

2025

# ANNUAL REPORT

WEST FLORIDA  
MINISTRY NETWORK

Building Healthy Pastors and Strong Churches

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# WEST FLORIDA MINISTRY NETWORK OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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## 97TH NETWORK GATHERING MINUTES APRIL 27 - APRIL 29, 2025

### Make Fellowship Fun Again Service – April 27th – 5:00 p.m.

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**Make Fellowship Fun Again:**

On Sunday Evening prior to the official opening of the Gathering, a evening dedicated to “Make Fellowship Fun Again” was sponsored by Light for the Lost. Participants shared in a meal together followed by a comedy performance by Rev. Joe Phillips and Rev. Lee McBride.

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### Memorial Service – April 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m.

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**Call to Order:**

Network Superintendent, Rev. Larry Perry, called the 97th Network Gathering to order at 6:00 p.m.

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**Memorial Service:**

Network Secretary/Treasurer, Rev. Mark Jakelsky, led the congregation in remembering and honoring the life and ministry of:

Rev. Ellis Beech  
Homegoing – May 31, 2024

Rev. Kenneth Bradley  
Homegoing – May 14, 2024

Rev. Paul D. Carnley  
Homegoing – October 17, 2024

Rev. William Timmons  
Homegoing – October 30, 2024

Rev. Johnny L. Williams  
Homegoing – September 5, 2024

Rev. Avon Fowler  
Homegoing – December 16, 2024

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### Evening Service – 6:30 p.m.

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**Missionary Prayer:**

Network World Missions Director, Rev. Brian Neugent, led the Gathering in a special time of prayer for all missionaries present.

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**BGMC Transition:**

Network Secretary/Treasurer, Rev. Mark Jakelsky, was honored for his numerous years of service to BGMC and shared his gratitude for the ability to served. He then welcomed the new BGMC Director, Rev. Bo Walker.

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**50 Year Presentation:** Network Superintendent, Rev. Larry Perry, and Network Secretary/Treasurer, Rev. Mark Jakelsky, honored the following 50-year recipient:

Rev. John Broome

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**Culture of Honor:** Network Superintendent, Rev. Larry Perry, honored Rev. Mark Jakelsky for his 35 years of faithful service to the Network Office, our churches, and our ministers. Special words were shared by National leaders who could not be present. Gifts were given by the Network. A reception in Rev. Mark Jakelsky's honor was held following the evening service sponsored by FireBible.

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**Opening Message:** Network Superintendent, Rev. Larry Parry, introduced the National Superintendent, Rev. Doug Clay. Rev. Doug Clay shared the message "All-Access", focused on pastoring in our culture. The Church has been divinely positioned for a time such as this. We as church leaders have access to His divine power, the promises of God, and to His divine nature. and A special time was had in the altar, emphasizing the need for encouragement from the Holy Spirit.

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**Morning Session - April 29th – 8:00 a.m.**

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**Prayer Service:** Network Prayer Coordinator, Rev. Scotty Lolley, led the Gathering in a time of prayer over West Florida ministers, local churches, and missionaries.

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**10 Minute Sermons:** Network Superintendent, Rev. Larry Perry, asked Rev. John Broome, Rev. Michael Lugones, and Rev. Angel Trevino to share 10 Minute Sermons on a topic of their choice.

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**Message:** Network Superintendent, Rev. Larry Perry, shared the message "Warrior's Closet". He emphasized the importance of keeping our spiritual lives grounded and healthy, while also pointing out warning signs that may indicate we're struggling mentally. We must continue self-exam, exam our ministry, and practice cultural awareness.

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**Communion:** Following the message, communion was served to the body.

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**Business Session – 1:30 p.m.**

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**Call to Order:** Network Superintendent, Rev. Larry Perry, called this business session to order at 1:30 p.m and opened the meeting with prayer.

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**Committees Seated:** Network Superintendent, Rev. Larry Perry, seated the following committees:

- Resolutions
- Parliamentary
- Tellers
- Roster
- Ushers

**Agenda:** **Motion:** To amend the order of business so as to expedite several items of business.

**Seconded/Carried**

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**Roster Committee Report:** Roster Committee Chairman, Rev. Ken Barber, presented the following report:

Voting Constituents:  
Ordained 69  
Licensed 27  
Certified 11  
Church Delegates 15  
Total Eligible Voters 122

**Motion:** To accept the report as presented and close the roster.

**Seconded/Carried**

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**Previous Minutes 96th Network Gathering:** **Motion:** To accept the minutes of the 2024 Network Gathering as published.

**Seconded/Carried**

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**Nomination for African American Executive Presbyter:** **Motion:** To ratify the nomination of Rev. Vernell Adams for Non-Resident African American Executive Presbyter.

**Seconded/Carried**

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**Nomination for Under 40 Executive Presbyter:** **Motion:** To ratify the nomination of Rev. Lee Tate for Non-Resident Under 40 Executive Presbyter.

**Seconded/Carried**

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**Financial Report:** Network Secretary/Treasurer, Rev. Mark Jakelsky, presented the 2024 Financial Report. The final year of the Church Mutual Dividend will be in 2026. We have been able to replace this source of income through church loans. There was an increase in the ministers tithe due to some additional non-reoccurring gifts.

**Motion:** To accept the 2024 Financial Report as presented and published.

**Seconded/Carried**

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**Secretary's Report:** Network Secretary/Treasurer, Rev Mark Jakelsky, gave an update on the credentialing status and process that is being moved online. In West Florida, we currently have 21,759 adherents and 14,891 members based on the 2024 ACMRs.

**Southeastern University:** Dr. Palmer presented an update from Southeastern University. There are currently 11,763 students enrolled. SEU remains a top producer of ministry graduates. Over 1,900 students are enrolled in ministry programs. SEU is working on making education more affordable. They are starting with a Master's of Arts Degree in Ministry Leadership for under \$5,000.00.

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**Nelson University:** Dr. Joseph Hartman brought greetings from Nelson University, formerly Southwestern University. He emphasized the partnership between the Network/Districts, Nelson, and the students.

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**Departmental Reports:**

**NextGen Ministries:** Student Ministries Director, Rev. Craig Hicks presented a vision of a generation rooted in God's word, activated in their call. Every age matters and every step of growth counts.

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**Children's/BGMC:** Children's/BGMC Director, Rev. Bo Walker, wants to remind the body that the future of the church is not 20 years away, and Kids Ministry matters. It is not babysitting. We are training kids now to be Christian leaders. Rev. Bo Walker also presented his personal history and plans for BGMC as he become the BGMC Director. He introduced the new BGMC leadership team.

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**Girls Ministry:** Network Girls Ministries Director, Amanda Fussell, emphasized the importance of our girls knowing their identity in Christ. There will be a regional training for leaders as well as a teen girls event in 2025.

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**Youth Alive:** NextGen Director, Rev. Craig Hicks, introduced our new Network Youth Alive Director, Corey Holloway. Corey Holloway shared his heart for Youth Alive. He wants to develop students in becoming leaders on their campus as well as build bridges between schools and churches.

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**Royal Rangers:** Network Royal Ranger Director, Ray Thompson, gave an update on Royal Rangers, sharing the importance of playing a part in developing young boys into Godly men.

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**Leadership Advance:** Network Leadership Advance Director, Mike Klump, and Network NextGen director, Rev. Craig Hicks, discussed the launch of Leadership Advance. Details were presented in regards to the Fall launch.

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**Thrive:** Network Thrive Director, Rev. Mark Jakelsky, gave an update on the Thrive initiative. We have spent the last year building relationships with our Network Affiliated churches. Our second Thrive Forum will be June 7<sup>th</sup> at Northside Assembly of God.

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**Special Guest:**

**Phil Daniels:** Rev. Phil Daniels presented his heart to continue to serve the local church as he retires from the pulpit. He is establishing a consulting business for smaller churches.

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**Honey Lake Clinic:** Honey Lake gave a presentation on their Christian counseling services to remind ministers that they are not alone, and that Honey Lake is willing to partner with each of them.

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**Assemblies of God Credit Union:** Assemblies of God Credit Union brought greetings to the Gathering.

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**CoroMed:** Coromed brought greetings and discussed the importance of our churches being prepared for medical emergencies.

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**Departmental Reports:**

**World Missions:** Network World Missions Director, Brian Neugent, gave a report on World Missions giving in 2024. He also offered to connect with any pastors interested in exploring missions opportunities for their church.

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**Missionaries:** Missionaries present introduced themselves and their fields.

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**Departmental Reports:**

**Discipleship:** Former Christian Education Director, Rev. Mark Jakelsky, introduced our new Network Discipleship Director, Alex Wall. She shared her heart for all churches to engage actively in the discipleship process we are called to as Christians, as well as information on upcoming discipleship events and opportunities.

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**U.S. Missions:** Network U.S. Missions Director, Rev. Phil Edwards, shared updates on recent changes in U.S. Missions, highlighting the importance of partnering together in the Gospel.

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**Offerings:** **Motion:** To give the service offerings from the Gathering to present Missionaries.

**Seconded/Carried**

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**Adjournment of Business:** **Motion:** To adjourn the business session of the 96<sup>th</sup> Network Gathering at 3:40 p.m.

**Seconded/Carried**

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**Evening Service – 6:00 p.m.**

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**Message:** Rev. Doug Clay shared the message “The Right Side of Ministry”. He focused on the sacredness of ministry and the call. We all need a tender heart, thick skin, and teachable spirit in order to best fulfill our ministry and call.

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**Ordination:** Network Secretary/Treasurer, Rev. Mark Jakelsky, presented the 2025 Ordination candidates, reading a biography of each one. Network Superintendent, Rev. Larry Perry, led the Ordination ceremony. The Network Presbytery presented a stole and Bible to each candidate. This was followed by a solemn charge given to them by Superintendent Perry, prayer, and the laying on of hands by the Presbytery. They were then recognized and honored by the Network Gathering and General Council as Ordained ministers. Members of the 2025 Ordination class were:

- Rev. Spencer "Harley" Bailey
- Rev. Joshua Bugby
- Rev. Lauren Coats
- Rev. Joseph Daniels
- Rev. Jack Day
- Rev. Adam Jeska
- Rev. Brandon McGowin
- Rev. Robert Murray
- Rev. Logan Pippin
- Rev. Sean Seymore
- Rev. Curtis Tasker
- Rev. William Watts

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**Committees Dismissed:** The Chair dismissed all committees with great appreciation for their service to the Network.

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**Appreciation:** Network Superintendent, Rev. Larry Perry, expressed appreciation to the Network, Committees, and everyone who assisted in making this a great Network Gathering.

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**Adjournment:**                      **Motion:**                      To adjourn the 96th Network Gathering made at 9:30 p.m.

**Seconded/Carried**

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Respectfully submitted,



**Mark Jakelsky**  
**Network Secretary/Treasurer**

# Current Leadership

Superintendent

**Lawrence Perry**

*Admin: Stacia Spencer*

Assistant Superintendent

**Phil Edwards**

Secretary/Treasurer

**Mark Jakelsky**

*Admin: Alexandria Wall*

*Kaitlyn Hicks*

NextGen Ministries

**Craig Hicks**

*Admin: Dana Hicks*

Executive Presbytery

**Adam Peterson**

**Alice Burdeshaw**

**Lavon Pettis**

Presbytery

**Gene Hudson**

**Joey Johnson**

**Dusty Roberts**

**Darius Arnold**

**Thomas Ealum**

**Danny Carnley**

**Clinton Howell**

**Timothy Stephens**

**Joey Smith**

**Lannis Stephens**

**Mario Solari**

**David Stephens**

Missions

**Phil Edwards** (U.S.)

**Brian Neugent** (World)

**Nicole Rice**

*(Seek and Save/Thrive Evangelism)*

Next Gen Ministries

**Bo Walker** (Kids/BGMC)

**Ray Thompson** (Rangers)

**Amanda Fussell**

*(Girls Ministries)*

**Robbie Jenkins**

*(Junior Bible Quiz)*

Adult Ministries

**Mark Jakelsky** (Director)

**JB Shoumaker**

*(Senior Adult)*

**Clinton Howell** (Men)

**Becky Neugent** (Women)

**Alexandria Wall**

*(Discipleship)*

Other Ministries

**Tim Buchholtz**

*(Network School of Ministry)*

**Cinthia Stephens**

*(Network of Women*

*Ministers)*

**Scotty Lolley** (Prayer)

## FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Ministers and Churches of the West Florida Ministry Network,

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve this Network and to represent you. I am deeply grateful for every opportunity this past year to travel among our churches, encourage pastors, and witness firsthand what God is doing across West Florida. Your faithfulness continues to be a testimony to the strength and health of this fellowship.

