



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

As we head into May I count these blessings:

1) Primera Iglesia will now be pursuing their vision as a Hispanic core church through the structure of Springfield. As this resulting church navigates Springfield's existing FEMA process, they will seek to expand their impact on the Hispanic population of the Springfield community while also serving as a legacy for the Anglo ministry that preceded them. Hugh Redmon (pastor, Primera Iglesia) is now pastor of Springfield. 1st Baptist, Panama City did a great job planting and nurturing the Hispanic campus for over 12 years and now has launched it to autonomy, although they will still be operating out of 1st Baptist PC facilities. What a great story.

2) Latriva and I recently visited Grace Covenant who were gifted the Brannonville property. After a thorough renovation the young church has settled in. This was our first entry to the remodeled facility. My jaw dropped the first time I drove by and saw the exterior. I remember the 3 separate 1950's style buildings that made up the place. Now it looks like one building with everything under one roof. The inside is just as gorgeous and is already well used. The sanctuary was comfortably full. Before the building reopened, some of the members began moving to the neighborhood. That strategy is already bearing fruit. I believe I saw more toddlers/babies per square foot than in any other space I can think of. Great start for the Pastor, Thomas Gamble, and the Grace Covenant congregation as they navigate a community also being remodeled as a new subdivision grows.

3) By the time you read this, 10 churches will have had an encounter with Josh Dryer (Associational Mission Strategist for the Ridge Baptist Association in Winter Haven and a demographic consultant for NAMB). The churches represented ranged from those looking for affirmation of their community connection point while others are looking for a vision. As I write this my soul is full of excitement for the potential of this collaboration.

Well that's a snippet of our local mission world. Thank you for how you support us.

*In Christ,
Troy*

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VOLUNTEER IN MISSIONS

Florida Baptist Disaster Relief Regions 2 and 1 Training – The two “In-Person” Regional Trainings nearest to our Association will be held in May.

Region 2 - May 17 - FBC Perry – Perry

Region 1 - May 31 - St. Andrew BC – Panama City

This year, there is an option to preregister by going to <https://flbaptist.org/disasterrelief/> then, scroll down to Click **HERE** to register for a 2025 DR Training near you and click on the training you plan to attend.

For New Volunteers and Volunteers who are renewing their badge, you must also submit your information for a Background Check. Please go to <https://flbaptist.org/disasterrelief/> then scroll down to Click **HERE** to view the Disaster Relief Background Check. Submitting your information for this background check is required each time you get a new badge. The cost for this is in addition to the registration fee for the training of your choice. If submitting information for your Background Check, please try to do that at least several days prior to the training you plan to attend. That will give it time to clear, which will allow you to get your new badge the same day that you train.

If you Pre-Register, whether you are a New Volunteer or a Returning Volunteer, please go to the “Pre-Registered” table to check in when you arrive at the Regional Training for which you pre-registered.

Hope to see you at one of these events, especially the one to be held on May 31, right here in our own NWC Association. Usually, the Region 1 training is one of our best attended. Let’s invite New and Returning Volunteers to attend and make this training the very best attended for 2025!

Notice to ALL Golfers – Come join us for a day of golfing for a great cause! The NW FL Disaster Relief Golf Tournament is a fun event where you can enjoy a round of golf while supporting disaster relief efforts in the community. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, this tournament is open to golfers of all skill levels. So, grab your clubs and get ready to tee off for a good cause! See you on the green!

Teams or players may register for this tournament, to be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 7am - 12pm CDT, by going to <https://golf4dr.com/>. 75% of the Net Proceeds will benefit the Disaster Relief Ministry of our Northwest Coast Baptist Association. This will include providing funds to help with the maintenance of our Shower Unit as well as other Disaster Relief related needs in our Association. The other 25% of the Net Proceeds will go to the Florida Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry, to help with its ministry throughout our state.

In HIS Service,
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You Don't Know What You Don't Know

There's an illustration we do at the start of our "Adventures in Marriage" class where we ask, "Of ALL the knowledge in the known universe since the beginning of time, how much would give yourself credit for knowing?" Individuals usually answer with statements like, "a tiny speck" or something similar.

We then tell them that we will be generous with them and give them a small dot. That little dot is important because it's where we do ALL of our communicating. It's comprised of 2 distinct elements, and those are "the things that I know that I know" and "the things that I don't know that I don't know". You see, we are comfortable talking about the things that we know about and we are comfortable not talking about the things that we know that we know nothing about.

Here's the problem. That small dot which contains those two important elements is VERY small in comparison to ALL the knowledge in the known universe since the beginning of time. So, all the OTHER areas of knowledge that aren't included in our little dots comprise "what you don't know that you don't know."

Many times in our communication with others close to us we are hit with "things that we don't know that we don't know" and those things throw us for a loop. What we often find in our work at Live the Life is that after couples finish taking a class like "Adventures in Marriage," they realize that there were MANY things that they "didn't know that they didn't know." Things like their deepest emotional needs, their spouse's deepest emotional needs, why those needs are so important, how they come across to their spouse when they communicate with them, and much more.

