



The Clarion

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*Our mission is to **E**ncourage, **E**quip and **E**ngage our network of churches to share the love of Christ with our communities.*

Affirming the Positive

It is great to be back at the desk connecting with you and collaborating to encourage, equip, and engage our network of churches to share the love of Christ with our communities. I feel better than I did a month ago and am grateful for your supportive prayers. I am also grateful to our Leadership Team and others who filled the gaps during my absence.

I want to make sure your church doesn't miss out on a huge opportunity to understand your community. Josh Dyer will be with us on April 29th to provide demographic consultations to any of our churches at The Mission Center. You need to contact Lynn to secure an appointment ASAP so Josh can be prepared for you. I would encourage bringing people with you (Staff, key lay leaders, etc). Appointments are filling up so give us a call.

As I close, I want to encourage you to undergird your Easter plans, and those of other churches, with prayer. For many of our churches, this is their best attended Sunday. But I want to encourage you to focus on the words, "He has risen!" Jesus faced what seemed like an undefeated opponent, death, and overcame it. People need to know of this hope more than anything else in the world. I pray you will be good stewards of that treasure.

*In Christ,
Troy*

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West Region VBS Training

April 12, 2025 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Hiland Park BC in Panama City



<https://flbaptist.org/.../2025-vbs-regional-training.../>

VOLUNTEER IN MISSIONS

The Baptist Center – Needs:

An individual or a group (Sunday School Class, fellowship group, etc.), to prepare a sack lunch for the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, eight months out of the year for the youth.

A sack lunch is also needed for the First Friday Ladies, all year, at 9 a.m.

A piano player continues to be needed for the Worship Service at the Baptist Center on Sundays at 2 p.m.

A piano player is also needed for the First Friday Ladies' Bible Class at 9 a.m.

For more information on any of the above needs, please call: 850-763-8892.

Please also pray that God will provide for these needs as well as for HIM to give wisdom to the Trustees, Directors and all who serve at the Baptist Center, that they will know how to best serve the people and bring glory to God in the Millville area.

Report from Send Relief, the Compassion Ministry of both the North American Mission Board and the International Mission Board, as of March 17, 2025, on the relief provided for those impacted by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina and Tennessee. Send Relief has provided significant financial support to both the North Carolina Baptist Convention and the Tennessee Baptist Convention as we partner to rebuild homes and lives devastated by Hurricane Helene.

In North Carolina, Baptists on Mission, with the help of thousands of volunteers, have successfully completed 125 homes and are on track to finish 1,000 by the end of 2025. This progress has allowed 125 families in Western North Carolina to begin their recovery from Hurricane Helene.

In Tennessee, Tennessee Baptists, in partnership with volunteers and like-minded organizations, have achieved the following results so far:

Completed 20 new homes

Repaired and remodeled 50 homes

Built 25 homeowner bridges, providing families access to their homes and properties

Please continue to pray for those impacted by Hurricane Helene, as well as all the other recent natural disasters that have impacted so many people across our nation and those who are ministering to them.

Florida Baptist Disaster Relief Region 1 Training – May 31 at St. Andrew Baptist Church. For more information, please go to <https://flbaptist.org/disasterrelief/>

In HIS Service,
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“Adventures in Marriage”: An Excellent Outreach Opportunity

I frequently talk to pastors in our community who say things like, “We are struggling to draw new people to our church” or “I need to reach younger families.”

If that’s you, let me ask you, “Have you considered marriage ministry?”

Offering just 1 class at your church for both couples in your church AND couples outside of your church can be an incredibly effective outreach to the community. I’ve seen it time and time again. Couples come to the church looking for help to strengthen their marriage, and they end up making friends with other couples there who in turn invite them to church. Or, they just love the people and the atmosphere at the church so much that they return for worship.

When couples meet other couples in your church, whether couples of their age and stage of life, or maybe couples a few years older who have years of marriage wisdom learned through experience, opportunities abound. Opportunities to invite those new couples to church service or small groups. Opportunities to invite them to an upcoming event at the church. Even opportunities for hospitality.

And when you as the church meet a real, felt need in their lives, those couples might just want to hear more about Jesus.

Many of you may think, “but we have mostly older couples in our church.” That may be true, but SO many younger couples might just want to learn some marriage lessons from those older couples. We all need a Timothy and a Paul in our life, right?

Bonus: if you really want to start an ongoing marriage ministry in your church, which I’d recommend by the way (since ALL couples need to regularly invest in their marriage), guess who might just be ready to help you start it? Those new couples and their new friends at your church. When it comes to serving in the church, have you heard the expression, “People stay in the way they came in?”

Contact me TODAY about my wife Leanne and I coming to your church to lead the phenomenal “Adventures in Marriage” program. But, please hurry because we can only offer this great class FREE OF CHARGE until the end of summer.

Let’s get together and create a great way for you to reach more people!

**Logan Kelly/Live the Life NW Florida
Strengthening Marriages & Families
850-832-3291**



Ministers Conference Schedule
11:00 a.m. (CT)

04/07— The Role of Truth

04/14— The Role of Justice

04/21— No Ministers Conference

04/28— The Role of Service

05/5 – 05/12— The Role of Christlikeness

Disaster Relief/ Shower Unit Schedule

DR Breakfast: 3rd Saturday of every month 8:00 am (CT)

April 19th

Golden Corral - 105 E 23rd Street - Panama City

Upcoming Shower Trailer Usage

May 29th - June 7th FBC Panama City

June 7th - 14th FBC Altha

July 4th - 13th FBC Panama City

Save The Date - April 29, 2025

Customized Church Demographics Appointments

Contact the Office to schedule a 1 hour Consultation for your church with Josh Dryer , NAMB Demographics Specialist.

We have a few spots still available.

Reservations are needed for your time slot; not just for the numbers but in order to serve the particular needs of individuals/churches.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 ('83) Mike (Robin) Stroud, Pastor - FBC Wewahitchka
- 07 ('17) Danny (Janet) Smith, Financial Secretary - FBC Port St. Joe
- 30 ('75) Craig (Karen) Conner, Pastor - FBC Panama City



STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 ('13) Barry Fish, Music Minister - Gulf Beach
- 12 ('07) Steve Taylor, Pastor - Emerald Coast Fellowship
- 14 ('93) Ross Davis, Pastor - FBC White City
- 17 ('00) Jennifer Strickland, Ministry Assistant - St Andrew Baptist
- 19 ('21) Julia Brooks, Ministry Assistant - St Andrew Baptist
- 20 ('04) Caren Endres, Secretary - FBC Port St Joe



BIRTHDAYS

- 07 Cory Pitts, Senior Pastor - St Andrew Baptist
- 25 Doug Moore, Youth Pastor - Emerald Coast Fellowship



April 2025

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Family of God



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice	2 10:30 am PPG 11am FOG Prayer Meeting 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service	3	4	5
6 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship	7 11:00 Ministers Conference	8 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice	9 10:30 am PPG 11am FOG Prayer Meeting 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship	14 11:00 Ministers Conference	15 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice	16 10:30 am PPG 11am FOG Prayer Meeting 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service	17	18 Good Friday	19 8am DR Breakfast Golden Corral
20 Easter 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship	21 11:00 Ministers Conference	22 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice	23 10:30 am PPG 11am FOG Prayer Meeting 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service	24	25	26
27 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship	28 11:00 Ministers Conference	29 9AM Demographics Conf. 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice	30 10:30 am PPG 11am FOG Prayer Meeting 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service			

May 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11:30 Leadership Team	2	3
4 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship	5 11:00 Ministers Conference	6 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice	7 10:30 am PPG 11am FOG Prayer Meeting 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service	8 11am FOG Prayer Meeting 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service	9	10
11 Mother's Day 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship	12 11:00 Ministers Conference	13 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice	14 10:30 am PPG 11am FOG Prayer Meeting 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service	15 11am FOG Prayer Meeting 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service	16	17 8am DR Breakfast Golden Corral
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25 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship	26 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	27 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice	28 10:30 am PPG 11am FOG Prayer Meeting 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service	29 11am FOG Prayer Meeting 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service	30	31 FOG Women's Conference

June 2025

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Northwest Coast Baptist Association

Contributions by Donor

March 2025

	Total
5 Bridges Church	100.00
Bayou George FBC-C	672.00
Beach Baptist Chapel-C	425.20
Callaway FBC-C	513.84
Carlisle Baptist Church-C	823.32
Cedar Grove Baptist Church-C	495.42
Cornerstone Baptist Church-C	383.76
Dalkeith Baptist Church1	80.00
Deerpoint Lake FBC-C	213.14
Eastpoint FBC-C	176.00
Emerald Coast Fellowship-C	400.00
Family of God Baptist Church-C	1,319.00
Highland View Baptist Church-C	250.50
Hiland Park Baptist Church-C	750.00
Holy Hill Baptist Church-C	250.00
Immanuel Baptist Church-C	707.16
Long Avenue Baptist Church-C	800.00
Lynn Haven FBC-C	1,443.63
New Bethel Missionary Baptist	200.00
New Midway Baptist Church-C	626.00
PC FBC-C	416.67
Port St Joe FBC-C	779.28
Southport FBC-C	100.00
Springfield Baptist Church-C	277.85
St. Andrew Baptist Church-C	1,094.42
Sunnyside FBC-C	303.67
Temple Baptist Church-C	271.52
The Church at East Bay, Inc	606.15
The Church at the Beach-C	800.00
West Bay Baptist Church-C	586.84
Wewahitchka FBC-C	198.67
Wewahitchka Westside Baptist Church	278.00
White City FBC-C	29.64
TOTAL	\$ 16,371.68