As we reflect on this past year, the Lord has impressed upon my heart a simple but powerful theme: "Re-Digging the Wells."

In Genesis, we read:

### *Genesis 26:12-15 (NLT)*

*When Isaac planted his crops that year, he harvested a hundred times more grain than he planted, for the LORD blessed him. He became a very rich man, and his wealth continued to grow. He acquired so many flocks of sheep and goats, herds of cattle, and servants that the Philistines became jealous of him. So the Philistines filled up all of Isaac's wells with dirt. These were the wells that had been dug by the servants of his father, Abraham.*

Isaac experienced blessing and increase, yet the enemy attempted to stop the source by filling the wells with dirt. The wells represented life, provision, and continuity with what God had already established through a previous generation.

In many ways, we are living in a similar moment. God is moving, blessing, and expanding His Church - but there are always pressures, distractions, and challenges that attempt to clog the wells that sustain spiritual life. Our calling in this season is to re-dig the wells; to remove whatever blocks the source of God's presence, power, and mission among us.

This means returning to prayer, renewing our passion for evangelism, strengthening relationships, and rediscovering the spiritual foundations that have sustained our fellowship for generations.

I want to encourage every minister: **your faithfulness matters.** The greatest strength of the West Florida Ministry Network is not programs or structures, it is our pastors. Across this Network, ministers are doing remarkable work for the Kingdom of God, often quietly and faithfully, serving their communities and advancing the Gospel every day.

This year we celebrate just a few of the many moments that reflect God's work among us:

- David Stephens was honored by Sheriff Padgett with the Gold Badge Award from the Taylor County Sheriff's Office for 2025.
- Scotty Lolley received a Humanitarian Award, recognizing his service to the community.
- Jonathan Fussell was appointed Chaplain of Graceville by the Mayor.
- Perry Dissmore celebrated 65 salvations and 45 water baptisms.
- Danny Carnley and Life Out Loud Church witnessed 49 baptisms in September alone.
- Nathan Pooley celebrated 70 baptisms.
- Bill Mayo reported 61 salvations and 100 water baptisms.
- Michael Lugones saw 69 baptisms.
- Angel Trevino reported 198 salvations in the past 25 weeks.

- We also celebrated a remarkable milestone as Rev. Corbin Hicks reached his 100th birthday this past year - a legacy of faithfulness that continues to inspire us all.

These testimonies remind us that the wells are still producing living water.

I also want to express sincere appreciation to the staff of the Network Office. Their faithful service and daily dedication embody our mission of Building Healthy Pastors and Strong Churches. Much of what happens across this Network is made possible because of their commitment behind the scenes.

As we look ahead, we do so with hope and expectation. The Church is expanding. Relaunches are taking place. New church plants are on the horizon. God is positioning the West Florida Ministry Network for continued growth and Kingdom impact.

Let us continue re-digging the wells, removing whatever hinders the flow of God's Spirit, so that future generations may drink deeply from what God is doing in our time.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your sacrifice, and your partnership in the Gospel. It is truly an honor to serve alongside you.

With gratitude and expectation,

*Lawrence Perry*

Network Superintendent

*P.S. In the beginning of 2026, the staff started reevaluating the Mission and Vision of the Network and came up with the following that has been affirmed by the presbytery.*

## Our Vision

# Building Healthy Pastors ----- and ----- Strong Churches

## Our Mission

-  **Equipping Leaders**
-  **Empowering Churches**
-  **Fulfilling the Great Commission**

## Our Staff Values

The West Florida Ministry Network  
**BUILDS...**

-  **Belonging**
-  **Unity**
-  **Integrity**
-  **Love**
-  **Development**
-  **Spirit-Led**

Victory Assembly of God	\$ 11,528.05
Bonifay Assembly of God	\$ 5,160.24
Bear Creek Assembly of God	\$ 2,200.00
The Sanctuary Assembly of God	\$ 1,969.69
Welcome Assembly of God (3)	\$ 1,613.31
Life Out Loud Church	\$ 1,403.96
Westville Assembly of God	\$ 1,133.00
Mount Olive Assembly of God	\$ 614.16
Sumatra Assembly of God	\$ 460.03
Southside Assembly of God	\$ 415.67
Bellview Assembly of God	\$ 388.00
Fellowship Assembly of God	\$ 360.00
Smith Chapel Assembly of God	\$ 352.62
Springs of Hope Church	\$ 275.00
Lynn Haven Assembly of God	\$ 480.00
Glad Tidings Assembly of God (9)	\$ 240.00
Blountstown First Assembly of God	\$ 182.00
Carrabelle Assembly of God	\$ 139.68
Sneads Assembly of God	\$ 100.00
Pilgrim Rest Assembly of God	\$ 80.34

**2025 Total: \$29,095.75**



# Vision Partners

# Assistant Superintendent & US Missions Director

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Dear Network Family,

I'm truly grateful for the privilege of serving as your Assistant Superintendent, and to do so with our distinguished Network Leadership Team. But I'm ALSO honored to serve, at our Superintendent's pleasure, as your Network US Missions Director, and I've seen & heard some amazing God-stories from some of our **WFLAG US Missionaries, our Champions**. This year, I must tell you of these!

The term "champion" originated in the early 13th century from Old French and Latin roots meaning "fighter", or "combatant in the field", evolving from literal combat, to figurative "fighting for a cause." This was the era of medieval knights, who would fight on behalf of a lord.

In 1914, at the second General Council, our AG founders unanimously adopted the following resolution: **"We commit ourselves and the Movement to Him for the greatest evangelism that the world has ever seen."** Our founding "knights" declared themselves - and US - to be the **champions of OUR Lord**, fighting for His harvest in West FL...our Jerusalem, Judea, & Samaria.

Space & time won't allow me to share them all, but I've no doubt that ANY of our US Champions will be happy to share them with ANY of YOU, as they did with me. Just ask 'em! Here's a few:

**Jeff Davis:** *Correctional and Army Chaplain: Leader of Celebrate Recovery at Generations United Church; author of 12 books!* "One of my greatest privileges is preaching at Okaloosa CI, a maximum security prison, each 1st Sunday. It is sacred ground, and I've seen firsthand that no life is beyond the reach of God's grace. I often tell others that if God can use my life, He can use theirs, too. Right now, I am walking three people from my church through the process of becoming chaplains, and it is an honor to help them discover their purpose and get connected where their gifts and talents can make an eternal difference."

**Jenny/Sean Miller:** *Orphan Care:* "We serve vulnerable children & families, connecting local churches to meet real-time needs of families in crisis, and equipping parents to build healthier, more stable homes. We help teens as they age out of foster care, train churches on how they can better understand foster care needs, and provide tools that enable them to care well for families in their congregation and community. We rejoice that we're about to launch our Network's very first Family Resource Center, to be a practical hub of support for foster, adoptive, and kinship families. This past year has also held both joy and deep sorrow for our family, as we walked through the loss of our youngest son. In the midst of grief, we experienced God's nearness in profound ways, and remain grateful to continue serving the families He's called us to love. For those considering becoming a missionary, I would simply say: you don't have to have everything figured out before you begin. Often, God calls us to take a step of faith without seeing the full picture. As you step out in obedience, He faithfully provides direction, strength, and clarity along the way."

**James/Amber Gutierrez:** *FSU Chi Alpha:* "Over the past year, we've hosted weekly worship gatherings on campus and met regularly with students to read and understand the Bible together. We've also served local churches, veterans, individuals experiencing homelessness, and fellow students in our community. One of the greatest highlights has been building genuine friendships while seeking God wholeheartedly together. If you're considering God's calling to ministry, follow wherever He leads you—He's faithful, just trust and obey Him. Above all, prioritize simply being with Him. A deep, personal relationship with God is the foundation for everything else in ministry. Out of that relationship, your calling and purpose will naturally flow."

**Cherie Zack:** *Network US Missionary; Marriage Ministry for Women, aka, "Imperfect Wives":*

"When marriages are broken, hearts are often far from God. As wives encounter the Gospel and are disciplined in truth, restoration begins not only in their lives, but within their marriages and families. We are multiplying leaders and planting discipleship groups that carry the Gospel into homes. Women are equipped to walk in their identity in Christ, and stand for their marriages. Last year, we hosted an online New Leaders Q&A Room, preparing over 19 leaders... toward a nationwide expansion, and strengthened our church partnerships. We also established a repeatable discipleship model rooted in Titus 2 through our Imperfect Wives leadership training, Her Sacred Calling. We participate in Christ's mission to seek and save the lost, one home, one heart, and one marriage at a time.

If you're considering becoming a missionary, first, seek the Lord deeply and personally. There's a real cost to running this race, as well as immeasurable joy in watching the Gospel move forward. Missions is about surrender, obedience, and a willingness to do whatever He asks, even when it stretches you beyond what feels comfortable. It will require faith when provision feels uncertain, perseverance when fruit seems slow, and humility to serve people right where they are. But it will also position you to witness lives being transformed, families being restored, and hearts becoming awakened to Christ. Missions is about partnering with the heart of Jesus Christ—to seek & save the lost, bring hope into broken places, and faithfully steward the calling He's entrusted to you, one step of obedience at a time."

**Nicole/Darian Rice:** *Network Thrive Evangelism Director; Seek & Save Director:*

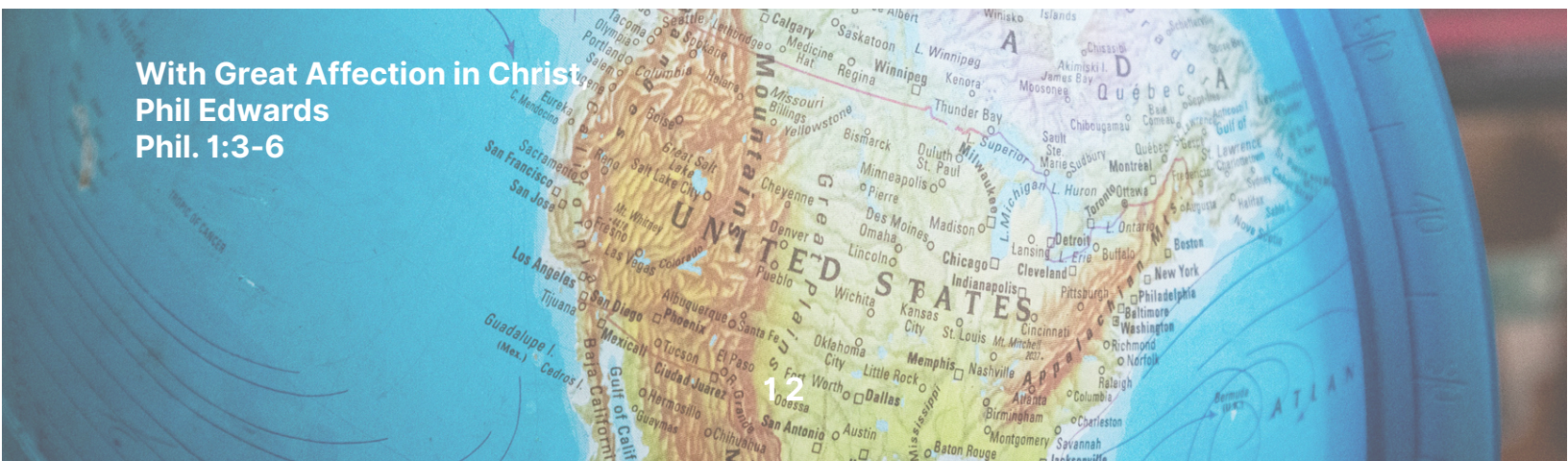
"After 10 years of working as a U.S. Missionary and Executive Director of Lavished Ministries, working with survivors of trafficking, I transitioned to a new role in 2025. My new assignment focuses on mobilizing believers to reach their communities through strategic evangelism initiatives. A highlight in 2025 was hosting 2 Seek & Save events. We had over 500 volunteers mobilized from 60 churches and they collectively participated in over 20 outreaches across West Florida. A special highlight from these events was that some volunteers who participated had never done an outreach before and these events served as the catalyst to ignite fresh vision for outreach and evangelism in their churches.

One thing I could say to someone thinking about becoming a missionary: Don't underestimate how much you're needed right here at home. It's easy for people to think of missions as something that happens overseas, but there are deep, urgent needs in our own communities - people who are hurting, overlooked, and in need of hope. Being a U.S. missionary means stepping into those spaces consistently, building trust over time, and loving people in very real, tangible ways. It's not always glamorous, and it often requires patience more than passion, but if you're faithful, you'll see lives changed in ways that matter for eternity."

