



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF PENSACOLA

# The View from the Hill

April 2024



Hear. Live. Share. The Story of Jesus.

## A NOTE FROM DAVE

April has arrived! I love this month each year. Of course, the weather is unpredictable, but the colors of spring slowly invade our city. I love how our God is glorified in His creation. In the busyness of life, I want to slow down and enjoy the beauty of Pensacola. We are blessed to live here! I hope you can catch your breath today, rest and enjoy the care of the Almighty. Go for a walk or look outside your window. See the beauty of spring and praise Him for His handiwork.

I enjoyed our time together as a church last month. Holy Week was a blessing as we gathered with great intentionality to worship our Risen Savior. Let's keep the energy going as we approach every week as a church. Remember, the tomb is still empty. The power of the resurrection is why we gather yearlong. Who do you need to invite this week to be your guest at our church? Who needs your listening ear or prayers? Who needs a reminder of God's love by your words and actions? Take what God did last month and let it motivate you to live on mission this month.

I want to invite you to join us for our annual church picnic. We will gather Sunday, April 14 at Bayview Park. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship for our church. It's always good for us to gather off campus and as my son Elias says, "Make memories."

Enjoy this new month. Please don't ever hesitate to let me know how I can pray for you or better serve you.

Thank you for letting me be your pastor.

Dave



**Dave Snyder**  
Senior Pastor

## CURRENT SERIES

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# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

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**Brian Hicks**

*Associate Pastor of Discipleship*

## Spring is in the Air!

As you may have noticed, the signs of Spring are all around us. The flowers are blooming, little league baseball and softball have started, and of course the pollen is everywhere!! That also means it's the Easter season here at FBCP. This is one of my personal favorite times of the

year. Sure, Christmas is great, but celebrating our risen Jesus is really in a league of its own. The flowering of the cross, the music in both services seemed to be a little more majestic, and Dave's sermon was great – Jesus Won! I love Easter!

Spring also means it is time for the church picnic. Growing up at FBCP, I have fond memories of the church picnic at Bayview Park. It was always an exciting time of food, fun, and most importantly, great fellowship. I had only been on staff for a short time when the picnic rolled around last year. If I'm honest, I wasn't sure what to expect, but I could sense the excitement during our staff meetings about what it could be. Well, it blew away any thought of what I thought it might be. It was a great day! We had great activities for the kids and youth, there was great food, and we had a great opportunity to truly fellowship with one another. So often, when we gather on Sundays and Wednesdays, we seem to have to limit our fellowship time because we have some time constraints with Bible study, worship services, and lunch. Yet, at the picnic, we get to glorify God through our fellowship. It is an important part of church life, one that is sometimes overlooked. Let me encourage you not to overlook the church picnic this year. It will be a great event, but it will be even better with you there! So join us at Bayview Park on **April 14th at 4:00 p.m.** for some great food, good fun, and Godly fellowship!

## CHURCH PICNIC



Sunday, April 14 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
2000 E Lloyd St, Pensacola, FL 32503

Dinner provided, please bring a dessert to share.

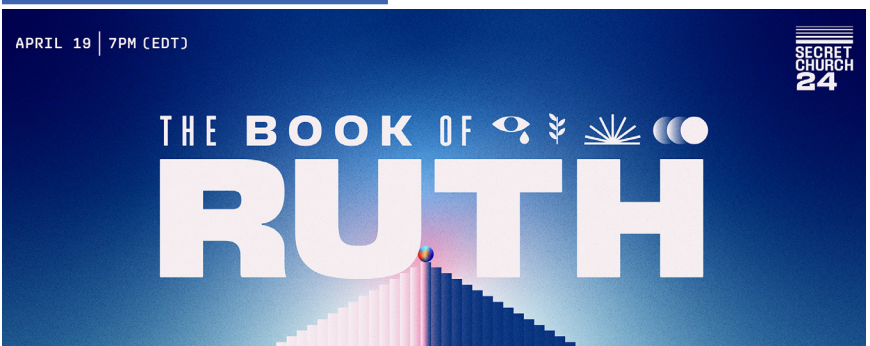
## DISCOVER FIRST



Sunday, April 7, at 9:30 a.m.

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 "Discover First" where we will talk about our church history, what we believe, and what you can expect from being a part of our local body. Register online at [fbc.org/events](http://fbc.org/events) or at the Welcome Desk.

