

# FBC NEWSLETTER

Embracing Our History | Engaging Our Future | Inspiring Worship

## Focus On: Online Giving Processing Fees

Giving online is a convenient and impactful way to give to our church! You can give anytime by visiting our website at [fbcew.org/give](https://fbcew.org/give) and selecting the GIVE tab, or by using your phone to text "FBCC Budget" to 73256, or scan the QR code on one of the cards in the pew racks in the sanctuary.

Many members also choose to set up recurring gifts, creating a consistent schedule of giving



and generosity - you can set this up online or by calling the church office (850-682-2544).

All of these are a blessing to our church and fulfill God's command to be a cheerful



## A Word from Our Pastor

Of all the things that sets Christians apart, the Resurrection is the greatest distinctive of our faith. This one claim, this one dear belief, this one empirical fact is the dividing line between Christianity and all other religions. As we celebrate the rising of our Lord, let us remember that His rising from the dead is not mythology but was witnessed by hundreds of people who saw and interacted with the Lord after He walked free from the tomb. Let us also remember our brothers and sisters who are persecuted today and those paid with their lives for refusing to renounce their faith and abandon their belief in the Risen Lord.

The Resurrection of our Lord is the most holy of celebrations that we Christians have. We commemorate His rising every Sunday as we gather on the first day of the week just as our brothers and sisters in the First Century Church did. May this season of remembrance of our Lord's passion on the Cross, and His rising from the dead bring you joy, peace, and somber reflection of the salvation that we enjoy.

Grace and Peace to You All,

Pastor Stan

giver!

One detail you may not be aware of is that, like most organizations, our church incurs a small processing fee for each online transaction.

Our staff and finance committee want to ensure that our church family understands how these fees impact each gift.

In the near future, we will introduce a new feature on our giving platform that allows you to optionally add a small amount to help cover these processing costs. This amount is set to be 2.68% of each transaction and is completely voluntary.



Our hope is simply to keep you informed - not to discourage online giving in any way. We are grateful for your generosity and encourage you to continue giving as the Lord leads.

If you have questions, contact the church office or our finance committee at their email: [finance@fbcew.org](mailto:finance@fbcew.org).

Laura Kitchen

## Thoughts from Pastor Andrew

Last Saturday, the majority of our Worship Choir attended an amazing event: Inspire the Choir Pensacola. Over 350 singers gathered to worship, sing some new music, and to be reminded and challenged



about the importance of the choir's ministry. Cliff Duren, the most prolific church music arranger in the nation

right now, was one of the guest leaders. (Much of the choir music we use at FBC is from his pen. Or, more correctly, his computer.)

One session that really stood out to me was by the host Worship Pastor, Brad Woods. He stressed the difference between "SINGING" in the choir and "SERVING" in the choir. (These principles apply to many church ministries beyond choir as well!)

**SINGING** in the choir: The choir exists for me. I sing primarily for personal enjoyment. I'll show up when it's convenient and I'm not tired (and it's not raining or too cold...). I'll prepare if I have time.

**SERVING** in the choir: I participate in the choir for God's glory and encouragement of my church family. I sing for God and HIS glory. I show up consistently even when tired or inconvenienced. I prepare spiritually and musically to lead. Choir is my place of calling and service to the Lord.

The difference is spiritual motivation and preparation! If we know God and love Him we will be motivated to serve Him and serve Him well. I'm so thankful for our choir's heart for ministry and worship! May God continue to teach and grow us to be faithful servants of His.

Lastly, July 4, 2026 is America's 250th Birthday!!! If you like to sing, please come be a part of the special community mass choir for our Faith & Freedom musical June 28. Kickoff meeting is the Sunday after Easter: April 12, 3:00pm at Pilgrim Rest Baptist in Baker.

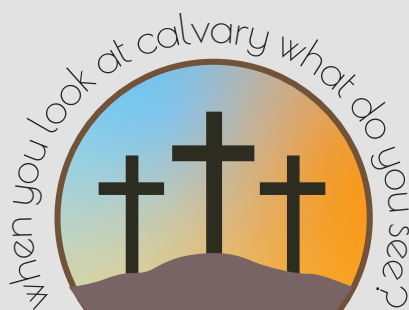
Our church is partnering with Pilgrim Rest to sponsor this event and we need your help and support in getting the word out to the singers in our community!