Can you hear the heart of Christ in our USM Champions? They realize that this life is just the beginning. They look at eternal things, so they're always aware that the work they do here has eternal impact. They embrace this truth wholeheartedly and devote their lives to it. Let 'em help you! Let 'em tell their stories! Give this report to someone considering the call of God! We need more of them!

Let's send our Sons & Daughters, as Champions, into our Lord's Harvest, HERE! Let's Go Ourselves!

**With Great Affection in Christ**  
**Phil Edwards**  
**Phil. 1:3-6**



# SEEK AND SAVE

## Tallahassee & Perry

280

Volunteers

30

Churches

139+

Families Received Prayer For Salvation, Healing, or Other Prayer Requests.

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On-Site Water Baptism

5,500

Bags of Groceries Distributed

1,000+

Guests Attended Block Parties

900+

Free Lunches Provided

17

Medical Professionals (Transformation Church)

112

Free Medical Screenings and Sports Physicals (Transformation Church)

20+

Free Haircuts (Transformation Church)

## Pensacola & Milton

316

Volunteers

33

Churches

16

Outreaches

635+

Families Received Prayer For Salvation, Healing, or Other Prayer Requests.

300+

Reached During Neighborhood Outreaches in Milton, Warrington, Bellview, & Ferry Pass.

4,000

Bags of Groceries Distributed

2,400+

Guests Attended Block Parties

1,700+

Free Lunches Provided

39

Free Medical Screenings (Milton First Assembly)

18

Free Haircuts (Milton First Assembly)



U.S. MISSIONS  
THE GOSPEL DISPLAYED

2025 Impact Report  
Prepared by: Nicole Rice

# Secretary/Treasurer

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Greetings to the ninety-eighth Annual Gathering of our membership.

It is a delight to present this 2025 report to you on behalf of Network Superintendent, Rev. Larry Perry, and our entire Presbytery, and I encourage you to review all of the information it contains. Please know, I am always available to answer any questions you may have regarding any portion of this report.

## ***Indebted***

*"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" (Psalms 116:12)*

Wow! There is really no way to adequately convey how blessed of the Lord I am. What can one return, or give, unto the Lord for everything He gives to us? It is an impossible endeavor! One which - though I will forever try - will always leave me being indebted to Him! His love, forgiveness, presence, promises, provisions, and the list goes on, is invaluable! I love and thank you, Lord!

*"Owe no man any thing, but to love one another..." (Romans 13:8)*

Again, I find myself owing a debt I will never fully pay. This debt involves every one of you! The West Florida family has blessed me above and beyond my ability to ever repay.

I write this in recognition of how important each one of you are to me. Superintendent Larry, Assistant Superintendent Phil, our entire Presbytery, Network ministry directors, and office staff are blessings the Lord has put into my life - with Alex and Kaitlyn being double blessings! And each of you, the members of our Network are amazing gifts to me. Thank you for your love and support. I owe a debt of love to each of you!

## ***Insights***

The following pages will provide the insights to the key areas of the office of the Secretary/Treasurer. Here, I want to highlight in summary the core areas and items to note from 2025.

- The Network's dividend program with Church Mutual officially came to a close. With this, we were blessed to receive one final dividend. Because it was received toward the end of the year, its deposit was credited in 2026. Obviously, the insurance world has greatly changed for all of us. However, we want to recognize the blessing this program has been to us for more than three decades.
- The Network's Church Loan Fund has become the financial stream of blessing for our Network in this new season. In 2025, five of our active loans are from previous sales of Network facilities, including the old camgrounds/office, while nine loans were to our churches - two of which are paid off. The Presbytery's decision to owner

## **MBA Information:**



finance those five sales, as well as approving the nine loans, has enabled us to smoothly transition away from the dividend program. The sales and loans have directly impacted the Network's operational/ministry needs, as well as our church planting and church revitalization efforts! What a blessing! And, all loans remain current and on track.

- The Network contributed \$22,543.49 to our credentialed ministers' MBA retirement accounts, with AGFinancial! If you are credentialed and were not a part of this blessing, scan the QR code on the previous page, so you can open an account. We encourage you to do so, so you don't miss this blessing going forward. In addition, we also invested \$11,218.09 in providing qualified ministers with a \$10K life insurance policy, with Colonial Life. This is just another way our Network loves on the Network family.
- Note of concern for 2025, was our ministers' tithes total. Please know we are very appreciative for every dollar contributed, which totaled \$851,984.15! Thank you so much. The concern arises because of the decrease this total represents. Not just so much in comparison from the previous year, but because the 2025 total is the lowest total since 2017. This is something we must all be aware of, and ensure that individually we are fulfilling the Network's tithing policy. To this end, we will be monitoring and addressing the appearance of non-compliance throughout the year. Even with the blessing of the Loan Fund, our Network relies on our ministers' tithes as the primary source of funding for our Network.
- The credentialing process was updated, as it has been streamlined and moved online. While we are continuing to work on improvements and communication, these updates are beneficial for both first-time candidates, as well as those who are upgrading. The entire process is now found on our Network website.
- Stacy and I want to humbly express our deep appreciation to each of you for the amazing way you honored us for my 35 years of service to our Network. Thank you, Superintendent Perry, for

## *2025 Total All Funds*

Total Income All Funds	\$	2,085,198.43
Total Expenses All Funds	\$	2,318,682.72
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-233,484.29</b>

### *General Fund*

Beginning Balance:	\$	225,351.96
Income:	\$	1,054,763.20
Minister Tithes	\$	851,984.15
Church Mutual	\$	45,887.00
Other Income	\$	156,892.05
Expenses:	\$	852,962.08
Transfers:	\$	-189,550.76
Youth Department	\$	-92,662.92
General M&B	\$	-85,203.62
US Missions	\$	-17,040.72
Future Fund	\$	-21,856.89
Other Transfers Out	\$	-2,000.00
Transfers In	\$	29,213.39
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>237,602.32</b>

leading our Presbytery and Network in the celebration and presentation of the most amazing gift! Currently, we have plans to visit Israel this November.

#### **Indication**

As you continue to hear or review all of the reports presented or provided, they indicate so many reasons to celebrate and rejoice. God is good, and He has been good to our Network! By all indications, it literally appears we are living in the last days. With this, Stacy and I continue to submit ourselves to the work of the ministry. Thank you for the privilege of serving the Kingdom and our Network simultaneously.

**Laborers together,  
Rev. Mark Jakelsky  
Secretary/Treasurer**

# Financial Report

## GENERAL

Beginning Balance	\$	225,351.96
Income		1,054,763.20
Expenses		-852,962.08
Transfers		-189,550.76
Ending Balance	\$	237,602.32

## FUTURE

Beginning Balance	\$	221,783.57
Income		0.00
Expenses		-345,296.77
Transfers		21,856.89
Ending Balance	\$	-101,656.31

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Beginning Balance	\$	40,997.50
Income		37,526.50
Expenses		-54,769.58
Transfers		-15,652.28
Ending Balance	\$	8,102.14

## ADULT MINISTRIES

Beginning Balance	\$	4,068.98
Income		0.00
Expenses		-2,466.94
Transfers		735.13
Ending Balance	\$	2,337.17

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Beginning Balance	\$	-3,173.79
Income		145,240.59
Expenses		-137,963.11
Transfers		15,652.28
Ending Balance	\$	19,755.97

## YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Beginning Balance	\$	-2,722.53
Income		91,619.45
Expenses		-218,742.16
Transfers		129,845.24
Ending Balance	\$	0.00

## YOUTH CAMP

Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Income		247,017.81
Expenses		-215,239.63
Transfers		-31,778.18
Ending Balance	\$	0.00

## YOUTH ALIVE

Beginning Balance	\$	2,574.47
Income		13,500.00
Expenses		-6,137.43
Transfers		-8,413.00
Ending Balance	\$	1,524.04

## YOUNG ADULTS

Beginning Balance	\$	972.65
Income		0.00
Expenses		-237.52
Transfers		-735.13
Ending Balance	\$	0.00

## AMBASSADORS IN MISSIONS

Beginning Balance	\$	-18,690.61
Income		0.00
Expenses		0.00
Transfers		0.00
Ending Balance	\$	-18,690.61

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Beginning Balance	\$	4,524.81
Income		3,248.00
Expenses		-996.13
Transfers		0.00
Ending Balance	\$	6,776.68

## WOMEN'S MISSIONS

Beginning Balance	\$	33,747.64
Income		32,375.45
Expenses		-7,000.00
Transfers		0.00
Ending Balance	\$	59,123.09

## NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Income		5,000.00
Expenses		-818.98
Transfers		0.00
Ending Balance	\$	4,181.02

## GIRLS MINISTRIES

Beginning Balance	\$	-4,329.82
Income		8,179.00
Expenses		-6,384.87
Transfers		407.60
Ending Balance	\$	-2,128.09

## GIRLS MIN. MISSIONS

Beginning Balance	\$	4,693.88
Income		1,049.62
Expenses		0.00
Transfers		-407.60
Ending Balance	\$	5,335.90

## BENEVOLENCE

Beginning Balance	\$	2,716.77
Income		7,205.00
Expenses		-9,495.83
Transfers		2,000.00
Ending Balance	\$	2,425.94

## MUSIC

Beginning Balance	\$	1,950.00
Income		0.00
Expenses		0.00
Transfers		-1,950.00
Ending Balance	\$	0.00

## CHI ALPHA

Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Income		7,785.00
Expenses		-9,085.00
Transfers		500.00
Ending Balance	\$	-800.00

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

Beginning Balance	\$	88,184.96
Income		27,707.48
Expenses		-30,342.60
Transfers		-13,941.36
Ending Balance	\$	71,608.48

## ROYAL RANGERS

Beginning Balance	\$	16,128.65
Income		3,358.87
Expenses		-952.07
Transfers		0.00
Ending Balance	\$	18,535.45

## RURAL ADVANCEMENT

Beginning Balance	\$	11,185.88
Income		16,641.37
Expenses		-4,392.01
Transfers		0.00
Ending Balance	\$	23,435.24

## GENERAL MISS. & BENEV.

Beginning Balance	\$	0.00
Income		0.00
Expenses		-85,006.80
Transfers		85,203.62
Ending Balance	\$	196.82

## NETWORK CHURCHES

Beginning Balance	\$	197,442.75
Income		153,658.13
Expenses		-117,327.08
Transfers		-10,813.17
Ending Balance	\$	222,960.63

## US MISSIONS

Beginning Balance	\$	438,561.30
Income		138,771.09
Expenses		-119,903.55
Transfers		17,040.72
Ending Balance	\$	464,737.40

## WORLD MISSIONS

Beginning Balance	\$	20,425.27
Income		286.55
Expenses		-4,098.79
Transfers		0.00
Ending Balance	\$	16,613.03

## LOAN FUND

Beginning Balance	\$	152,059.93
Income		56,885.32
Expenses		-50,129.14
Transfers		0.00
Ending Balance	\$	158,816.11

## MINISTRY RESOURCE

Beginning Balance	\$	25,859.17
Income		33,380.00
Expenses		-38,934.65
Transfers		0.00
Ending Balance	\$	20,304.52

## FUND BALANCES

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

GENERAL FUND	\$	237,602.32
FUTURE FUND		-101,656.31
CHRISTIAN ED FUND		8,102.14
ADULT MINISTRIES		2,337.17
CHILDRENS MINISTRIES		19,755.97
YOUTH DEPARTMENT		0.00
YOUTH CAMP		0.00
YOUTH ALIVE		1,524.04
YOUNG ADULTS		0.00
AMBASSADORS IN MSNS		-18,690.61
WOMEN'S MINISTRY		6,776.68
WOMEN'S MISSIONS		59,123.09
NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS		4,181.02
GIRLS MINISTRIES		-2,128.09
GIRLS MINISTRIES MISSIONS		5,335.90
BENEVOLENCE		2,425.94
MUSIC		0.00
CHI ALPHA		-800.00
MEN'S MINISTRY		71,608.48
ROYAL RANGERS		18,535.45
RURAL ADVANCEMENT		23,435.24
GEN MISSIONS & BENEV.		196.82
US MISSIONS		464,737.40
NETWORK CHURCHES		222,960.63
WORLD MISSIONS		16,613.03
LOAN FUND		158,816.11
MINISTRY RESOURCE	\$	20,304.52
<b>Total All Accounts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,221,096.94</b>

## ACCOUNT BALANCES

Wells Fargo	
Statement Balance	\$ 1,216,712.34
Outstanding Checks	-106,520.64
Outstanding Deposits	108,140.24
Account Balance	\$ 1,218,331.94