## SECRET CHURCH



Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall

Ruth has all the elements of a love story. Tragedy. Loss. Despair. Hope. Triumph. Loyalty. Romance. But it's more than just a love story. It's an epic story within a story. It's a story not just about Ruth, but about all of us and a world that's in need of redemption. And in the end, we'll see how our story is a part of this story. The first 50 registrants receive a free Scripture journal! Sign up at [fbc.org/events](http://fbc.org/events).

## BAPTISM



We will be baptizing on **Sunday, April 21** in both services. If you are interested in talking with someone about baptism, connect with our staff at Next Steps or email [info@fbc.org](mailto:info@fbc.org).

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



There will be an interest meeting for VBS on **Sunday, April 28** for anyone interested in serving during VBS week or before. Follow the QR code to reserve your spot for the meeting.

## MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING



During the month of May, we will take up a Mother's Day Offering toward One More Child. The annual Mother's Day Offering makes an enormous impact allowing One More Child to serve more foster children, hungry children, trafficked children, single moms, and struggling families.

You can help us respond to the deepest desires of those in our care: to be seen, cared for, and loved unconditionally. Your partnership allows us to say "Yes, we see you" to one more!

## HERITAGE CLUB LUNCHEON

**Sunday, May 5 at 12:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall**

First Baptist Church will celebrate the long-term investment of those who have been members of this church for **50 years** or more! These individuals will be recognized during both worship services on May 5.

As a member of the Heritage Club, a luncheon will be held in your honor in Chipley Hall following the mid-morning worship service. During the luncheon we will recognize the **new Heritage Club members** who joined First Baptist in **1974**:

*Dave Andrews, Roger Clubbs, Nikki Dotter, Bill Farris, Larry & Marie Hicks, David Holman, Sara Lowery, Linda Newton, Nell Pace, Lynn Perdue, David Shell.*

If your current membership at First Baptist is prior to 1974 and you have never been invited, please contact Elizabeth Smith at 433-5631 for more information.

## UPCOMING MISSIONS/MINISTRY TRIPS

**Salt Lake City, UT (Church Plant Support)**

June 9-16, 2024

**Denver, CO (Church Plant Support)**

June 28-July 5, 2024

Contact Brian Hicks if interested at [bhicks@fbc.org](mailto:bhicks@fbc.org)

**Trip to Egypt**

Fall of 2024

**Liberia**

2024

Contact Mark Dahn if interested at [Gmarkdahn@gmail.com](mailto:Gmarkdahn@gmail.com)

**Medical Missions**

Are you interested in medical missions? We have ways to get you involved in 2024/25. Please reach out to Craig if you have a desire to serve on medical teams.

**Local Needs**

We have plenty of opportunities to serve in our community and with ministries on our campus. If you would like information on how and where to serve – let us know. We can connect you with Maxwell Center, local churches with specific needs, our own ministries like Samaritan Hands, LEAFF/RFK and foster tutoring, Weis programs, Church to Church, and more. We will even have needs operating our new ministry center.

For more information – Contact Craig Bonelli at [cbonelli@fbc.org](mailto:cbonelli@fbc.org)



## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

College Scholarship Applications are ready! Go to [fbcp.org/student-ministry](http://fbcp.org/student-ministry) to download the application. Deadline for submissions is **Sunday, April 21.**

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**Wednesday, April 3 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the ROC**

Passover Sedar Meal with Chris Katulka  
(for youth and college only)

**Sunday, April 7 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

High School Varsity at Long Hollow creatives on Guillemard behind the ROC. Supper provided.

**Sunday, April 14 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

Church picnic at Bayview Park

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Pink books (Directory of the women of FBCP) are now available at the Welcome Center in the Atrium. Brooke Snyder gave a wonderful devotion at the March GATHER about using this tool to build your Christian community and to encourage and pray for your sisters in Christ.



**Saturday, April 6 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Chipley Hall**

Join us to connect with other women as we serve together, followed by lunch and a time of fellowship and sharing all that God is doing through the service opportunities from the day. Sign up through [fbcp.org/event](http://fbcp.org/event) or stop by the Welcome Desk. We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact Teresa Howerton at 850-501-6061 or [howerton1956@gmail.com](mailto:howerton1956@gmail.com) for information.

Food, Fellowship, and Fun for Women

# GATHER

Sunday, May 5 at 6PM in Chipley Hall

## Cost: \$5

Join us by connecting with other women, enjoying a meal together, and learning from Brooke Snyder, who will lead us in a devotion. Register for dinner and childcare by Thursday, May 2 online or at the Welcome Desk.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY DATES TO SAVE

### Women's Conference in Destin - April 26-28

(Go to [favoredwomen.com](http://favoredwomen.com) for more information.)

