The View from the Hill

May 2024



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A NOTE FROM DAVE

April showers bring May flowers. Have you heard that statement in your life? Of course, it is often concluded with the joke, "Mayflowers bring pilgrims." I love the month of May. Just yesterday, I took a few moments and admired the beauty of one of our Magnolia trees. The flowers blooming reveal God's glorious creation. As we are close to the middle of Spring, take time to

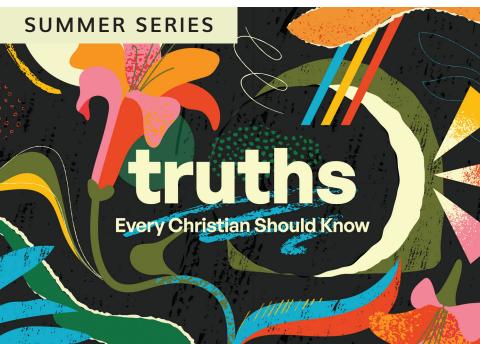


enjoy the canvas of our God's glorious handiwork. Next time you are at the church, enjoy the trees and flowers.

May is our month of heritage. God's grace gave birth to our church on May 2, 1847. On the first Sunday of this month, we will honor those in, "The Heritage Club." These are folks that joined our church in 1974 or before. It is a tremendous honor and privilege to pastor such amazing and committed believers! Please join me in praising God for our history and how God has used many men and women for the growth and strength of our church body.

Please take a few minutes and read this month's newsletter. We have much happening in the life of our church. As always, do not hesitate to reach out for questions or prayer.

I love being your pastor, Dave





Kim Birthright
Director of Preschool

As the days grow longer and the warmth of the sun becomes more inviting, we're thrilled to announce this year's VBS theme: Breaker Rock Beach! Join us for five days of fun, faith, and unforgettable memories as we dive into the ultimate beachside experience. Get ready to pack your bags and hit the beach for Vacation Bible School is coming

June 17-21, and it's going to be an adventure of a lifetime. Gather with friends old and new for high energy worship sessions, dive into the depths of God's Word with engaging Bible lessons, let you creativity soar as you participate in beach-themed crafts and activities and team up with your fellow beachcombers for friendly competitions and games that will have you laughing, cheering, and working together to claim victory.

Whether you're a seasoned beachgoer or dipping your toes in the sand for the first time, Breaker Rock Beach VBS promises an unforgettable adventure that will deepen your faith and create lasting friendships.

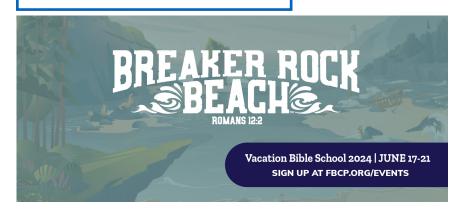
I have been a part of VBS for around 10 years at FBCP at some capacity. I have witnessed the growth of children and the growth of their faith. The children will hear seven months of the GOSPEL in one Week. It can be a busy and crazy week, but totally WORTH IT!

As we gear up for an exciting summer adventure at Breaker Rock Beach VBS, we're in need of enthusiastic volunteers to help make this event a splashing success! Whether you have a heart for teaching, a knack for crafting, a passion for music, or simply a willingness to lend a helping hand, there's a place for you at VBS.

So, grab your sunscreen, dust off your flip-flops, and get ready to rock at Breaker Rock Beach VBS! Register your child VPK-6th grade or volunteer at fbcp.org/events.

Blessings, Kim Birthright

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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!

DISCOVER FIRST



Wednesday, May 29 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in room E213 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 class 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 fbcp.org/events.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Spring Concert - Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m.Join us for our Spring Concert featuring members from our Traditional Music Ministry

SINGERS...Summer is a great time to visit a Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Perhaps this would be a good ministry to consider giving of your time and talents.

INSTRUMENTALISTS...Do you play an orchestral instrument...strings, brass, woodwinds, percussion? Contact <u>scameron@fbcp.org</u> to see if the FBCP Orchestra might be a possibility for you. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, May 5 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Big Red Bus will be parked behind the ROC. Appointments are encouraged. Please visit <u>oneblood.org/donate-now</u> and use sponsor code 16579.

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.

QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING

Wednesday May 8, 2024 6:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall

AGENDA

- * Approve Minutes of February 2024 Quarterly Meeting
- * Organizational Report
- * Finance Report
- * Committee Reports

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



GATHER

Sunday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m.

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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

We are inviting the women of FBC and your friends to join us to learn more about 12 Women of the Bible in a Thursday morning summer Bible Study. Because each week we will get-to-know a different woman of the Bible in a deeper way, you won't feel behind in the study if you are unable to attend every week. Plan to join us as often as you can and bring a friend.

Date: Every Thursday beginning Thursday, May 9

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Study: 12 Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women

Today

Room: S220

Leaders: Becca Boles, Dana Hoewt

RSVP: Text Dana Hoewt at (850) 501-2210 or email at

Hoewt4@att.net. Hope to see you there!