Peoplesouth	
Statement Balance	\$ 2,765.00
Account Balance	\$ 2,765.00

Wells Fargo	\$ 1,218,331.94
Peoplesouth	2,765.00
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,221,096.94</b>

## OUTSTANDING LOANS

Evangel Church	\$ 1,466,383.24
New Life AG (2)	2,000.00
Spay Bay	1,272,834.79
Walk by Faith	120,495.44
Rhythm Church	9,000.00
Rock Solid Ministries	210,448.24
Cornerstone	146,160.05
Bethel	79,407.47
Living Waters	15,324.27
Bratt	21,088.91
Lifehouse AG	14,773.13
Theos Church	31,481.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,419,670.72</b>

# Credentiaing

## NEW MINISTERS

C	Amanda Rhodes	01/25/2025
C	Samantha Hammack	01/27/2025
C	Taylor Hammack	01/27/2025
C	Christie Minchew	03/11/2025
L	Mikayla Russ	03/11/2025
C	Teresa Anderson	03/18/2025
L	Ryan McKenzie	04/11/2025
C	Celeste Love	04/15/2025
L	Amanda Fussell	06/09/2025
L	Phillip Fussell	06/09/2025
C	Cherie Richey	10/07/2025
L	Robin Armenta	10/07/2025
C	Gabriel Keith	10/07/2025
L	Jacob Peterson	10/14/2025
C	Brandon French	10/14/2025

## ORDAINED

O	Spencer "Harley" Bailey	04/29/2025
O	Joshua Bugby	04/29/2025
O	Lauren Coats	04/29/2025
O	Joseph Daniels	04/29/2025
O	Jack Day	04/29/2025
O	Adam Jeska	04/29/2025
O	Brandon McGowin	04/29/2025
O	Robert Murray	04/29/2025
O	Logan Pippin	04/29/2025
O	Sean Seymore	04/29/2025
O	Curtis Tasker	04/29/2025
O	William Watts	04/29/2025

## UPGRADED TO LICENSE

L	Javier Andujar	02/25/2025
L	Stacey Lamb	03/11/2025
L	Thomas Adamson	04/21/2025
L	Christie Minchew	10/07/2025
L	Celeste Love	10/07/2025
L	Karisa Nelson	10/07/2025

## REINSTATED

L	Matthew Ray	01/27/2025
L	Khumbo Banda	06/02/2025

## TRANSFERRED IN

O	Thomas Forgo	01/21/2025
L	Joseph Adams	02/21/2025
O	Jason Willis	09/24/2025
C	Regan Willis	09/24/2025
O	Kevin Church	10/30/2025
O	Rachel Church	10/30/2025
O	Mark Hoffman	11/06/2025
O	Rylie Floyd	12/09/2025

## DISMISSED

C	Arthur Wood	09/25/2025
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## LAPSED

O	Ralph Blackman Jr.	12/31/2025
O	Terry Broome	12/31/2025
O	Joshua Bugby	12/31/2025
O	Shannon Chisler	12/31/2025
O	Randal Miller	12/31/2025
L	M. Stephen Pederson	12/31/2025
O	Stephen Zepp	12/31/2025

## DECEASED

O	Louie Pettis	05/01/2025
O	Ellis Vickery	05/18/2025
O	Robbins Wood	07/22/2025
L	Carolyn Shumway	08/16/2025
O	William Senn	09/04/2025
O	Lamar Creel	09/23/2025
O	Bernard Browne	10/10/2025
C	JoAnn Simmons	10/18/2025

## TRANSFERRED OUT

O	Gary Dougherty	02/25/2025
C	Amanda Rhodes	07/24/2025
O	Ronald Starns Jr	09/22/2025

**Ministers as of January 1, 2025: 381**  
**Ministers as of December 31, 2025: 387**  
 O: Ordained L: Licensed C: Certificate of Ministry



The West Florida Ministry Network  
was represented by

# 150 churches.

## ATTENDANCE

**21,918**  
adherents



**14,769**  
members

## SPIRITUAL MILESTONES

In 2025, we had



**3,994**  
conversions



**679**  
Holy Spirit  
baptisms



**1,733**  
water  
baptisms

\*All numbers are based on 2025 Annual Church Ministries Report (ACMR) summaries.\*

# THRIVE

As we begin this report, we do so by sharing a portion of last year's.

"This initiative is not a short sprint. It is a journey. A journey to spiritual health. We are endeavoring to help churches become biblically healthy, so they can be life-giving, disciple-producing, thriving assemblies! Abraham was called a father before he even became one. That's faith. Our Network Leadership Team and our Thrive Team can see it! It's coming! By faith, we see our Network Affiliated Assemblies becoming - Thriving Assemblies."

Those were not just words, they were prophetic words. After leading the Thrive Initiative through its first full year (we launched in June 2024), I can say it truly is a journey. The Foundation of this journey has been all about building relationships. And as we all know - it takes time to establish and strengthen relationships!

Since its launch, Stacy and I have spent the majority of our Sundays visiting our Thrive churches. Getting to hear our pastors preach is a blessing. Encouraging them and cheering them on is a joy. Spending time with them over a meal is enriching. Not just to them, but to us as well. They are encouraged by the visit. They enjoy being heard. They are strengthened by the fellowship and partnership. It reminds them that they are not alone and, that the Network is a family. This is the intentional and strategic foundation for the fruitfulness we see coming to our churches! It is also important to note: this foundation - healthy relationships is a priority of our Superintendent's heart, for all of our churches.

Everything we do, moving forward with our Thrive churches will be done out of healthy relationships between the Pastor, church, and Network. So, where do we go next? What will we focus on? Always relationships - but now we move on to assessments, training, and resources. What an awesome journey it is! And, there is absolutely no way this can be done by one person, or even two or three. This is being done with the help and sacrifices of an amazing team of individuals. That is the Thrive Team, as well as approximately 25 of our pastors who will be serving as Thrive coaches!

Ohh yes! We see our small Network Affiliated Churches becoming healthy, fruitful - Thriving Assemblies!

**The Thrive Team,  
Danny Burns  
Mike Clarensau  
Brian Dollar  
Kim & Laurel Harvey  
Rickey Tedder  
Tommy Moore  
Nicole Rice  
Larry Perry  
Mark Jakelsky**





# Discipleship

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To our Network Family,

When I reflect on 2025, I first want to express gratitude to each pastor, leader, and church that chose to make Discipleship a priority in the year. For each of us, this process will look different. The important part is that in some way it is moving us and others towards Christ. I also want to express gratitude to those who have supported me in this year of transition as I take the led as Discipleship Director. Our Network Superintendent, Larry Perry, Secretary/Treasurer, Mark Jakelsky, and our full Presbytery have been continually encouraging through this process. I want to thank my husband, Phillip Aaron, who wholeheartedly embraced adding another responsibility to our lives if it meant serving the Church more effectively.

Discipleship saw a year of planting and harvest. We started the year at St. Andrews Assembly for E4 Conference. Dr. Allen Tennison shared his heart and knowledge on what a Biblical Church really looks like. We were grateful for the 41 churches that participated with over 360 individual participants. During the E4 Conference, we also launched the rebranding of Christian Education to Discipleship, which included long-term goals for expanding E4 ministries, small group/Sunday School resources, and developing out a Network School of Discipleship to partner with our current Network School of Ministry.

The expansion of E4 ministries did occur in 2025 via e4 minis. We hosted three e4 minis, each covering a different topic, starting with Hospitality and ending the year with Volunteer Development. We had over 100 individuals participate during one or more of the three zoom events. Our hope is to continue to keep resourcing different areas of the church so that all leaders may have the opportunity to learn and grow.

It truly was a great year to kick off what is prayerfully a great season for Discipleship. I believe that, given the current landscape, the Church has a wonderful opportunity to disciple as we are called to in the Great Commission. It was never intended for discipleship to stop with one conversation, one lesson, or one book. It was intended for discipleship to be ongoing development that exponentially impacts others, directing them to gain the love and characteristics of Christ. I believe we must all take on this attitude if we intend on having a lasting impact on our culture. Even for those of us already practicing this, don't forget there is always one more person we can pull along to join the path!

**Gratefully,  
Alexandria Wall  
Discipleship Director**

# *Discipleship Offerings*

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Sneads Assembly of God	\$ 650.71	First Assembly of God Southport	\$ 150.00
Refuge Assembly of God	\$ 563.03	Faith Chapel Assembly of God	\$ 141.27
Springs of Hope Church	\$ 500.00	Mount Pleasant Assembly of God	\$ 139.61
Bear Creek Assembly of God	\$ 498.00	Bethel Assembly of God (10)	\$ 120.85
Rock Bluff Assembly of God	\$ 411.31	Smith Chapel Assembly of God	\$ 120.01
Heritage Assembly of God	\$ 402.30	Fellowship Assembly of God	\$ 120.00
Holley Assembly of God	\$ 400.00	Pensacola First Assembly of God	\$ 100.00
Carmel Assembly of God	\$ 382.78	Lynn Haven Assembly of God	\$ 100.00
Glad Tidings Assembly of God (9)	\$ 364.60	Life Out Loud Church	\$ 100.00
Marianna First Assembly of God	\$ 360.00	Alford Assembly of God	\$ 100.00
Hardaway Assembly of God	\$ 352.80	Eastside Assembly of God (7)	\$ 93.50
St. Andrews Assembly of God	\$ 350.00	Southside Assembly of God	\$ 92.31
Grace Assembly @ Chipley	\$ 342.00	Blountstown First Assembly of God	\$ 73.00
Cypress Grove Assembly of God	\$ 232.70	Beulah Chapel Assembly of God	\$ 70.20
Mayo First Assembly of God	\$ 220.00	Mount Olive Assembly of God	\$ 69.70
Panama City First Assembly	\$ 200.00	Liberty Assembly of God	\$ 57.40
Ivan Assembly of God	\$ 200.00	New Family Assembly of God	\$ 50.00
Fresh Life Church	\$ 200.00	Laurel Hill First Assembly of God	\$ 36.90
New Hope Assembly of God (2)	\$ 187.10	Transforming Life Ch Assembly of God	\$ 25.00
New Life Assembly of God Church (5)	\$ 177.79	Bellview Assembly of God	\$ 11.00
Winterville Assembly of God	\$ 169.01	Jasper Assembly of God	\$ 10.17
Sumatra Assembly of God	\$ 164.67	Pilgrim Rest Assembly of God	\$ 3.25
Welcome Assembly of God (3)	\$ 161.30	Victory Assembly of God	\$ 3.00
Bonifay Assembly of God	\$ 156.00		

***2025 Total: \$9,433.27***



# NextGen

Greetings to our West Florida Network Family!

As I complete almost thirteen years as the Student Ministries Director of West Florida, I can honestly say I still love serving the students, leaders, and pastors of this Network. Twenty twenty-five was a year of growth in many ways. As events get bigger and more involved, I recognize more than ever the need to build and empower teams. To that end, I met with several key NextGen leaders in 2025, and established teams to plan and execute our 2026 events. I look forward to seeing what God does through them to take our events to the next level this year.

We believe God has put this team together to take this department to the next level. I want to thank our 2025 NextGen team for all of their hard work last year.

## **2025 Highlights:**

### **Speed the Light Tour**

The Speed the Light Tour looked very different in 2025. Instead of holding services for students, I went to many of your sectional minister's lunches/ meetings and presented our current STL projects. Thank you for continuing to support our missionaries through Speed the Light! See our Speed the Light Report for more about our 2025 giving and projects completed.

### **Winter Blitz/Fun Arts**

Over one hundred kids and leaders joined us at Transformation Church in February, for our Winter Blitz Kids Convention and Fun Arts. Lynna Mooney led an awesome service for the students. Fun Arts is always a highlight as we see so many talented students discovering and developing their gifts. It's an amazing discipleship tool! If your kids ministry has never participated in Winter Blitz and Fun Arts, you don't want to miss out in 2027! Watch for updates at [westflorida.ag](http://westflorida.ag), and in the West Florida KidMin Facebook group. Email Dana at [dana.hicks@westflorida.ag](mailto:dana.hicks@westflorida.ag) if your children's ministry leader has not yet connected with our Network Next Gen team.

### **Fine Arts**

On April 5, at First Assembly of God Church in Panama City, over 400 students, leaders, and families joined together for Fine Arts 2025! This incredible discipleship tool helps our students discover, develop & deploy the gifts the Lord has so incredibly blessed them with. Students showcased their talents in art, writing, dance, drama, communication, vocal, and instrumental categories. Many students advanced and had the opportunity to travel to Orlando, where they not only represented West Florida, but also joined thousands of other students in worship together during the powerful National Youth Convention services. If you would like to learn more about Fine Arts, email Dana at [dana.hicks@westflorida.ag](mailto:dana.hicks@westflorida.ag).