### Tour of Tables - September 24

Enjoy an evening with the ladies of FBCP and the community to view beautifully decorated tables and hear an inspiring message from author Sherri Burgess. If you are interested in decorating a table, please contact Mary Kaye Bell at 850-324-1955 or [Marykbell@me.com](mailto:Marykbell@me.com). If you are interested in volunteering for this incredible event, please contact Lori Kizziah at [lorikizziah@gmail.com](mailto:lorikizziah@gmail.com).

## SEWING FOR JESUS

We are so very grateful to FBCP and the Mission First Committee for their support in providing a permanent home for our FBCP's sewing ministry and their financial support in obtaining necessary equipment items. As we move into the Mission First Building we are excited to have the ability to provide additional opportunities to serve God through this great ministry. There are several opportunities we will be considering to fully utilize this wonderful facility. Please let LynneMarie Prock know if you have any suggestions or requests for additional meeting days and times. In the meantime, we will continue to meet the second and fourth Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meeting dates this month are **April 8 and April 22**. Additional times may be made available. You don't need to attend for the entire time. Whatever time you can contribute is appreciated. Sewing skills are not a requirement. There are a lot of things to do for those who sew and those who do not.

If you have a machine please bring your sewing machine and/ or serger since there are a limited number of sewing machines and sergers available to use. We break for lunch at 11:30 a.m. for prayer, devotional and fellowship. There are items that are already cut out, can be picked up to sew at home and return upon completion. Donations of cotton material, thread, sewing notions, gift cards to Hobby Lobby, Walmart or Joann's or monetary donations are deeply appreciated. Please come by and check us out. Should you have any questions or suggestions, please contact LynneMarie Prock at [lynnemarie54@gmail.com](mailto:lynnemarie54@gmail.com).



## MEN'S MINISTRY

### THEOLOGY WITH DUDES

Tuesday, April 30 from 6:45 - 8:00 a.m. in room S-220

Theology With Dudes is a time for men to gather for Bible study and fellowship with Pastor Dave. You can sign up at [fbc.org/events](http://fbc.org/events) or stop by the Welcome Desk. We can't wait to see you there!

## CHURCH TO CHURCH FOOD MINISTRY

We held our first Church to Church food distribution in the Mission First Ministry Center on March 9. It was an exciting event to provide canned goods, dry goods and fresh produce to 1300 food insecure families. Our next distribution will be **Saturday, May 11**. We will schedule packing days prior to the distribution. Please consider being a part of this vital ministry. If you can pick up a bag of rice or a can of peaches and place them in a box, you have met the prerequisite requirements for a volunteer with this ministry!

## NORTHWEST FLORIDA SINGLES



Saturday, May 4 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
9 Beach Dr, Gulf Breeze Florida

Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share. Non alcoholic beverages will be provided.

Contact Kay Johnson for more information and to register  
[kplus86@att.net](mailto:kplus86@att.net).

## GRIEFSHARE

Wednesdays, now through May 1, at 3:00 p.m. room E-213

If you have lost a loved one, we invite you to join us for GriefShare. Facilitators Amy Farrell and Shirley Moates gently walk participants through the curriculum designed to provide comfort and support as you navigate grief. Each week is a stand-alone session, but participation in the full program is recommended. Learn more at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Michelle Boyd and family in the loss of her grandfather, Joseph Napier, on February 26, 2024 in Seminary, MS.

Chandra Hodges and family in the loss of her father, Richard Benfield, on March 1, 2024.

Carol Malone and family in the loss of her husband, Ron Malone, on March 3, 2024.

Brett Proctor and family in the loss of his mother, Sharon Lynn Proctor, on March 7, 2024 in Bella Vista, AR.

Family and Friends in the loss of Dennis and Marty Tackett on March 15, 2024.

Reta George and family in the loss of her husband, Preston George, on March 20, 2024.

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

### **APRIL 7, 2024**

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of Carol Hudspeth, given by her husband, Barry and family.

### **APRIL 14, 2024**

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of Charles Wendell Hawk, given by his family; Gaye, Charles, Scott and Ashley.

### **APRIL 21, 2024**

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of Richard "Dick" Bell - a son, brother, uncle, choir member, and friend - given by his family.