Pastor Andrew

## Missions & Media

We do not always see what we are looking at. Much like hearing and listening, we can hear but not listen to what is being said. We do not comprehend (think about) what we are hearing or what someone is saying to us.



When we look upon something, do we take the time to see, ponder and consider what is visible? Do we analyze the elements of the object, scene or surroundings? Or do we simply glance while our mind is elsewhere?

In Heaven there will be no time! Eternity is timeless. No clocks, calendars, no smart watches! We will not be in a hurry. Thankfully we will be fully immersed in His presence, peace and provisions. Yes we will have things to do and will love doing them. We will not be sitting on a cloud playing a harp while floating endlessly in space.

Our challenge in this life is time, among copious others things. Being always pressed for time in this life prevents us from seeing what we are looking at and listening to what we are hearing.

On Friday April 3rd we will take time to look at Calvary and see more than 3 crosses. We will see Jesus, two criminals and people gathered. We will see life. We will see reality. We will see choices.

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## Family Focus

*“All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace.”* Isaiah 54:13

In all that we do in the Children’s Ministry, my goal is to teach our children to know, love, and serve the Lord. The first step of that process is to know the Lord. And the best way to teach our children to know the Lord is to teach them to study His Word. Our children’s Sunday School curriculum is from Answers in Genesis and begins in Genesis and over the course of four years, goes all the way through the Bible to Revelation.

This past week, we celebrated the accomplishment of some of the children in our church who have worked their way through the entire Bible in Sunday School over the past four years. They did not read through the Bible verse by verse, but they did go through the Bible story by story. These children who have earned this “Through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation” award have all demonstrated consistent attendance and participation in their Sunday School classes for more than four years.

I pray that as they continue to grow that they will develop that thirst for God’s Word, that they would know Him more, that they would love the Lord with all their hearts, and that they would live a life of service to the Lord.



The children who received this award are Isla Bielenin, Micah Hendricks, Kolton West, Sam Williams, Gwendalyn Anderson, Evie Hartzog, Shaelynn Heathershaw, Grace Hendricks, and Kaid Jenkins. A huge congratulations to them and to their parents and Sunday School teachers for the integral influence they’ve had on these children’s lives.

### Beth Hendricks

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Join us Friday April 3rd at 11:30 on YouTube and let’s observe what we see when we look at Calvary. If not, next month’s article will be a recap.



Pastor Chuck

## Staff



**Dr. Stan Lewis**  
Lead Pastor



**Andrew Heathershaw**  
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**Chuck Walthall**  
Missions & Media Pastor



**Beth Hendricks**  
Children's Ministries Director

## Our Service Times

- Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am
- Live Online @ fbcew.org
- Sunday School 9:00am
- Wednesday Scripture Studies 6:00pm
- Plus Worship Choir, Student & Children's Ministries and more!

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## Student Ministry Updates

It has been nearly two years that we've been without a Student Pastor. Thanks to many faithful volunteers our Student Ministry is surviving and even growing! But, behind the scenes, the search for a new Student Pastor has been ongoing.

The members of our Student Pastor Search Committee include: Pastor Stan Lewis, Mitch Buckelew (Chairman), Phil Nyderek, Ida Faye Powell, Dale Rice, and Katrina West.

We are thankful for their faithfulness to serve in this capacity and their prayerful determination to wait on the Lord's leading to find the right person for the position.

Mitch Buckelew shares an update from the committee here:



*We continue to meet together and work through the process of finding the man God will bring here to serve. Over the next several weeks, we will be interviewing two potential candidates.*

*Pray for our group as we interview and evaluate them, and that God will make it abundantly clear what He would have us do. Also, pray that God places them where He would have them serve.*

*We are striving to be faithful to our God, while we are working on your behalf. Thank you for being a church who prays!*

*Your FBC Search Team*

Thank you for your prayers for our search team!

(An update on our former student pastor: Dallas and his wife Alex are doing great! They are at their new church, Crossroads Community Church in Elmore, AL serving in the Student Ministry there. They are proud parents of an adorable little boy, McCord.

Keep them in your prayers too, as they serve at their church and as they grow in their new roles as parents.)

Laura Kitchen