**OUR 2025 NEXTGEN TEAM:**  
**DIRECTOR: CRAIG HICKS**  
**ADMIN: DANA HICKS**  
**KIDMIN/BGMC: BO WALKER**  
**FINE ARTS: CURTIS TASKER**  
**FUN ARTS: COLUMBIA PERRY**  
**GIRLS MINISTRIES: AMANDA FUSSELL**  
**ROYAL RANGERS: RAY THOMPSON**  
**JUNIOR BIBLE QUIZ: ROBBIE JENKINS**  
**YOUNG ADULT: JAMES PAUL**

**Ministry Reps: Jason Naes, Brad Dancel, Clint Nelson, Andrea Goldfarb, Adam Jeska, Brandon McGowin, Jake Allen, Steven Hicks, Meghan Smith, Jonathan Skipper**

## Youth Camp

Elise Wood ministered to our students at Youth Camp 2025. There was a powerful move of God every night. Our camps get more crowded every year, so make plans early to secure your spots!

## Kids Camp

At Kids Camp, our students were ministered to by the Children's Director of the Georgia Ministry Network, Russell Smith. The kids enjoyed afternoon activities and team competitions in the evenings along with special BGMC & prayer services mixed in. Pastor Bo and Megan Walker, our Network Kidmin Directors, do an incredible job planning and executing all the moving parts that make up a full week of Kids Camp.

As you can see, our camps are full and full of life! We are so thankful that Camp Realife is set up with 2 sides to the property allowing us to run both youth and kids camps simultaneously without the kids and teens having to work around each other. We have a full plate when pulling this event off, but we are so thankful to have so many great leaders step up to make our camps successful and safe.

## Revive Leaders Summit

Oceans Church in Destin, was gracious enough to host the Revive Leaders Summit again in 2025, November 6-8. This event really is a time of refreshing as leaders come together to worship, learn, and laugh together. Eran Holt, evangelist and youth ministry coach, encouraged and challenged our youth leaders, while Meghan Boyle, the Children's Ministry Director of the Ohio Ministry Network, did the same for our kids leaders. We also got to hear from some of our very own West Florida ministry leaders. The Lifepoint NextGen team did a great session on their holistic approach to seeing students disciplined from nursery through high school. Three other leaders took ten minutes each to speak to the group. Ethan Strickland, Jonathon Drose, and Karah Bradley shared inspiring and challenging words to the leaders in the room. Chelsea Vanderford organized and led a fun night of games and fellowship at Faith Coast Church on Friday night.

## Thank You!

On behalf of our NextGen team, thank you! Thank you for allowing us to stand alongside you and work together. Thank you for believing in your students and fighting for the leaders who are shaping this generation.

Our mission is unwavering: to lead students and leaders down Pentecostal pathways. And that mission rises or falls on the strength of today's youth and children's pastors. We are committed to equipping them to introduce students to Jesus early and to create environments where the Holy Spirit is not just talked about, but encountered in powerful, life-changing ways, not only at camps and events, but in the everyday moments of ministry.

We are raising up a generation marked by generosity through BGMC and Speed the Light. Right now, students are sowing seeds that are directly connected to the calling God is forming in their lives. This is bigger than offerings, this is about purpose, obedience, and impact. So, let's keep moving forward TOGETHER. Let's keep building leaders who make disciples who make disciples. We are not finished! We are ALL IN, ON MISSION, IN JESUS' NAME!

**Craig Hicks**  
**Student Ministries Director**

# camp stats

## YOUTH CAMP STATS:

CAMP DIRECTORS:

CLINT & KAYLA NELSON

REC DIRECTORS:

EVAN & CHELSEA VANDERFORD

STUDENT LIFE PASTOR:

CAMP 1: JAMES PAUL

CAMP 2: JAKE ALLEN

SNACK SHACK COORDINATOR:

SHANNON RODRIGUEZ

ATTENDEES: 949

SALVATIONS: 82

REDEDICATIONS: 303

HEALINGS: 687

BAPTISM IN HOLY SPIRIT: 120

CALLED: 65

## KIDS CAMP STATS:

CAMP DIRECTORS:

BO AND MEGAN WALKER

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS:

STEVEN AND KAITLYN HICKS

REC DIRECTORS:

JOSH AND COLUMBIA PERRY

SNACK SHACK COORDINATOR:

ANN BLACK

ATTENDEES: 435

SALVATIONS: 15

REDEDICATIONS: 99

HEALINGS: 3

BAPTISM IN HOLY SPIRIT: 10

REFILLED IN HOLY SPIRIT: 11

CALLED: 29

Freedom Church First Assembly of God	\$	23,992.65
LifePoint Church of the Assemblies of God	\$	21,600.32
Sneads Assembly of God	\$	20,732.31
Fresh Life Church Tallahassee	\$	20,729.00
Generations Church	\$	20,269.00
Navarre First Assembly	\$	16,913.00
Panama City First Assembly of God	\$	12,487.71
Ivan Assembly of God	\$	11,523.78
Evangel Worship Center Assembly of God	\$	11,236.00
Holley Assembly of God	\$	11,142.50
Bear Creek Assembly of God	\$	10,796.59
El Bethel Assembly of God	\$	10,000.00
Grace Assembly at Chipley	\$	6,816.98
Glad Tidings Assembly of God	\$	5,000.00
Carmel Assembly of God	\$	4,609.00
Perry First Assembly of God	\$	4,405.79
Callaway Assembly of God	\$	4,124.00
Emerald Coast Church	\$	3,979.54
West Florida Ministry	\$	3,840.03
Hardaway Assembly of God	\$	3,284.70
Valparaiso First Assembly of God	\$	2,885.00
Bascom Assembly of God	\$	2,486.15
Defuniak Springs First Assembly of God	\$	2,370.00
Mount Pleasant Assembly of God	\$	2,331.21
Heritage Assembly of God	\$	1,800.00
Marianna First Assembly of God	\$	1,697.25
Living Waters Assembly of God	\$	1,480.00
Refuge Assembly of God	\$	1,446.00
Welcome Assembly of God	\$	1,412.51
Pine Forest Assembly of God	\$	1,200.00
Mayo First Assembly of God	\$	1,100.00
Beacon of Hope Assembly of God	\$	1,000.00
Northside Assembly of God	\$	1,000.00
Faith AG	\$	1,000.00
Carrabelle First Assembly of God	\$	925.00
Milton First Assembly of God	\$	844.40
Westville Assembly	\$	807.90
Open Arms Assembly	\$	660.00
Transforming Life Church Assembly of God	\$	650.00
Destin Life Church	\$	650.00
Harold Assembly of God	\$	600.00
New Life Fellowship	\$	560.04
New Church Assembly of God	\$	546.00
Panama City Beach First Assembly of God	\$	500.00
Bellview Assembly of God	\$	445.38
St Andrews Assembly of God	\$	397.65
Bethel Assembly of God	\$	376.00
New Life Fellowship Assemblies of God Church	\$	345.00
Cottdonale First Assembly of God	\$	330.00
Bruce Assembly of God	\$	325.00
Welcome Assembly of God	\$	260.00

**2025 Total:**  
**\$261,381.39**



First Assembly of God Church of Southport	\$	250.00
New Life Assembly of God Church	\$	240.00
Campton Assembly of God	\$	225.00
Page Pond Assembly of God	\$	150.00
First Assembly of God Lynn Haven	\$	90.00
Cypress Grove Assembly of God	\$	80.00
Rhythm Church	\$	76.00
Medart Assembly of God	\$	72.00
Life Out Loud Church	\$	72.00
Transformation Church	\$	55.00
Sumatra Assembly of God	\$	50.00
Bonifay First Assembly of God	\$	48.00
Rock Bluff Assembly of God Church	\$	30.00
Reedy Assembly of God	\$	20.00
Fellowship Assembly of God (10)	\$	10.00

# WEST FLORIDA BGMC 2026 PROJECT LIST

## AFRICA'S CHILDREN

#36970-1

Water Initiatives - water filters for families.

\$13,000

## URUGUAY

#37238-1

Kids Bibles at \$10 each.

\$23,000

## ASIA'S LITTLE ONES

#37016-1

Schooling for children in 9 Asia Pacific countries.

\$25,000

## FREE INTERNATIONAL

#37200-1

Big Searches, media equipment, and therapy dogs - to fight human trafficking.

\$25,000

## ALASKA KID'S CAMP

#37832-1

Building/Construction - build a dorm for Camp Agaiutim Nune.

\$25,000

## EUROPE

COMING SOON...

**TOTAL: \$111,000**



PROJECT



MEDIA & INFO





# 2025 BGMCM REPORT

**TOTAL GIVING: \$379,570**

**#1**

**NETWORKS  
WITH 100-199  
CHURCHES**

**29**

**PROJECTS  
SPONSORED**

**87**

**CHURCHES  
GAVE TO BGMCM**

## TOP 10

1. Rock Bluff Assembly (Bristol) - \$34,461.57
2. Generations Church (Tallahassee) - \$33,251.00
3. Sneads Assembly (Sneads) - \$24,380.22
4. Navarre First (Navarre) - \$18,077.00
5. East Side Assembly (Pensacola) - \$16,019.00
6. Fresh Life Church (Tallahassee) - \$10,936.00
7. Evangel Worship Center (Marianna) - \$10,873.00
8. Callaway Assembly (Panama City) - \$10,440.00
9. El Bethel Assembly (Grand Ridge) - \$9,992.85
10. First Assembly (Pensacola) - \$9,165.23

**CHAMPIONS OF  
COMPASSION**

Churches with significant  
increase from 2024 to 2025

Grace Assembly Vernon  
 St Andrews Assembly  
 First Assembly (Cottondale)  
 El Bethel Assembly (Grand Ridge)  
 Generations Church (Tallahassee)  
 East Side Assembly (Pensacola)  
 Brentwood Assembly (Pensacola)  
 Shady Grove Assembly (Baker)

## WEST FLORIDA NETWORK SPONSORSHIPS

Kyle Alford- Southern Asia: \$10,000  
 Jenny Miller- Foster Care: \$25,000  
 Angel Trevino- Theos Church: \$5,000



# GIRLS MINISTRIES

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- During this past year in 2025 Girls Ministries hosted a one day event at two different locations for girls ages 6-11. Our girls in West Florida learned that when they turn to God, they could be “Set Free” from sin, negative thoughts, and the things that try to stop them from fulfilling God’s call for their lives. During the altar time we had several girls give their lives to Jesus. The leaders who were in attendance also walked away refreshed, encouraged, and “Set Free”.
- Our Teen Girls Ministries hosted a one day event for ages 12-18 called “Chosen Daughters” at First Assembly in Marianna. There were 120 in attendance. Girls immersed themselves in worship and the Word of God to experience “Just Jesus”. We often get distracted by all the noise around us when all we need is Jesus.
- Chosen Daughters Conference is a faith-based event focused on guiding teen girls to understand and embrace their identity in Christ. This conference seeks to provide an environment where teen girls can explore their faith and identify their God-given purpose through worship services, spirit-led preaching, and interactive breakout sessions.
- At AGLC (Assemblies of God Leadership Conference), we celebrated the work done with Project Rescue through your faithful giving to Coins for Kids. Project Rescue helps provide resources needed to help rescue women and children from slavery and trafficking through the love and power of God. Project Rescue walks shoulder to shoulder with courageous survivors on their journey toward a new, hope-filled future. This year we will be partnering with Convoy of Hope. Please consider giving to Coins For Kids to further the gospel through the helping hands of Convoy of Hope.
- Girls Ministries is moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> century! The National Office has been working to rewrite the Girls Ministries Curriculum. They are working hard to get the new materials released soon!
- I am excited to announce this year’s theme... “For Such A Time As This” Throughout the Bible we see women God called and used to make a difference in the world around them. When God created us, He placed us here for this very moment in time. God has a plan and a purpose for each of us, and He loves us so much.
- Girls Ministries is also partnering with Women’s Ministry to encourage ladies and girls of your church to host a “See you at the Altar” day so they can live out the Titus 2 model we are founded after and teach our girls how to fervently pray.
- We are a Sisterhood that believes in walking hand in hand so that we can raise up mighty women of God who do mighty things for His Kingdom.



# Royal Rangers

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## Greetings West Florida,

We have been privileged to host many of our events for 36+ years now at Donny and Pam Harris's property in Vernon. Donny began working in Rangers in 1982 and Pam was teaching Sunday School at that time. She eventually began working with Missionettes and together their journey helped disciple hundreds of boys and girls over the next 30+ years. The privilege of hearing their testimony brings to perspective **Matthew 7:16 "you shall know them by their fruits."** Though Donny has entered his heavenly reward, Pam continues to welcome us for every event. She declares that the Lord blessed them with much and they vowed to make a place for mentoring boys.