### **APRIL 28, 2024**

SANCTUARY - Flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of Henry G. and Katherine Gray, given by their daughter and son-in-law Kay and Marty Sasse.

## KINGDOM PARTNERS

### **April 7 | Camp Creek Baptist Church**

1761 Camp Creek Rd  
Cornelia, GA 30531  
Pastor - James Lyons

### **April 21 | Ray's Chapel Baptist Church**

170 W Bogia Rd  
McDavid, FL 32568  
Pastor - Grant Norris

### **April 14 | First Baptist Church Blackshear**

670 Main St.  
Blackshear, GA 31516  
Pastor - Justin Gambrell

### **April 28 | Liberty Baptist Church**

2206 Bridge Creek Rd  
Tiger, GA 30576  
Pastor - Scott Cates

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

### Memorials

**Richard Benfield**

Jerry Norris, Martha's Vineyard

**Sheldon Bernau**

Jerry Norris, Martha's Vineyard

Lisa Bernau, Martha's Vineyard

**Margarette Berrisford**

Dean Rector, SHM

**Mr. & Mrs. E. D. Craycraft**

Rebecca Shands & Family,

Budget

**Ron Malone**

Beth Parker, SHM

**J. P. Minchew**

Chig & Jill Findley, Mission First

**Diane Norris**

Jerry Norris, Martha's Vineyard

Lisa Bernau, Martha's Vineyard

**Andy Parker Powers**

Curtis Walker, Martha's

Vineyard

**Sharon Lynn Proctor**

Lasher SS Class, Mission First

**Dennis & Marty Tackett**

Beth Parker, Martha's Vineyard

Luther & Kathy Taylor, Annie

Armstrong

Terrie Didier, Martha's

Vineyard

Gene & Sara Langston,

Martha's Vineyard

Jerry Norris, Martha's Vineyard

**Ellen Vickery**

Al & Mary Lee Stubblefield,

Missions First

### Honorariums

**Tammy Kirkland**

Curtis Walker, Martha's

Vineyard

**Doug & Disa Lee**

Andy & Carolyn Keith, Music

Ministry

**Bill Morrison**

Margaret Bell, Mission First

**Jean Rasmussen**

Margaret Bell, Mission First

**Beverly Warren**

Margaret Bell, Mission First

## NEW MEMBERS

Emily Lewallyn, Letter

Bryan Lewallyn, Letter

Edward Malone, Letter

Khai Thi Nguyen, Baptism

Randa Olesky, Letter

Tony Olesky, Letter



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.fbc.org/family-dinner](http://www.fbc.org/family-dinner) 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, April 3

Chicken alfredo, california mixed vegetables, garlic bread, pound cake and peaches

**Children:** Corn Dog

**Alternate:** Chef Salad

### Wednesday, April 10

Meatloaf with gravy, green peas, creamed potatoes, biscuit, cookie

**Children:** Hamburger

**Alternate:** Chef Salad

### Wednesday, April 17

Pork loin with honey-mustard sauce, macaroni and cheese, baked sweet potato, roll, buttermilk pie

**Children:** Chicken Tenders

**Alternate:** Chef Salad

### Wednesday, April 24

Chicken pot pie, mini salad, Coca-Cola cake

**Children:** Hot Pockets

**Alternate:** Chef Salad

## OFFERING REPORT

### February 25, 2024

Weekly Needs.....	\$101,421
Weekly Receipts .....	\$233,132
Year to Date Needs.....	\$2,231,265
Year to Date Receipts .....	\$2,610,597

### March 3, 2024

Weekly Needs.....	\$101,421
Weekly Receipts .....	\$55,414
Year to Date Needs.....	\$2,332,686
Year to Date Receipts .....	\$2,666,011

### March 10, 2024

Weekly Needs.....	\$101,421
Weekly Receipts .....	\$85,255
Year to Date Needs.....	\$2,434,108
Year to Date Receipts .....	\$2,751,266

### March 17, 2024

Weekly Needs.....	\$101,421
Weekly Receipts .....	\$65,172
Year to Date Needs.....	\$2,535,529
Year to Date Receipts .....	\$2,816,438

### March 24, 2024

Weekly Needs.....	\$101,421
Weekly Receipts .....	\$63,280
Year to Date Needs.....	\$2,535,529
Year to Date Receipts .....	\$2,879,718

## MISSION FIRST UPDATE

Mission First Goal .....	\$7,500,000
Mission First Gifts .....	\$6,385,127

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