The more we learn about our closest relationships and how we relate to those people, the more it can humble us...and that's a good thing! We often say that the 4 building blocks of a healthy marriage are goodwill, respect, empathy, and humility...and I would say that the most important of those is humility because it's much easier to show goodwill, respect, and empathy when you are humble. True humility exists when you are thinking less about yourself and more about your spouse or those close to you.

Let's help couples discover some of the things that "they don't know that they don't know" and in so doing, help them grow closer to each other and show each other, their families, and the church the kind of gospel love that Christ calls us to.

Did you know that our highly impactful marriage strengthening program, "Adventures in Marriage" is ONLY available FREE of charge through September? If you'd like to offer this program at your church, please contact me soon!

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GOLF TOURNAMENT



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SATURDAY
JULY 26

PANAMA COUNTRY CLUB

100 COUNTRY CLUB DR
LYNN HAVEN, FL 32444

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

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



Register now. Space is limited.

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Ministers Conference Schedule

11:00 a.m. (CT)

**05/05 - The Difference Between Leading A Business and
Leading A Church**

05/12 - What The Small Church Can Learn From Apollo 13

05/19 - Associational Fellowship Lunch

05/26 - No Conference

We will resume after the Summer Break

Disaster Relief/ Shower Unit Schedule

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

May 17th

Golden Corral - 105 E 23rd Street - Panama City

Upcoming Shower Trailer Usage

May 16th - 18th DR Training Perry

May 29th - June 7th FBC Panama City

June 7th - 14th FBC Altha

July 4th - 13th FBC Panama City

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 06 ('17) Alex (Hannah) Gentili, Small Groups & Young Adults – FBC Panama City
- 12 Pastor Walter (Franlisa) Smith, Pastor -Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church
- 19 ('90) Lynn (Jim) Phillips, Ministry Assistant – NWCBA
- 20 ('23) Isaac (Adriann) Saint, Student Pastor – St Andrew Baptist
- 28 ('94) Barry (Lisa) Fish, Music Minister - Gulf Beach Baptist



STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 ('93) Fred Hapner, Music Minister and Youth - FBC Bayou George
- 22 ('22) Chris Bass, Minister of Music – Carlisle Baptist
- 25 ('01) Janet Smith, Financial Secretary - FBC Port St. Joe
- 28 ('17) Gwyn Hughes, Children’s Director - Gulf Beach Baptist



BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Darline Houbler, Financial Secretary – Carlisle Baptist
- 07 Cathy Buschmeyer, Church Accountant - St. Andrew Baptist
- 13 Sue Gillman, Secretary – Family of God Baptist Church
- 15 Dr. Linward Barnes, Academy Director - New Bethel Missionary
- 15 Chris Bass, Minister of Music – Carlisle Baptist
- 17 Jennie London - NWCBA VIM Coordinator
- 30 Stephanie Smith, Ministry Assistant - Hiland Park BC



May 2025



Mission Center

Family of God

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11:30 Leadership Team	2	3 FOG Mother's Day Celebration 8:00 - 4:00
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	9 Adventures In Marriage 5:30 - 9:00	10 Adventures In Marriage 9:00 - 4:00
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	16	17 8am DR Breakfast Golden Corral
18 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship	19 11:00 End of Semester Lunch 12:30 PLG	20 6:30pm FOG Choir Practice	21 10:30 am PPG 11am FOG Prayer Meeting 12pm FOG Bible Study 6:30pm FOG Service	22 12:00 NPG 6:00PM (ET) EPG	23	24
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	30	31 DR Training St. Andrews FOG Women's Conference



June 2025


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July 2025

Family of God
Association



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 Office Closed	4 	5
6 10am FOG SS 11am FOG Worship	7	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
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Northwest Coast Baptist Association

Contributions by Donor

April 2025

	<u>Total</u>
5 Bridges Church	100.00
Bayou George FBC-C	605.00
Beach Baptist Chapel-C	735.03
Callaway FBC-C	482.70
Cedar Grove Baptist Church-C	860.68
Cornerstone Baptist Church-C	441.36
Dalkeith Baptist Church1	80.00
Deerpoint Lake FBC-C	226.66
Eastpoint FBC-C	117.00
Emerald Coast Fellowship-C	400.00
Fellowship Baptist Church-C	201.04
Fountain FBC-C	752.00
Highland View Baptist Church-C	308.25
Hiland Park Baptist Church-C	750.00
Holy Hill Baptist Church-C	150.00
Immanuel Baptist Church-C	945.66
Long Avenue Baptist Church-C	400.00
Lynn Haven FBC-C	1,862.04
New Bethel Missionary Baptist	200.00
New Midway Baptist Church-C	358.00
Port St Joe FBC-C	809.14
Sand Hills Baptist Church-C	230.20
Southport FBC-C	200.00
Springfield Baptist Church-C	19.24
St. Andrew Baptist Church-C	2,312.83
Sunnyside FBC-C	346.06
Temple Baptist Church-C	412.60
The Church at the Beach-C	800.00
Wewahitchka Westside Baptist Church	350.00
White City FBC-C	44.39
TOTAL	\$ 15,499.88