The **2025** Apalachee Chapter Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (FCF) **Winter Gathering** brought a new group of young lads to experience the frontier. This event is open to any church; you do not have to be in FCF. Boys were able to experience basic fire starting, hawk and knife throwing, ATLATL, black powder, blacksmithing, primitive traps, and their timeless favorite "Trade Blanket" experience. All leading up to an amazing Council Fire as we worshiped under the stars.

March brought us to Branson Missouri for the first **Everyone 25 Conference**. The National Office hosted both Royal Rangers and Girls Ministry Leaders from across the country to hear the vision for both Boys and Girls Ministries. This provided great organizational insight for Royal Ranger Leaders. Girls Ministry leaders were treated to a special Convoy of Hope Headquarters orientation. Talk about inspirational! My wife still talks about that experience.

**April** followed up with our FCF "**Adventure**" with several new candidates joining the Chapter. Advancement within FCF requires **many hours of service for missions** known as "**Trappers Brigade**", along with training requirements. The advancements for FCF are Frontiersman, Buckskin and Wilderness. Each one requires challenges and training advancements as outlined by the National FCF site.

May brought us Ranger Kid Field Day, hosted at the **Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park in Destin**. What a wonderful day to experience **HIS** creation and an adventure for the whole family. Field Day is open to the whole family and many did participate in the up-close animal encounters.

**June** brought us Junior Leaders Development Academy (JLDA), hosted at Navarre AG. We had our largest group in over a decade in attendance. This camp centers around the four ways a boy grows: mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. Leadership focus, lots of challenges, and some great life lessons were infused with the **WORD**.

Thanks to all the Pastors and great leadership team that gave of their time to pour into the **Next Generation**. **Pastors** are always welcome at our events and if you have fathers and sons that need to reconnect, they can participate in most of our events!

**August** had the Rangers Night Out game between Atlanta Braves and Cincinnati Reds, held at Bristol Motors Speedway in Tennessee. This was the first for Major League Baseball and NASCAR combined.

**October** hosted the **FCF Rifleman Territorial Rendezvous in Coward, South Carolina**, with an excellent group making the long trek. This is an experience of a lifetime for boys and leaders alike.

**November** found us at Pow Wow at Camp Koinonia in Milton. We took the West to a whole new level with some great activities. Everyone that attended braved the cold creek for the treasure hunt. Their reward was all kinds of gold, silver, and jewels. The bucking barrel was the most challenging, especially for the oldest boys. We were privileged to have our **National Director, Karl Fleig**, pop in unexpectedly. Our **US RR Missionary, John Robinson**, ministered each night and tied it all together with a Sunday morning send off.

**Missions:** Our missions funds raised for 2025 went to our **US RR Missionary John Robinson**. Please consider supporting EBI as a part of your missions giving. Go to [royalrangers.com/everyboy](http://royalrangers.com/everyboy). The recommended support is \$25 monthly, but any amount monthly would help tremendously. Our Network could bring us to that target threshold of 70%. We are at 55% currently. EBI will make the complete Ranger curriculum available to every Pentecostal Friendly church "**FREE**." It will also remove the chartering fee; you will still have to register.

**Training: Ranger Essentials, Ranger Foundations and Ranger Safety** can be group-hosted with a Network Certified Instructor and with most being able to be taken online. There are other training events offered. For a detailed list, visit [royalrangers.com/training/adult](http://royalrangers.com/training/adult). We have an **Outpost Leaders Orientation (OLO)** to help your new leaders get familiar with hosting Rangers.

## Events:

RK Field Day - May 15 - Holley A/G  
Junior Training (JLDA) - Jun 4-7 - Refuge A/G  
Atlanta Braves - Aug 1 - Truist Park, Atlanta GA  
Canoe Action Camp - Aug 28-30 - Econfina Creek  
Pow Wow is set for Nov 6-8 - Harris Property, Vernon FL

**In HIS service,**  
**Ray Thompson**  
**WFLDRR**  
**850-819-7589**  
**wfldrr@gmail.com**



# Junior Bible Quiz

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We just wrapped up our 2025 - 2026 Junior Bible Quiz (JBQ) season. Carmel Assembly (Bonifay), Freedom Church (Tallahassee), and Emerald Coast Church (Fort Walton Beach) returned to competition. We were excited to welcome Evangel Church, based out of Marianna, to join us for the first time. The Evangel team, led by Pastor Steven and Kaitlyn Hicks, demonstrated exceptional enthusiasm and preparation. It was great to see a brand-new group of kids not only eager to compete, but more importantly, passionate about learning the Word of God.

At Network Finals, Freedom Church finished first place and received an invitation to represent the West Florida Network at the National JBQ Festival. They will be traveling to Springfield, VA, from June 11 - 13, to compete alongside teams from across the country. We ask the Network to keep these quizzers, their families, and leaders in prayer as they travel.

We continue to focus on expanding JBQ throughout the Network. Over the past year, I have met with student ministers in other churches that are interested in launching JBQ teams. JBQ continues to stand apart as a proven ministry tool designed to help parents partner with kid's pastors and leaders to disciple their children through scripture memorization and foundational biblical teachings.

In Matthew Chapter 4, we see an account of Jesus as he spent forty days and nights in the wilderness being tempted by the devil. During each of these temptations, Jesus responded by simply quoting scripture, until finally the devil departed. This is what Junior Bible Quiz is all about, providing that same foundation of scripture memory that will carry these kids through life and empower them, with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all the parents, leaders, and volunteers, without whom, none of this is possible.

**Thank you,  
Robbie Jenkins  
Junior Bible Quiz Director**

# Women's Ministries

It is an honor to serve the West Florida Network churches and women. I appreciate our fellowship's focus on women's ministry; for years, they have faithfully balanced home, family, work, and ministry. I pray every woman recognizes her value in God and finds joy in daily service.

In 2025, the women of West Florida showed sacrificial generosity, contributing \$31,375 through Touch the World and Light the Way to support our Global Workers. Thank you for your generosity. In 2026, we aim to increase this support to help them "Furnish their Homes so they can Further the Gospel," while also continuing to support National AG Women's Missions Projects via "Light the Way."



We continued our regular "What's Happening with WFL Women" virtual meetings in 2025, offering valuable resources and ideas for effective ministry to women of all ages and stages. I look forward to building new connections and strengthening existing ones with West Florida women. Together, we will use our collective influence for local and global impact.

Every woman is chosen by God for a unique, God-given purpose, regardless of her season. Because of our inherent uniqueness and gifts, all women possess tremendous potential to impact their world.

**Best Regards.**  
**Becky Neugent**  
**Women's Ministry Director**

## Touch the World Giving

True Worship Assembly of God	\$ 16,710.00
Glad Tidings Assembly of God (9)	\$ 5,000.00
Refuge Assembly of God	\$ 4,600.00
Callaway Assembly of God	\$ 2,000.00
Generations Church	\$ 1,515.45
Carmel Assembly of God	\$ 950.00
Cypress Grove Assembly of God	\$ 600.00

**2025 Total: \$31,375.45**

# Network of Women Ministers

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## More Miles, More Smiles

2025 was defined by “real” conversations and “real” life. It was filled with more lunches and coffee breaks, more phone calls and cohort Zoom meetings, more growth opportunities and more connections. West Florida continues to grow in credentialed women and it has been an honor to serve our Network over the past year.

## 2025 Highlights & Impact

- **Lunch at Midtown Caboose:** We gathered during Network Gathering for a laid-back afternoon of connecting and meeting new friends.
- **Inaugural Leadership Cohort:** In the fall, we launched our first 4-month cohort. We didn’t just grow as leaders; we shared laughter, tears, and ministry experiences that bonded us for the long haul.
- **Network School Of Ministry Lunch:** We had the joy of hosting a lunch for the women attending NSOM in October.
- **Spotlight Features:** Throughout the year, we continued to celebrate the unique stories and ministries of women across our Network.

## Team Expansion

In 2025, we officially welcomed Stacey Lamb to the team as the NWM Assistant Director. Stacey was serving the women of West Florida long before she had the title! This year, she was instrumental in facilitating our fall cohort, the NSOM lunch, 2026 planning and so much more. Most importantly: she is a warrior who prays for you!

## Looking Ahead to 2026

2026 is packed with opportunities to equip and connect you:

- Empower Her Leadership Zoom featuring Deanna Shrodes.
- Network Gathering Lunch sponsored by Inspire.
- Fall Leadership Cohort will return by popular demand!
- Leader Missions Trip - an exciting new opportunity.
- Spotlight Features will continue. We would love to feature YOU!
- Pathfinder: Don’t forget this FREE national leadership program at ag.org, designed to support you through coaching and continued education.

## Celebrating Our Own

We are so excited for every woman who advanced in her credentialing this year. A very special congratulations to **Melissa Parlin, Lucy Parkerson, Chelsea Vanderford, Dawn Siegel, and Tammy Warnock** who are being Ordained during our 2026 Network Gathering.

## Stay Connected

If you are a credentialed woman (or currently pursuing credentials) and aren’t receiving our updates, please email [cstephens@callawayag.org](mailto:cstephens@callawayag.org) so we can keep you connected.

**With Great Joy,  
Rev. Cinthia Stephens  
Network of Women Ministers Director**



# Men's Ministries

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I would like to thank all the Pastors and Churches for their support to Men's Ministries and the Missions arm of Men's Ministries, Light For The Lost! As the Network Director, it is a great joy to see and experience what is going on in the men across West Florida. I firmly believe that the men in our churches are hungry for a last days anointing of the Holy Spirit and they are pursuing that anointing with passion!

Let me say THANK YOU to ALL our Pastors and Congregations for your sacrificial giving! Our giving this past year through Light For The Lost was \$232,180.14, and that was with only 50 churches out of our 151 churches giving to LFTL!

Pastor, if your church is a part of the 101 churches that did not give anything to or through LFTL, could I ask you and your church to consider giving \$100 this year to help us? Our Missionaries simply can not do what they are called to do without our help! As your Network Director, I am here to assist you in anyway possible to help you achieve your LFTL giving goals.

Let me say thank you to our Network Superintendent and all our Network leaders for the opportunity to serve the West Florida Network!

God bless you!

**Sincerely,  
J. Clinton Howell  
Men's Ministries/LFTL Director**

LifePoint Church of the Assemblies of God	\$ 45,120.00
El Bethel Assembly of God	\$ 40,000.00
Carmel Assembly of God	\$ 35,780.00
Sneads Assembly of God	\$ 33,775.00
Grace Assembly at Chipley	\$ 16,057.76
Glad Tidings Assembly of God	\$ 8,000.00
Ivan Assembly of God	\$ 5,965.56
Fresh Life Church Tallahassee	\$ 5,000.00
Freedom Church First Assembly of God	\$ 4,436.00
Grace Assembly Vernon	\$ 4,262.00
Cypress Grove Assembly of God	\$ 2,528.00
Callaway Assembly of God	\$ 2,300.00
Heritage Assembly of God	\$ 2,300.00
Defuniak Springs First Assembly of God	\$ 2,171.00
Refuge Assembly of God	\$ 1,965.00
Pine Forest Assembly of God	\$ 1,800.00
Emerald Coast Church	\$ 1,310.00
Mount Pleasant Assembly of God	\$ 1,270.00
Northside Assembly of God	\$ 1,200.00
Concord's Victory Assembly of God	\$ 1,200.00
Harvest Assembly of God	\$ 1,120.00
Carrabelle First Assembly of God	\$ 1,100.00
Marianna First Assembly of God	\$ 1,087.00
Beulah Chapel Assembly of God	\$ 1,045.00
Generations Church	\$ 1,000.00
Rock Bluff Assembly of God Church	\$ 1,000.00
Beacon of Hope Assembly of God	\$ 1,000.00
Living Waters Assembly of God	\$ 1,000.00
Open Arms Assembly	\$ 960.00
Victory Assembly of God	\$ 900.00
Bratt Assembly of God	\$ 866.70
Harold Assembly of God	\$ 600.00
Faith Assembly of God	\$ 550.00
Apalachicola First Assembly of God	\$ 550.00
Hardaway Assembly of God	\$ 390.00
New Life Fellowship AG Church (2)	\$ 320.12
Brownsville Assembly of God	\$ 310.00
Transforming Life Church Assembly of God	\$ 300.00
New Life Fellowship (6)	\$ 300.00
Transformation Church	\$ 240.00
Bonifay First Assembly of God	\$ 236.00
Campton Assembly of God	\$ 225.00
Courts of Praise Fellowship	\$ 180.00
Pensacola First Assembly of God	\$ 120.00
Mount Olive Assembly of God	\$ 120.00
Milton First Assembly of God	\$ 100.00
Jennings Assembly of God	\$ 50.00
Abundant Life Assembly of God	\$ 30.00
Lynn Haven First Assembly of God	\$ 30.00
True Worship Assembly of God	\$ 10.00

