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First Baptist Church of Pensacola

Dr. Pastor David Snyder

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Dear Brother David,

On March 25th we picked up 47 boxes of food with all the fruit and vegetables to go with each box. Our pickup time was 7:45 am. Your team servers loaded our three vehicles manually, graciously, and enthusiastically that all three of our cars were going over the Warrington bridge in front of the Oar House by 7:57 am. I could not believe it. Your team servers are all amazing to the Glory of God.

As I write this letter, I must be careful not to be prideful in anyway but, I must say, "somebody pinch me because I think I am dreaming." FBC of Pensacola has partnered with us in so many ways, that we can never repay you or thank you enough.

Brother Bonelli activated lawn care service just in time for Easter. The church grounds never looked so good. The team from the Baptist College Ministry came and painted the front exterior of the church, including exterior doors, and several interior rooms on the west end of our facility. To our shock you all graciously supplied the paint through Brother Quoc Vuong. Thank you. Your missions pastor also lined up a team of students to come in June. They are going to prayer walk our community, pass out flyers pertaining to VBS and other church programs. Brother Bonelli arranged for them to also bring their VBS decorations and they are willing to decorate our church for VBS. Praise the Lord! Jason Dillard is going to direct our VBS from July 5 through the 8th. Now you can see why I think I am dreaming.

"Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He will give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4)." As we in one accord serve the Lord together, I believe with all my heart the Lord honors our efforts with bearing fruit. June 9th Debbie and I will have been at BH four years. In less than two years with the partnership of FBC of Pensacola, C2CFP, and Samaritan Hands we can visibly see that **dreams do come true.**

"A Church With The World In It's Heart"

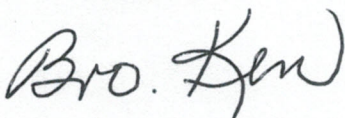
As we turned the month of April, we had 22 in worship on Palm Sunday. For the first time in my tenor at BH God blessed us with 35 in worship on Easter Sunday. The next two Sundays after that we had worship attendance in the 30's. The most amazing thing about this is that over 1/3 of those in attendance are homeless. Last Sunday on Mother's Day a young man came in late to sit next to his mother. Every Sunday we have prayed for this young man who has a drug addiction. He had not been in the church for the last six months since I had baptized him. As he sat next to his mother, I asked Debbie to go in my office and get the envelope on my desk that had this young man's name on it. She walked back into the sanctuary, and I excused myself from the pulpit in the middle of my sermon and gave the man the envelope. He opened it to find his baptismal certificate and a picture of me baptizing him. The Spirit of the Lord hit him, and as I walked back to the pulpit, I prayed for him and pleaded the blood of Jesus over him as he wept through the service. *I cannot explain it but, the Spirit of the Lord is moving in the church and in the community.* The mother (in her 60's) and son (in his 30's) are both homeless.

We had 28 in the service on Mother's Day. A man after the service donated over five bags of groceries. In less than 20 minutes most of it was gone to those who truly had needs. The 47 boxes we had last picked up from C2CFP was rationed out to 55 individuals and families. As Debbie and I were locking up the church and headed to the car we noticed a woman standing outside the church. She looked quite battered, overheated, blood stains on the back of her dress, and large infected wounds on her arm. Homeless, helpless, and in need of medical attention, she requested prayer. Debbie immediately went into our clothing closet to get this woman some clean clothes, undergarments, shoes, and toiletries. I went into our food pantry and pulled what we had left in groceries. Together we prayed over her and encouraged her to seek medical attention. We also gave her information on the Health and Hope clinic.

We are Southern Baptist with a heart for lost souls. My heart aches when I see these poor sheep wandering around aimlessly in life without a shepherd. We can do more! Please continue to pray for the lost as we continue to partner with each other. Our baptistry waters need to flow again and people must be saved! We together are planting the seed, Apollos watered it, **but God gave the increase.**

Please thank all the wonderful members of your church who support us in prayer and ministry. As I said earlier, we can never repay or thank the church enough for all that you all have done. Thank you.

In Christ's Love,



Pastor Ken W. Loubriel