

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

I am truly thankful to be part of the NWCBA network of local missions. I am so grateful to be a part of this fellowship at this time. That may sound odd because it is one of the most perilous times in world history. The threats and dangers rampant in our world include the October 7th attack on Israel and the subsequent war with Hamas, threats from Iran, Russia, and China, attack on military, anti– semitism at home, concerns regarding nuclear weapons, etc. That's enough to put one in a long term fetal position. But this is the time for which God has us. This is the mission field to which He has called us.

This reminds me of Paul's letter to the Philippians. We underestimate the depth of that book because of his emphasis on joy. Don't lose sight of the fact that this joy didn't happen in a vacuum; he was in chains. It also had its share of issues as a church if you read between the lines. Yet Paul didn't get joy from circumstances. His temperament was tied to the peace of God that transcended understanding and was fueled by faith. He went where God was at work and if God was working a disaster, Paul was content to be there not because he loved chaos, but he embraced the serenity of being in the middle of God's will.

Church leaders and members need to be careful not to abandon God's placement due to feelings. Then again when our focus is on Christ, the storm isn't so scary because Jesus addresses our heart and says "Peace, be still."

In Christ, Troy

News Flash from the Past – Living Hope Baptist Church - For those who remember our partnership with the South Valley Baptist Association in North Dakota, you might like to know that John Flowers, the founding pastor of Living Hope Baptist Church in West Fargo, ND, retired this past month after 33 years of faithful service. In 2018, LHBC called Tanner Olson to join the church as a Pastoral Apprentice and later as an Associate Pastor, to begin the transition process of

him becoming the next pastor when John retired. This five-year process ensured that the church

would continue without a break in leadership. Living Hope is debt free and has a substantial building fund with plans for expansion. Praise the LORD!

Temple Baptist Church – Dude Garrett was pastor from 1987 until he retired about 2021 or 2022.

In 2021, Temple Baptist and Sojourn Church merged to form Journey Church. John Fisher, who founded Sojourn Baptist Church in Fargo in 2008, is now the lead pastor for Journey, although Dude continues there as an Elder and remains very active in the church.

Prairie View Community Church – Sadly, after Morgan Medford resigned as pastor, the church declined until only few families remained. About 2019 they merged with another SBC church which had begun in 2013. Unfortunately, that merger was not successful and thus, Prairie View

is

no more.

Florida Baptist Disaster Relief – Final report on the response to Hurricane Idalia. At least 18 FLBDR Volunteers, representing six churches in our Association, served during this response, with a few of them serving more than one rotation. Ten other state conventions also sent teams to

assist. As of October 28, our FLBDR Volunteers had recorded 49 Professions of Faith! All Glory to GOD! Over 2,000 Ministry Contacts have been made, 475 Bibles were distributed, and more than 40,000 meals were prepared. There were 1,316 Requests for Clean Up & Covery

assistance and 746 of these jobs were completed, with 546 jobs being done by others or cancelled. The few remaining jobs will be handled by local teams.

May each of you have a wonderful Season of Thanksgiving, remembering the bountiful blessings

of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

In HIS Service,
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You're Invited!

Live the Life NW Florida is absolutely committed to preparing, strengthening, stabilizing, and restoring local marriages and families. Our dream is that Bay and surrounding counties would be divorce free zones in which strong marriages and families would both strengthen and grow the local church for God's glory. Marriage is meant to be a picture of the gospel!

To that end, we have partnered with a local group called **The Bay County Marriage and Family Initiative**, which is comprised of local pastors, church leaders, counselors and others committed to seeing marriages and families thrive in our area. We meet the **THIRD THURSDAY every month at Noon** at various church locations in the Panama City area.

Each meeting offers helpful resources and speakers to help the local church best minister to marriages and families in and around them. We've explored topics like programs for marriage enrichment, troubled marriages and newly married couples. We also have plans to cover topics focused on parenting, engaged couples, youth programs, etc. Each meeting includes a FREE lunch and opportunities to network with others.

One of the main goals of The Bay County Marriage and Family Initiative is to come along-side churches and empower them to offer ongoing programs and resources to help marriages and families in our community. We want couples to have opportunities to learn and grow in their relationships with each other and with God. The more of these kinds of programs and resources that we can offer in the community, the more HOPE we can offer local marriages and families. Wouldn't that be a great alternative to having these couples want to meet with you when they've already essentially decided to end their marriage and cause so much unnecessary hurt and pain?

One campaign we are very excited about is a community wide vow renewal/marriage recommittment that local churches can offer in their own church the weekend before Valentine's Day, as part of "National Marriage Week" February 7-14. The theme of this campaign is "We Still 'I Do'". We are very excited about this as it puts the focus on marriage, which is "the family leadership team."