**2025 Total:**  
**\$232,280.14**

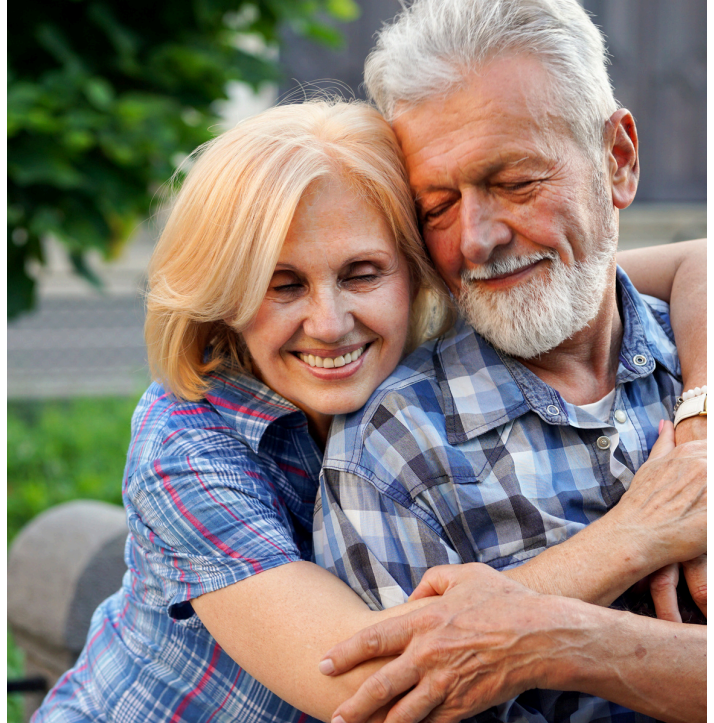
# Light for the Lost

# Senior Adults

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Dear Pastor and Senior Adult Leader,

Our Network's Senior Adult Ministries (SAM) Department is still trying to get its traction going. Like most ministries, we still have challenges that slow us down. This is not an excuse; it's an opportunity for us to learn.



As of early 2026, approximately 36.5% of the U.S. population is aged 50 and over. That means we have huge field to harvest. Some of the 36.5% are already in our churches but it also means there are a lot of people 50 and over who need to be reached. That's why we need a healthy SAM Department in our Network and our local churches.

Just because we are 50 and older doesn't mean we are washed up. There are people in our churches who are like Caleb. At the age of 85 years old, Caleb asked Joshua for his mountain in Hebron as his inheritance (Joshua 14:6-15). Caleb viewed himself as being as strong at 85 as he was at 40 when he was sent to spy out the Promised Land. There are Calebs in our churches waiting for the opportunity to gather in the harvest.

Pastors and Senior Adult leaders, Becki and I would love the opportunity to assist you and your church to develop a healthy Senior Adult group. That's our mission! We want to encourage, resource, and equip the seniors in your church to use their talent, wisdom, and experience to reach the lost in your community.

Don't forget to set aside a special day to honor at least one of the seniors (50 and older) in your church for their service to your church and/or community. Also, don't forget the month of May is Aged Ministers Assistance Month. Those men and women have blazed the trail before us, and they are still fighting the "good fight of faith" (1Timothy 6:12).

Pastor, if you don't have a Senior Adult Ministry Department in your church, we would love to assist you with getting one started. We would also love to come and meet the seniors in your church. You can contact me at (850) 712-0287.

**Serving Christ together,  
Rev. J.B. and Becki Shoumaker  
Senior Adult Ministries Directors**

# World Missions



Greetings Pastors, Delegates, and Friends of Missions,

It has been my honor over the past year to collaborate with Superintendent Larry Perry, our U.S. Missions Director Phil Edwards, our 32 West Florida global workers (representing 27 families), and our colleagues at Assemblies of God World Missions (AGWM).

My primary role is to provide prayerful and pastoral support to our global workers as needed. I also represent our network to AGWM in the areas of new missionary appointment, itineration, budgets, scheduling, and field-related needs. Additionally, I serve as a member of the AGWM Member Care team—a group of 14 individuals focused on the physical, spiritual, mental, and emotional well-being of AGWM personnel and their families.

This year I had the privilege of representing our Network at the annual AGWM Missions Meetings and Missionary Commissioning Service in Springfield, Missouri, where Sean and Taylor Seymore were commissioned. I also represented the West Florida Network at the AGWM Vision Launch service during General Council.

We are deeply thankful for the generosity and faith-filled giving of our churches across the Network. Your partnership makes a lasting impact around the world. We celebrate the following churches for their outstanding support in 2025: (see side panel)

If I can assist your church in any way—whether with missions conventions, special missions services, scheduling and hosting missionaries, or helping coordinate short-term construction or ministry trips—please reach out. I am also happy to help churches partner together for mission teams.

It is a joy to serve alongside you in advancing the Great Commission.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Brian Neugent**  
**West Florida Network World Missions Director**

## TOP GIVING 2025

1. CARMEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD \$446,143
2. GENERATIONS CHURCH \$391,931
3. LIFEPOINT CHURCH \$245,403
4. FREEDOM CHURCH \$190,095
5. SNEADS ASSEMBLY OF GOD \$138,814
6. EL BETHEL CHURCH \$112,052
7. NAVARRE FIRST ASSEMBLY \$103,437
8. VICTORY CHURCH \$72,066
9. PANAMA CITY FIRST \$70,100
10. FRESH LIFE CHURCH \$69,380

## BALANCE IN PARTICIPATION GIVING

(AVERAGE MISSIONS GIVING PER PERSON)

1. CARMEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
2. GENERATIONS CHURCH
3. EL BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
4. PAGE POND ASSEMBLY OF GOD
5. LAUREL HILL FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
6. BEACON OF HOPE ASSEMBLY OF GOD,
7. EAST SIDE ASSEMBLY OF GOD (1)
8. TRANSFORMING LIFE CHURCH
9. FREEDOM CHURCH FIRST ASSEMBLY
10. VICTORY ASSEMBLY OF GOD

# World Missions Giving

Total: \$3,148,885.66

Carmel Assembly of God	\$ 402,863.12	New Hope Assembly of God	\$ 7,571.42
Generations Church	\$ 359,946.55	Bellview Assembly of God	\$ 7,457.30
LifePoint Church of the Assemblies of God	\$ 245,403.08	Four Winds Assembly of God	\$ 7,319.14
Freedom Church First Assembly of God	\$ 159,316.40	New Family Assembly of God	\$ 7,270.00
Sneads Assembly of God	\$ 138,814.25	Sand Hills Assembly of God	\$ 6,664.00
El Bethel Assembly of God	\$ 112,052.85	Panama City Beach First Assembly of God	\$ 6,265.00
Navarre First Assembly	\$ 103,437.00	Southside Assembly of God	\$ 6,008.00
Victory Assembly of God	\$ 72,066.00	Together Church	\$ 6,000.00
Panama City First Assembly of God	\$ 70,100.98	Concord's Victory Assembly of God	\$ 6,000.00
Fresh Life Church Tallahassee	\$ 69,380.09	Bethel Assembly of God (10)	\$ 5,735.00
Glad Tidings Assembly of God	\$ 64,889.00	Smith's Chapel Assembly of God	\$ 5,471.48
Ivan Assembly of God	\$ 56,913.56	Eastside Assembly of God	\$ 5,398.93
Rock Bluff Assembly of God Church	\$ 51,631.57	Cottage Hill Assembly of God	\$ 5,225.00
Grace Assembly at Chipley	\$ 44,031.54	Destin Life Church	\$ 5,214.87
Evangel Worship Center Assembly of God	\$ 42,514.00	New Beginning Assembly of God	\$ 4,920.00
Pensacola First Assembly of God	\$ 42,214.68	Hardaway Assembly of God	\$ 4,894.70
Bear Creek Assembly of God	\$ 42,111.98	Bascom Assembly of God	\$ 4,853.46
Northside Assembly of God	\$ 38,690.00	Apalachicola First Assembly of God	\$ 4,727.78
Marianna First Assembly of God	\$ 35,587.60	Rhythm Church	\$ 4,713.10
Callaway Assembly of God	\$ 34,670.24	Beulah Chapel Assembly of God	\$ 4,248.00
Valparaiso First Assembly of God	\$ 34,001.00	Brentwood Assembly of God	\$ 4,221.69
Pace Assembly of God Ministries	\$ 31,111.50	Welcome Assembly of God	\$ 4,147.00
Welcome Assembly of God (7)	\$ 28,081.81	Bethel Assembly of God	\$ 4,105.00
Bagdad First Assembly of God	\$ 26,700.00	New Hope Assembly of God Church	\$ 3,840.00
True Worship Assembly of God	\$ 26,532.00	Blountstown First Assembly of God	\$ 3,821.25
East Side Assembly of God	\$ 25,259.00	Campton Assembly of God	\$ 3,650.00
Generations United Church	\$ 25,085.48	New Life Assembly of God Church	\$ 3,586.00
St Andrews Assembly of God	\$ 23,567.65	First Assembly of God Church of Southport	\$ 3,195.00
Cottdonale First Assembly of God	\$ 23,246.00	Fellowship Assembly of God	\$ 3,110.00
Cypress Grove Assembly of God	\$ 23,170.02	Milligan Assembly of God	\$ 3,080.75
Holley Assembly of God	\$ 22,190.29	Abundant Life Assembly of God	\$ 2,962.28
Refuge Assembly of God	\$ 21,885.00	Alford First Assembly of God Church	\$ 2,859.00
Transforming Life Church Assembly of God	\$ 21,813.00	Quincy Assembly of God	\$ 2,715.00
Pine Forest Assembly of God	\$ 21,230.00	Harvest Assembly of God	\$ 2,695.00
Mosaic Assembly of God Church	\$ 20,890.00	Bratt Assembly of God	\$ 2,652.70
Page Pond Assembly of God	\$ 20,622.63	Bonifay First Assembly of God	\$ 2,589.00
Heritage Assembly of God	\$ 19,962.00	Liberty Assembly of God	\$ 2,424.00
Perry First Assembly of God	\$ 19,374.36	Bruce Assembly of God	\$ 2,395.00
Beacon of Hope Assembly of God	\$ 18,003.00	Westville First Assembly of God	\$ 2,275.00
Wausau Assembly of God	\$ 17,860.00	New Foundation Church	\$ 2,060.00
Emerald Coast Church	\$ 17,458.67	New Life Fellowship Assemblies of God Church (2)	\$ 1,921.12
Springs of Hope Church	\$ 16,850.50	Little Rock Assembly of God	\$ 1,855.00
Medart Assembly of God	\$ 16,080.50	Life Out Loud Church	\$ 1,843.40
Transformation Church	\$ 15,345.00	Noma Assembly of God	\$ 1,800.00
Mayo First Assembly of God	\$ 15,076.83	High Calling Church	\$ 1,735.00
Shady Grove Assembly of God	\$ 14,074.31	The Sanctuary	\$ 1,500.00
Milton First Assembly of God	\$ 13,918.09	Oak Ridge Assembly of God	\$ 1,473.03
Grace Assembly Vernon	\$ 12,927.05	Paxton Assembly of God	\$ 1,300.00
Brownsville Assembly of God	\$ 12,610.00	Pilgrim Rest Assembly of God	\$ 1,288.12
Living Waters Assembly of God	\$ 12,220.00	Courts of Praise Fellowship	\$ 1,180.00
Faith Assembly of God	\$ 12,200.00	Mount Olive Assembly of God	\$ 1,126.00
Mount Pleasant Assembly of God	\$ 11,206.49	Cross City First Assembly of God	\$ 1,125.04
New Church Assembly of God	\$ 11,176.31	Sumatra Assembly of God	\$ 1,050.00
New Smyrna Assembly of God	\$ 10,734.00	New Harvest Fellowship Assembly of God	\$ 775.00
New Life Fellowship (6)	\$ 10,728.30	Welcome Assembly of God	\$ 720.00
Defuniak Springs First Assembly of God	\$ 10,667.84	Graceville First Assembly of God	\$ 700.00
Holt Assembly of God	\$ 10,110.00	Lynn Haven First Assembly of God	\$ 660.00
Open Arms Assembly	\$ 10,059.17	Lighthouse Church	\$ 560.00
Carrabelle First Assembly of God	\$ 9,911.00	Lighthouse Assembly of God	\$ 541.21
Laurel Hill First Assembly of God	\$ 9,648.60	McLellan Assembly of God	\$ 500.00
Harold Assembly of God	\$ 9,350.00	Calvary Temple Assembly of God	\$ 200.00
East Bay Church	\$ 9,300.00	Jennings Assembly of God	\$ 50.00
Faith Chapel Assembly of God	\$ 9,000.00	Reedy Assembly of God	\$ 20.00
Family Worship Center Assembly of God	\$ 8,750.00		