*Childcare available upon request with notice.

MERRIWIDOWS

Tuesday, May 21 at 11:30 a.m. Duh for Garden & Home, 501 N. 9th Ave, Pensacola.

Our guest speaker will be Sheryl Morris who is a horticulturist and will provide us with some very interesting information on gardening. Our lunch will be from Jo's As Always and will be Jo's famous chicken salad, poppy seed bread and choice of beverage sweet tea, lemonade or water. Cost of lunch is \$25.00 which includes lunch, beverage and gratuity. Please contact Darlene Ginnetti either by email (darleneginnetti@gmail.com) or text (609-442-9777) if you are attending and for prepayment of lunch. Looking forward to seeing you ladies and just a reminder this will be our last gathering until September.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY DATE TO SAVE

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 <u>Marykbell@me.com</u>. If you are interested in volunteering for this incredible event, please contact Lori Kizziah at lorikizziah@gmail.com.

SEWING FOR JESUS

We are very excited to be in our new Sewing for Jesus Room in the Mission First Building. Thank you to the Mission First Committee and FBCP for all that you did to provide such a beautiful facility in which to serve. Our meetings in May will be May 13 and May 27, understanding that the 27 is Memorial Day. We will meet in the new Sewing for Jesus Room from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch, devotions and prayer begins at 11:30 a.m. In the coming months we will be adding additional days to include Basic Sewing and Basic Quilting. If you cannot come to our meetings and you are interested in sewing items at home, please let any of the SFJ ladies know and we can arrange to get the items to you. We have precut items that we would love to have sewn and then returned to SFJ so that they can be included in the items being made for OCC. If you have any questions about Sewing for Jesus, please contact LynneMarie Prock at lynnemarie54@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



PICKLEBALL NIGHT

Our Young Adults (ages 25-45) are having their first pickleball event happening **Friday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m.** in the ROC. Rackets and balls are provided, or bring your favorite racket! Married or single, join us for a great evening together. See you there!

MEN'S MINISTRY



MEN'S SUMMIT

Sunday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Join the men of FBCP for a time of food, fellowship, and a message from our guest speaker from the International Mission Board, Kelly Zbinden. Sign up online at fbcp.org/events.

THEOLOGY WITH DUDES

Tuesday, May 28 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 fbcp.org/events or stop by the Welcome Desk. We can't wait to see you there!

STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesday, May 1

Summer Camp Registration Deadline

Sunday, May5

HS Varsity at Long Hollow Creatives from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15

Senior Wednesday

Sunday, May 19

Senior Sunday, Senior Breakfast & Senior Recognition Service

Wednesday, May 29

Midweek: Beach Worship

SBC ANNUAL MEETING

First Baptist Church Pensacola is eligible to have 10 messengers attend the Annual Southern Baptist Convention, June 11-12, 2024 held at the Indiana Convention Center, 100 S Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN.

If you desire to be a messenger, please call the church office.

Requests made to attend the Convention as a Messenger will be approved during the May 19, 2024 Leadership Team meeting.

CHURCH TO CHURCH FOOD MINISTRY

Our next C2C Food distribution will be **Saturday, May 11 at our FBCP Mission First Ministry Center.** We are so grateful for our amazing warehouse space. Almost weekly we are taking delivery of pallets of food for our upcoming distributions. Our youth packed boxes Wednesday, April 24. The week before their packing, volunteers drove trucks to pick up pallets of food from a vendor, other volunteers inventoried our food, and others spent two days packing boxes.

Please consider serving the food insecure of our city May 11. Sign up at <u>fbcp.org/events</u>.

PICKLEBALL

Join us for Pickleball every Tuesday night in the ROC from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

WORKDAYS

Thursday, May 2 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 17 from 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SINGLES



SINGLE DE MAYO

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 *kplus*86@att.net.

SINGLES NIGHT AT THE WAHOO'S

Saturday, July 27 Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Game at 6:05 p.m. Cost is \$30.00

Includes buffet, game and Wahoo's ball cap. Sign up by Monday, July 1 at <u>fbcp.org/events</u>.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Family and friends of Jerry Hobbs who passed away on March 26, 2024.

Shelby McElligott and family in the loss of her husband, John McElligott, on March 28, 2024 in Chipley, FL.

Family and friends of Betsye Haddock who passed away on April 24, 2024.

Janet Strange and family in the loss of her mother, Marie Joiner, on April 29 in Milton, FL. Mrs. Joiner is also the grandmother to Ali Ohler and Nicole Kelley.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

MAY 5, 2024

SANCTUARY - Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nixon Daniel, Jr., by their family.

MAY 12, 2024

SANCTUARY – In loving memory of Meagan Napier, given by her family.

MAY 19, 2024

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of Julie Ann Nunn, given by her mother Juanita Ashley and family.

MAY 26, 2024

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of T.H. and Angie Blackmon, given by John and Talmadge and their families.

