-5631.

## QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING

Wednesday, September 16  
6PM 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

## FIRST STUDENT WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20  
4PM in the ROC

Is your student interested in singing, playing in the band, running tech, or learning how to lead worship? Join us for the First Students Worship Interest Meeting. We'll share our vision for blending contemporary and traditional worship, under Estevao Gouveia's leadership, through both band and choir, provide training for students, and talk about an upcoming worship trip. No experience is required—just come learn more!

## KINGDOM PARTNER

Sunday, September 6

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

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Sunday, September 6

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

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

# TESTIFY

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



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

## "A Church is Born"

Acts 16:11-40

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. **Acts 20:24, ESV**

1. He uses \_\_\_\_\_ from every walk of life to advance His Gospel.
  - a. vv. 11-15
  - b. As we testify together, we must avoid forcing a decision or emotionally manipulating. Instead, we must share the Gospel and trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to awaken hearts.
  - c. The Gospel is proclaimed from the outside, but the Holy Spirit does His work on the inside.
  - d. Galatians 3:28
  - e. Lydia had tons of wealth and, upon hearing the Gospel, leveraged it for \_\_\_\_\_ purposes.
2. He is \_\_\_\_\_ than the opposition.
  - a. vv. 16-24
  - b. Darkness \_\_\_\_\_ the light.
  - c. Mark 5:1-20
  - d. When the Gospel changes people, it can threaten the things people \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. John 3:20
3. His Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ everything.
  - a. vv. 25-34
  - b. Aim to be an effective witness of Christ in your \_\_\_\_\_ moments.
  - c. What must I do to be saved?

- d. Acts 16:31
- e. Has the Gospel changed you?

4. His Church must \_\_\_\_\_ faithfully in the world.
  - a. vv. 35-40
  - b. Paul wanted the church's health and witness to remain strong.
  - c. The church remains faithful in this world by doing what is right, standing for what is right, and living in such a way that a \_\_\_\_\_ world sees the Gospel as trustworthy.
  - d. "Christians need to take a stand for what is right and not let evil go unchallenged." – Billy Graham
  - e. If a wrong is done, we must not be soft and remain passive. We must declare and live by truth.
  - f. From the time it was established, the church at Philippi was healthy, strong, and generous.

### NOW WHAT?!

Has the Gospel changed you?



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](https://fbcp.org/events).