If you're interested at all in joining us at an upcoming meeting, please contact me! We'd sure love to have you.

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

November
11/6- The Blessings From COVID
11/13- No Ministers Conference
11/20- No Ministers Conference
11/27- Will They Ever Come Back?

December
12/4 -COVID Reasons For Empty Pews
12/11- End of Fall Semester Fellowship

REAGAN'S WISH

NEEDS FOR FOSTER FAMILIES

Gently used clothing for

Babies, Children, and Teens.

If you have something to donate please contact

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Check out our Web site at www.nwcbap.org

Please verify your church information and let us know if corrections are needed.



If you have a new staff member, please send us the name, staff position, beginning start date, birthday (no year needed), and if married, spouse name, anniversary date including the year.

November 2023

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 () Mike (Pam) Vosbrink, Pastor, FBC, Deerpoint Lake
- 06 ('70) Cathy (Greg) Buschmeyer, Church Account, St. Andrew Baptist
- 09 ('89) Sionna (Allen) Courtney Church Secretary, Emerald Coast Fellowship
- 09 ('08) Doug (Carrie) Moore, Youth Pastor, Emerald Coast Fellowship
- 16 ('95) Gregg (Kathy) George, Pastor-Gulf Beach
- 29 ('86) Parnell (Donna) Smith, Pastor, New Bethel Missionary



STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

06 ('13) Ryan Tucker, Minister to Students, Hiland Park



BIRTHDAYS

- 04 David Nichols, Pastor-Beach Baptist Chapel
- 06 Steve Taylor, Pastor Emerald Coast Fellowship
- 07 Rick McClung, Minister of Evangelism-FBC, PC
- 06 Caren Endres, Secretary-FBC, PSJ
- 10 Cornelius Woods, Pastor, Family of God Baptist Church
- 11 Rita Chambers, Ministry Asst, Gulf Beach Baptist



NOVEMBER 2023

O Live the Life (GP)

• Family Of God

Grace Covenant

Mission Center

9 12pm - FOG Bible Study 8:30pm - FOG Service 6:30pm - FOG Service 8:30pm - FOG Service 14 Spm - The Third Option
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DECEMBER 2023

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Northwest Coast Baptist Association

Contributions By Donor January 1st- November 1st 2023

	Total	Other YTD	Total
Apalachicola FBC	2,260.92		2,260.92
Bayou George FBC	9,425.30		9,425.30
Beach Baptist Chapel	3,361.71		3,361.71
Callaway FBC	4,680.49		4,680.49
Carlisle Baptist Church	5,413.78		5,413.78
Cedar Grove Baptist Church	6,291.51		6,291.51
City Church at Northside	433.28		433.28
Cornerstone Baptist Church	4,619.71		4,619.71
Cove Baptist Church	200.00		200.00
Dalkeith Baptist Church	880.00		880.00
Deerpoint Lake FBC	3,265.05		3,265.05
The Church at East Bay	1,500.00		1,500.00
Eastpoint FBC	972.97		972.97
Emerald Coast Fellowship	4,000.00		4,000.00
Family of God Baptist Church	6,861.38		6,861.38
Fellowship Baptist Church	1,304.16		1,304.16
Fountain, FBC	2,604.00		2,604.00
Gulf Beach Baptist Church	5,900.00		5,900.00
Grace Covenant Church	4,500.00		4,500.00
Highland View Baptist Church	3,172.30		3,172.30
Hiland Park Baptist Church	7,500.00		7,500.00
Holy Hill Baptist Church	1,426.42		1,426.42
Howard Creek Baptist Church			
Immanuel Baptist Church	7,007.43		7,007.43
Long Avenue Baptist Church	4,400.00		4,400.00
Lynn Haven FBC	14,055.72		14,055.72
Mexico Beach FBC	3,972.29		3,972.29
New Bethel Baptist Church	2,000.00		2,000.00
New Midway Baptist Church	5,849.00		5,849.00
Oak Grove Baptist	400.00		400.00
PC FBC	4,782.01	70.00	4,782.01
Port St Joe FBC	7,738.74	70.00	7808.74 `
Sand Hills Baptist Church	3,152.81	400.00	3,866.39
Southport, FBC	538.56	12E 11	538.56
Springfield Baptist Church	347.59	135.41	541.58
St. Andrew Baptist Church	9,832.48		9,832.48
Sunnyside FBC	1,759.94		1,759.94
Temple Baptist	3,141.86		3,414.86
West Bay Baptist Church	1,714.70		1,714.70
Wewahitchka Westside Baptist Church	2,357.77		2,357.77
Wewahitchka FBC	1,246.36		1,246.36
White City FBC	281.92		281.92
5 Bridges Church	1,000.00		1,000.00
TOTAL	156,797.32	605.41	157,402.73