FOYER – In loving memory of Wyatt Shows, Sr., given by his wife, Barbara, their children and grandchildren.

KINGDOM PARTNERS

May 5 | Jasper's First Baptist Church

1604 4th Ave.

Jasper, AL 35502

Pastor - Andy Frazier

May 12 | First City Church

1301 E. Gadsden Street Pensacola, FL 32501

Pastor - Taran Howell

May 19 | Southwide Baptist Church

1307 Coy Burgess Loop DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433 Pastor - Jeremy Lewis

May 26 | First Baptist Church Gulf Breeze

555 Fairpoint Dr.

Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

Pastor - John Vickers

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Memorials

Richard Benfield

James & Jill Satterwhite, OCC

Sheldon Bernau

Jerry Norris, Martha's Vineyard Lisa Bernau, Martha's Vineyard

Preston George

Mike & Cheryle Samples, SHM David & Sophie Ranney, SHM Cathy Hammond, OCC James & Jill Satterwhite, OCC Rick & Judy Leatherwood, OCC

Josephine Jones

Lisa Bernau, Mission First

Wayne Knight

Curtis Walker, Martha's Vineyard

Diane Norris

Jerry Norris, Martha's Vineyard Lisa Bernau, Martha's Vineyard

Andy Parker Powers

Curtis Walker, Martha's Vineyard

Dennis & Marty Tackett

Mike & Cheryle Samples, Martha's Vineyard Bill & Barbara Farris, SHM Louise Toomey, Martha's Vineyard Barton & Rebekah Starr,

Martha's Vineyard
James & Jill Satterwhite, OCC
Rick & Judy Leatherwood, OCC
Friendship Sunday School Class,
Martha's Vineyard & SHM
Lisa Bernau, Martha's Vineyard

Honorariums

Bill Waters

Curtis Walker, SHM

Bill Howell's 80th Birthday

Rodney Howell, Reeves

Memorial Fund

Jerry Norris

Curtis Walker, Martha's Vineyard

Bobby & Phyllis Cooley

Curtis Walker, Martha's Vineyard

Scott & Mitzi Shanks

Curtis Walker, Martha's Vineyard

Lisa Bernau

Curtis Walker, Martha's Vineyard

Ann Ahern & Sue Smith

Martha's Vineyard, Martha's Vineyard

James Callaway's Birthday

Bill & Marcia Howell, Music Interns

Judi Taylor

Margaret Bell, Music Ministry

Quoc Vuong

Margaret Bell, Mission First

Ian Cameron

Jerry Norris, Music Interns

Eric Walters

Margaret Bell, Mission First

NEW MEMBERS

James Conner, Statement Sarah Hoxworth, Statement Austyn Hoxworth, Statement Forrest Hoxworth, Statement Derek Hoxworth, Statement Andrea Porter, Statement Gail Stewart, Letter Maggie Balka, Baptism Thi Khanh Tho Tran, Baptism Hunter Fausz, Baptism Khai Le, Baptism Tommy Nguyen, Baptism Khai Thi Nguyen, Baptism Jamiya McQueen, Baptism

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.fbcp.org/family-dinner

or call the Welcome Center Desk (850)433-5631

TICKET PRICES

Adult Meals: \$5 I Child Meals: \$3 Family Max*: \$20 *Family Max = 8 immediate family members

DINNER MENU

Wednesday, May 1

Peppered beef tips, peas and carrots, creamed potatoes, biscuit, assorted desserts Children: Chili dog with cheese Alternate: Mini chef salad

Wednesday, May 8

Pineapple glazed ham, carrot souffle, roasted potatoes, roll, yellow cake

Children: Hamburger Alternate: Mini chef salad

Wednesday, May 15

Curry chicken, buttered yellow rice, garden salad, roll, Are You Kidding Me cake

Children: Chicken tenders Alternate: Mini chef salad

Wednesday, May 22

Lasagna with garlic bread, garden salad, pecan pie bread pudding

Wednesday, May 29

Salad plate, chicken salad, broccoli salad, pasta salad, Mounds candy bar brownies

Children: Hot Pockets

OFFERING REPORT

March 31, 2024

Weekly Needs	\$101,421
Weekly Receipts	\$242,641
Year to Date Needs	\$2,738,792
Year to Date Receipts	\$3,122,359

April 7, 2024

Weekly Needs	\$101,421
Weekly Receipts	
Year to Date Needs	
Year to Date Receipts	\$3,219,194

April 14, 2024

Weekly Needs	\$101,421
Weekly Receipts	\$72,214
Year to Date Needs	\$2,941,213
Year to Date Receipts	\$3,291,408

April 21, 2024

Weekly Needs	\$101,421
Weekly Receipts	\$98,823
Year to Date Needs	\$3,042,635
Year to Date Receipts.	\$3,390,231

MISSION FIRST UPDATE

Mission Fir	st Goal	\$7,500,000
Mission Fir	st Gifts	\$6,493,283

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA