



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.*

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Affirming the Positive

As you read this your Leadership Team is preparing to review an assessment that Brian Nall from the Florida Baptist Convention has been working with us on. So far this process has resulted in a Great Commission Framework that takes our Encourage, Equip, and Engage initiatives and gives them greater depth and clearer application. If this works out for us, it is hoped that this new framework will:

- 1) empower us to build teams around each E and expand our volunteer workforce
- 2) clarify what we do and what we don't do, and
- 3) develop micro-structures to connect better with areas of rising opportunity. E.g. Eastern time zone, language missions, technology, etc...

What we need from you currently is prayer. We will make time to explain this in person as the concepts become better developed. Just wanted you to know.

*In Christ,
Troy*

VOLUNTEER IN MISSIONS

Send Relief Report for 2025 - Send Relief serves as the global compassion ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and is a collaboration between the International Mission Board (IMB) and the North American Mission Board (NAMB). It serves in and through the local church to meet physical and spiritual needs in the name of Jesus.

Send Relief has 14 Ministry Centers scattered across the USA and two in Puerto Rico. The nearest one to us is in Valdosta, GA. Internationally, Send Relief has centers serving Europe, the Middle East, Northern Africa, Central and South Asia, the Asian Rim and Sub-Saharan Africa.

In 2025 - 2,505,924 People Were Served, 816,327 Gospel Conversations Were Recorded, and 1,464 New Areas Were Opened for Gospel Work. As those whose lives were changed impact their families and communities, only the LORD knows the total impact on those who were served as well as those who served.

For more information on Send Relief resources and mission opportunities, you may go to <https://www.sendrelief.org/get-involved/>

The 2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins June 1 – Thank the Lord, no hurricanes hit the USA last year and we pray that will continue through this season. While NOAA is predicting a below-normal 2026 Atlantic hurricane season, we all know that it only takes one landfall, especially in a heavily populated area, to cause major damage.

Churches as well as individuals need to be prepared not only to protect themselves, but to also prepare to serve their community, should it be affected by a disaster. Send relief offers an online course on “How to Be a Disaster-Ready Church.” To access this course, you may go to <https://www.sendrelief.org/resources/#ebooks> then scroll down to “How to Be a Disaster- Ready Church” and click on “Learn More.”

If you're interested in serving with Florida Baptist Disaster Relief you may go to <https://flbaptist.org/ministries/disaster-relief/> to train online, since the in-person training events for this year have been completed.

The 2026 DR Golf Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 7 AM – 12 Noon. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Hole Sponsors and Teams are needed. Businesses, Churches, SS Classes or Individuals are all welcome to Sponsor a Hole. A sign with the name of the sponsor and logo, if there is a logo, will be placed on a hole for all the golfers to see. Golfers and Hole Sponsors may register by going to <https://golf4dr.com/> and pay online with a credit or debit card, Pay Pal, etc. Or, checks may be made out to Northwest Coast Baptist Association, (NWCBA) with Golf Tournament in the memo line, along with a letter stating what the check is for, and mail it to the NWCBA, 1202 Virginia Ave, Lynn Haven, FL 32444. Hole Sponsorship is a charitable donation and receipts for tax purposes will be sent the first part of next year.

In HIS Service,
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BENEFITING FL BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF

GOLF

TOURNAMENT 2026



Tournament Payouts & Contests

-  1st Place
-  2nd Place
-  3rd Place
-  Closest to the Pin
-  Longest Drive
-  50/50 Raffle

100% of net proceeds support Disaster Relief efforts in Florida.



Register now. Space is limited.

www.Golf4DR.com

THURSDAY
JULY 23

PANAMA COUNTRY CLUB

100 COUNTRY CLUB DR
LYNN HAVEN, FL 32444

Check-in: 7:00 am
Starts: 8:00 am

Entry Fee: \$500
per 4-Person Team



Churches are often the first place couples turn when their marriage begins to struggle—but many of you feel stretched thin when it comes to providing ongoing support. That’s why I’m excited to share a unique opportunity available to local churches for a very limited time.

Our organization, Live the Life, is now able to offer *Navigating US*, a 12-hour evidence-based marriage program, completely **free of charge** to churches and couples in our community. Normally offered at \$199 per couple, this program is designed to help couples strengthen communication, resolve conflict in healthier ways, deepen connection, and move forward with renewed purpose in their relationship.

The format is flexible and works especially well for small and mid-sized churches. Your church can host the class independently or partner with neighboring churches to create a larger community event. Many churches choose to make the experience even more accessible by offering childcare or a simple meal during sessions—creating an inviting environment where couples can invest in their marriage without additional stress.

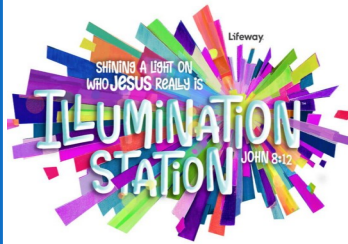
Whether couples are thriving and simply want to grow stronger, or are feeling disconnected and in need of encouragement, *Navigating US* meets them where they are with practical tools and meaningful conversations.

Healthy marriages strengthen families, and strong families strengthen churches and communities. We would love to partner with your church to make this opportunity available to the couples you serve.

If your church is interested in hosting or learning more, please contact me soon, as **this no-cost opportunity is only available through early fall.**

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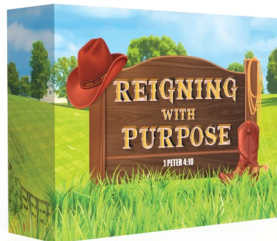
VBS for the Summer of 2026



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| Highland View Baptist* | May 31- June 3 | 6:00 - 8:30 ET |
| *Kickoff will be Sat. 30th at 11:00 ET - Waterslide, food, fun! | | |
| Church at the Beach | June 1 - 5 | 8:30 - 12:30 CT |
| Southport Fellowship | June 7 - 10 | 6:00 - 8:30 CT |
| St. Andrews FBC | June 7 - 11 | 6:00 - 8:30 CT |
| Panama City FBC | June 8 - 12 | 9:00 - 12:00 CT |
| Carlisle Baptist | June 14 - 18 | 5:30 - 8:00 CT |
| Oak Grove Missionary Bapt. | June 15 - 18 | 6:00 - 8:30 CT |
| Hiland Park | June 15 - 19 | 8:30 - 12:00 CT |
| The Church at East Bay | June 22 - 26 | 5:30 - 8:30 CT |
| Emerald Coast Fellowship | June 22 - 25 | 5:30 - 8:00 CT |
| Lynn Haven FBC | July 5 - 9 | 5:30 - 8:30 CT |
| Callaway FBC | July 13 - 17 | 5:30 - 8:00 CT |



FBC Wewahitchka
June 15 - 19
9:00 - 12:00 CT



New Bethel
Missionary Baptist
July 7 - 9
6:00 - 8:00 CT



City Church at
Northside
July 13 - 17
9:00 - 12:00 CT

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| BELT OF TRUTH | BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS | SHOES OF PEACE | SHIELD OF FAITH |
| VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 8TH - 10TH 9AM - 12PM | | | |
|  | CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH 213 CAROLYN AVENUE PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL. 32407 | |  |
| HELMET OF SALVATION | PRE-REGISTER: DOLORES NASH: 620-278-6171 ANGI AKIN: 470-390-4596 | | SWORD OF THE SPIRIT |



Immanuel Baptist Church
July 18
9:00 - 2:00 CT

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

No meeting until September 14th.

Disaster Relief

Our June DR Breakfast will be Saturday, June 20th at 8:00 am
and July DR Breakfast will be Saturday, July 18th at 8:00 am.

Golden Corral - 105 E 23rd Street - Panama City

Shower Unit Schedule

* June 6—13 West Pittman Bapt * July 6—10 Hiland Park*

Mission: Dignity

Mission: Dignity[®] honors age 65 + Southern Baptist ministers, workers and widows struggling to meet basic needs through advocacy and financial assistance.

They serve almost 2,600 individuals each year with needed financial assistance to help pay for housing, food and medical costs. Because of this help, these servants of the Lord continue to live with dignity, independence and, often, the ability to continue serving.

If you would like additional information, please contact them at 877-888-9409 or online at <https://www.guidestone.org/Mission-Dignity>

2026 Mission Dignity Sunday is June 28th.



Crossover is an annual evangelistic emphasis that takes place in the city where the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting is held. Many churches in the host city plan an evangelistic outreach the week before the meeting, and many will plan evangelistic events the Saturday before the annual meeting starts and will recognize a Harvest Day the next day.

Participate

Florida Baptists have 3 Ways to Participate:

- Pray
- Host
- Serve

The geographic area for host churches includes congregations in the [Greater Orlando Baptist Association](#), [Ridge Baptist Association](#), [Lake County Baptist Association](#), [Brevard Baptist Association](#) and [East Central Baptist Network](#). Churches within these associations are encouraged to participate as host. Those outside of this area are encouraged to serve and pray.

Ministries will include sports camps, block parties, family fun festivals, VBS, kids club, backyard Bible clubs, etc.

Goals for Florida Baptists

During the 2025 Florida Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Dr. Stephen Rummage, executive director-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention, announced a bold goal for Crossover 2026:

- 1,000 participating churches
- 10,000 Gospel engagements
- 1,000 decisions for Christ

“At Crossover, all kinds of people, from all kinds of churches will come together to proclaim one Gospel to every person we can reach in Greater Orlando,” expressed Rummage.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 ('60) Charles (Linda) Key, Interim Pastor - Cedar Grove
- 20 ('01) Josh (Emily) Fidler, Pastor – Carlisle Baptist
- 21 ('08) Derek (Bethany) Boggs, Tech Minister – St Andrew Baptist
- 23 ('90) Jessie (Ronny) Dasher, Pastor - FBC Callaway
- 26 ('71) Keith (Janie) Gann, Pastor - Sand Hills BC
- 28 ('78) Rita(Mickey) Chambers, Ministry Assistant - The Church At The Beach



STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

- (‘07) Troy Varnum, AMS - NWCBA
- (‘95) Rochelle Killam, Ministry Assistant - Hiland Park
- 10 (‘24) Lynn Phillips, Ministry Assistant - NWCBA
- 16 (‘96) Mike Stroud, Pastor - FBC Wewa
- 29 (‘98) Jennie London - Association VIM Coordinator

thank you!

BIRTHDAYS

- 06 Malissa Fariss, Ministry Assistant – St Andrew Baptist
- 08 Parnell Smith, Pastor - New Bethel Missionary
- 13 Craig Conner, Pastor - FBC Panama City



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 06 ('84) Caren (Lee) Endres, Secretary – FBC Port St Joe
- 14 ('84) Vicki (Harold) Ruth, Fin. Secy. – FBC Callaway



STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

- 02 ('10) Wayne Anderson, Minister of Music - FBC Callaway
- 19 ('15) Jessie Dasher, Pastor - FBC Callaway
- 22 ('13) Bridgette Jencks, Childrens/Preschool Director - Emerald Coast Fellowship



BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Robert Denmark, Pastor - Cove Baptist
- 16 Bridgette Jencks, Children's/Preschool Director - Emerald Coast Fellowship
- 17 Emily Griffin, Kids Ministry Director – St Andrew Baptist
- 18 Evilla Smith, Director of Music – Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church
- 21 Keith Gann, Pastor - Sand Hills BC
- 24 Janet Smith, Financial Secretary - FBC Port St. Joe
- 25 Fred Hapner, Music Minister & Youth - FBC Bayou George
- 27 Christie Mitchell, Kids Minister – St Andrew Baptist

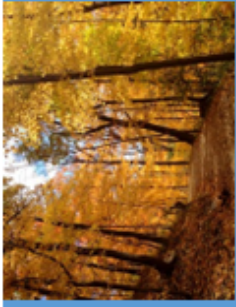


July 2026



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | 1 10:45 am PPG 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service | 2 FOG Deacons 6:30—8:00 | 3 Springfield Ladies 7:00 | 4 happy 4th of JULY! |
| 5 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship | 6 | 7 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice | 8 10:45 am PPG 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service | 9 | 10 Springfield Ladies 7:00 | 11 |
| 12 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship | 13 | 14 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice | 15 10:45 am PPG 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service | 16 FOG Deacons 6:30—8:00 | 17 | 18 8am DR Breakfast Golden Corral |
| 19 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship | 20 | 21 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice | 22 10:45 am PPG 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service | 23 DR Golf Tournament Panama Country Club | 24 | 25 |
| 26 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship | 27 6:30 FOG Deacons | 28 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice | 29 10:45 am PPG 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service | 30 | 31 Springfield Ladies 7:00 | |

August 2026



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 2 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship | 3 | 4 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice | 5 10:45 am PPG 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service | 6 FOG Deacons 6:30—8:00 | 7 Springfield Ladies 7:00 | 8 |
| 9 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship | 10 | 11 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice | 12 10:45 am PPG 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service | 13 | 14 Springfield Ladies 7:00 | 15 8am DR Breakfast Golden Corral |
| 16 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship | 17 | 18 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice | 19 10:45 am PPG 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service | 20 FOG Deacons 6:30—8:00 6:00 ET EPG Meeting | 21 Springfield Ladies 7:00 | 22 |
| 23 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship | 24 12:30 PLG Meeting 6:30 FOG Deacons | 25 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice | 26 10:45 am PPG 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service | 27 12:00 NPG Meeting | 28 Springfield Ladies 7:00 | 29 Springfield Celebration 6:30 |
| 30 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship | 31 | | | | | |

Northwest Coast Baptist Association

Contributions by Donor

January 1 - May 28, 2026

| | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 5 Bridges Church | 500.00 |
| Bayou George FBC-C | 3,319.03 |
| Beach Baptist Chapel-C | 3,082.56 |
| Callaway FBC-C | 2,423.80 |
| Carlisle Baptist Church-C | 4,213.70 |
| Cedar Grove Baptist Church-C | 3,851.90 |
| Church at the Beach | 4,800.00 |
| City Church at Northside-C | 1,383.44 |
| Cornerstone Baptist Church-C | 1,781.42 |
| Cove Baptist Church-C | 200.00 |
| Dalkeith Baptist Church1 | 400.00 |
| Deerpoint Lake FBC-C | 636.69 |
| Eastpoint FBC-C | 580.00 |
| Emerald Coast Fellowship-C | 2,000.00 |
| Family of God Baptist Church-C | 1,549.00 |
| Fellowship Baptist Church-C | 407.26 |
| Fountain FBC-C | 2,286.00 |
| Grace Covenant Church | 3,500.00 |
| Highland View Baptist Church-C | 1,573.20 |
| Hiland Park Baptist Church-C | 3,750.00 |
| Holy Hill Baptist Church-C | 1,275.00 |
| Howard Creek Baptist Church-C | 500.00 |
| Immanuel Baptist Church-C | 2,972.42 |
| Long Avenue Baptist Church-C | 2,000.00 |
| Lynn Haven FBC-C | 7,833.30 |
| Mexico Beach FBC-C | 2,742.39 |
| New Bethel Missionary Baptist | 1,000.00 |
| New Midway Baptist Church-C | 2,889.00 |
| Oak Grove M.B. Church-C | 300.00 |
| PC FBC-C | 3,333.29 |
| Port St Joe FBC-C | 1,000.04 |
| Sand Hills Baptist Church-C | 904.35 |
| Southport FBC-C | 200.00 |
| Springfield Baptist Church-C | 721.83 |
| St. Andrew Baptist Church-C | 5,468.43 |
| Sunnyside FBC-C | 1,661.10 |
| Temple Baptist Church-C | 1,764.76 |
| The Church at East Bay, Inc | 1,647.51 |
| West Bay Baptist Church-C | 688.93 |
| Wewahitchka FBC-C | 1,209.64 |
| Wewahitchka Westside Baptist Church | 1,481.00 |
| White City FBC-C | 193.12 |
| TOTAL | \$84,024.11 |