# World Ministries Giving

Total: \$4,092,186.11

Carmel Assembly of God	\$ 446,143.62	Panama City Beach First Assembly of God	\$ 8,475.00
Generations Church	\$ 391,931.55	New Hope Assembly of God	\$ 8,321.42
LifePoint Church of the Assemblies of God	\$ 286,973.58	Southside Assembly of God	\$ 8,062.00
Freedom Church First Assembly of God	\$ 190,095.31	Eastside Assembly of God	\$ 7,952.93
Sneads Assembly of God	\$ 166,421.25	Bethel Assembly of God (10)	\$ 7,707.00
El Bethel Assembly of God	\$ 150,852.85	Together Church	\$ 7,600.00
Navarre First Assembly	\$ 142,784.00	Milligan Assembly of God	\$ 7,081.50
Panama City First Assembly of God	\$ 116,999.48	Fellowship Assembly of God	\$ 6,870.00
Victory Assembly of God	\$ 112,258.99	Smith's Chapel Assembly of God	\$ 6,467.48
Mosaic Assembly of God Church	\$ 96,727.42	Bethel Assembly of God	\$ 6,261.00
Fresh Life Church Tallahassee	\$ 79,989.33	Bascom Assembly of God	\$ 6,254.96
Glad Tidings Assembly of God	\$ 74,754.00	Campton Assembly of God	\$ 6,150.00
Ivan Assembly of God	\$ 70,840.29	Hardaway Assembly of God	\$ 6,053.70
Transforming Life Church Assembly of God	\$ 67,270.60	New Hope Assembly of God Church	\$ 6,048.00
Rock Bluff Assembly of God Church	\$ 63,099.57	Concord's Victory Assembly of God	\$ 6,000.00
Pensacola First Assembly of God	\$ 62,163.68	Rhythm Church	\$ 5,983.55
Northside Assembly of God	\$ 55,990.00	Cottage Hill Assembly of God	\$ 5,861.00
Grace Assembly at Chipley	\$ 55,966.30	Beulah Chapel Assembly of God	\$ 5,794.00
Bear Creek Assembly of God	\$ 54,144.39	Destin Life Church	\$ 5,764.87
Pace Assembly of God Ministries	\$ 51,503.50	Abundant Life Assembly of God	\$ 5,668.58
Evangel Worship Center Assembly of God	\$ 48,651.39	New Beginning Assembly of God	\$ 5,640.00
Valparaiso First Assembly of God	\$ 47,711.00	Apalachicola First Assembly of God	\$ 5,527.78
Marianna First Assembly of God	\$ 46,712.35	Blountstown First Assembly of God	\$ 5,431.00
Callaway Assembly of God	\$ 41,674.89	Brentwood Assembly of God	\$ 5,428.59
Cottdonale First Assembly of God	\$ 36,438.00	The Sanctuary	\$ 4,838.00
Welcome Assembly of God (7)	\$ 34,406.81	Liberty Assembly of God	\$ 4,707.00
True Worship Assembly of God	\$ 34,235.00	High Calling Church	\$ 4,615.00
Heritage Assembly of God	\$ 32,985.00	New Life Assembly of God Church	\$ 4,439.00
Generations United Church	\$ 31,815.48	Noma Assembly of God	\$ 4,420.00
Bagdad First Assembly of God	\$ 31,690.00	First Assembly of God Church of Southport	\$ 4,300.00
St Andrews Assembly of God	\$ 29,977.65	Westville First Assembly of God	\$ 4,250.00
Pine Forest Assembly of God	\$ 27,155.00	Harvest Assembly of God	\$ 3,955.00
East Side Assembly of God	\$ 27,109.00	Life Out Loud Church	\$ 3,918.40
Cypress Grove Assembly of God	\$ 26,637.02	Bruce Assembly of God	\$ 3,720.00
Holley Assembly of God	\$ 26,090.29	Quincy Assembly of God	\$ 3,541.75
Refuge Assembly of God	\$ 25,798.00	New Foundation Church	\$ 3,285.00
Page Pond Assembly of God	\$ 25,627.63	Little Rock Assembly of God	\$ 3,275.00
Perry First Assembly of God	\$ 25,595.71	Clear Springs Assembly of God	\$ 3,170.00
Emerald Coast Church	\$ 24,090.67	Bratt Assembly of God	\$ 3,036.70
Grace Assembly Vernon	\$ 23,980.15	Pilgrim Rest Assembly of God	\$ 3,002.12
Faith Assembly of God	\$ 23,515.90	Alford First Assembly of God Church	\$ 2,987.77
Transformation Church	\$ 22,331.60	New Life Fellowship Assemblies of God Church	\$ 2,686.12
Springs of Hope Church	\$ 22,097.50	Sumatra Assembly of God	\$ 2,596.00
Medart Assembly of God	\$ 21,935.50	Mount Olive Assembly of God	\$ 2,306.00
Beacon of Hope Assembly of God	\$ 20,763.00	Lynn Haven First Assembly of God	\$ 2,040.00
Mayo First Assembly of God	\$ 20,471.83	Paxton Assembly of God	\$ 1,925.00
Brownsville Assembly of God	\$ 20,235.00	Oak Ridge Assembly of God	\$ 1,893.03
Shady Grove Assembly of God	\$ 19,474.31	Cross City First Assembly of God	\$ 1,599.70
Wausau Assembly of God	\$ 19,334.80	Courts of Praise Fellowship	\$ 1,205.00
Carrabelle First Assembly of God	\$ 17,045.80	New Harvest Fellowship Assembly of God	\$ 925.00
Milton First Assembly of God	\$ 16,895.09	Welcome Assembly of God	\$ 865.00
Living Waters Assembly of God	\$ 16,510.00	Lifehouse Church	\$ 840.00
Bonifay First Assembly of God	\$ 15,862.00	Lighthouse Assembly of God	\$ 791.21
Open Arms Assembly	\$ 15,689.17	Graceville First Assembly of God	\$ 725.00
Defuniak Springs First Assembly of God	\$ 15,667.84	McLellan Assembly of God	\$ 550.00
New Church Assembly of God	\$ 14,686.31	Mosaic Church	\$ 480.00
Holt Assembly of God	\$ 14,620.00	Jennings Assembly of God	\$ 405.00
Mount Pleasant Assembly of God	\$ 14,388.49	Christ Chapel Pensacola	\$ 350.00
New Life Fellowship (6)	\$ 13,328.30	Golan Assembly of God	\$ 325.00
Harold Assembly of God	\$ 12,700.00	Connections Church	\$ 300.00
East Bay Church	\$ 12,680.00	Upper Room Church	\$ 240.00
Faith Chapel Assembly of God	\$ 12,492.00	Calvary Temple Assembly of God	\$ 200.00
New Smyrna Assembly of God	\$ 11,334.00	Winterville Assembly of God	\$ 170.00
Bellview Assembly of God	\$ 10,669.02	Grace Assembly of God	\$ 100.00
Laurel Hill First Assembly of God	\$ 10,635.60	Reedy Assembly of God	\$ 70.00
New Family Assembly of God	\$ 9,495.00	Jasper Assembly of God	\$ 36.00
Four Winds Assembly of God	\$ 9,480.14	Springhill Assembly of God	\$ 25.00
Welcome Assembly of God (3)	\$ 9,066.00	Exodus Assembly of God	\$ 25.00
Family Worship Center Assembly of God	\$ 9,050.00	Cedar Springs Assembly of God	\$ 25.00
Sand Hills Assembly of God	\$ 8,878.00		



# NSOM

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Blessings to our fellow laborers in the West Florida Ministry Network!

The West Florida Network School of Ministry, now in its 19th year, continues to develop Pentecostal leaders for our West Florida churches and ministries. Here are some of the 2025 highlights:

- **NSOM had an active enrollment of 71 students (active enrollment is defined as one student taking at least one course)**
- **A new location for courses taught in Spanish was launched with the help of Abraham Marsach of the Florida Multicultural District of the Assemblies of God**
- **More comprehensive Ministerial Internship Courses were introduced for the Certified, Licensed and Ordained Levels**
- **Students are now asked to complete a Course Evaluation for each class giving us valuable feedback about the courses, facilities and facilitators**
- **Of the 8 candidates being ordained this Network Gathering, three completed their ministerial studies with the NSOM**
  - **Lucy Parkerson**
  - **Melissa Parlin**
  - **Dawn Siegel**

The ongoing success of the NSOM here in West Florida has much to do with the caliber of those facilitating the courses. A heartfelt thank you and appreciation to the Network officers, presbyters, and pastors who sacrificially poured into the lives of the NSOM students throughout 2025. Your contribution cannot be overstated. And a special thank you to both Rhythm Church and Marianna First for providing classrooms throughout the year.

If we can do anything to help you complete your ministerial studies, please don't hesitate to contact us!

**Tim & Beverly Buchholtz**  
**Co-Directors – NSOM**  
**U.S. Missionaries, Church Mobilization**

# Southeastern University

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As president of Southeastern University (SEU), I am thrilled to share with our supporting districts some of the incredible highlights from this past year and a glimpse into the exciting future God has in store for us.

This past year at Southeastern University has been a remarkable testimony of God's faithfulness and the power of unleashing the potential He has placed within us. Building on last year's theme of Fuel the Fire, we have seen how God is now calling SEU to Unleash and release into the world what He has ignited in us for His glory.

Since our founding in 1935, SEU has been committed to providing a premier Christian education while partnering with the local church. Together, we will continue to rise to meet the needs of a changing world while staying grounded in the biblical truths that have always defined us as a university.

Although it is difficult to summarize the many accomplishments and God's continued faithfulness in such a short report, some of the highlights of our community include:

## **Enrollment, Ministry Training, and Academics**

**Enrollment:** As of Fall 2025, SEU has reached another record enrollment of 13,636 students, which includes our Lakeland campus, partner sites, online, and dual enrollment. There are also 315 international students from 55 countries. SEU has been named one of the fastest-growing private non-profit doctoral-level institutions in the nation in the 2025–26 almanac released by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

**Top Producer of Ministry Graduates:** SEU ranked third in the nation as the highest producer of theology and ministerial vocations in the country, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

**SEU Ministry Network:** Thousands of SEU students are currently studying at one of our 250+ partner sites globally. Through these partnerships, students are being prepared—academically and practically—to step into their calling after graduation. SEU provides academic training through rigorous degree programs, and the church provides holistic discipleship, practical internship opportunities, and hands-on experience that equips and develops students.

**First Competency-Based Education Program:** SEU launched its first Competency-Based Education (CBE) program through the Master of Arts in Ministerial Leadership (MAML) in the fall of 2025. Approved by SEU's Board of Trustees, SACSCOC, and the Association of Theological

Schools (ATS), the CBE model blends academic rigor with flexible learning pathways, emphasizing mastery in key skills and practical ministry application.

**AI Partnership for Ministry:** SEU announced a new partnership with the software company Subsplash to empower the next generation of pastors and future church leaders with accessible AI technology. The Barnett College of Ministry & Theology will collaborate with the Pulpit AI team to develop and innovate theologically-informed AI tools. Faculty and students will participate in research projects, product testing, and an annual AI seminar.

**SEU Worship at the Dove Awards:** SEU Worship had the opportunity to represent the university on the national stage at the Gospel Music Association's 56th Annual Dove Awards in Nashville, Tennessee. SEU Worship was nominated for Worship Album of the Year and Worship Recorded Song of the Year for their album "Move of God" and the track "What a God."

**National Recognition:** SEU was ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a top performer in Social Mobility in their 2026 Best Colleges rankings. SEU was also honored as a College of Distinction for the 2025–26 academic year, receiving special recognition in the Florida and Christian Colleges categories, as well as in Business, Education, Nursing, Affordability, Career Development, and Best Colleges for International Students.

**New Campus in Winter Haven:** In the fall of 2025, SEU opened a brand-new 13,000-square-foot campus in the heart of downtown Winter Haven. The new site serves undergraduate and graduate students in both traditional and online cohort programs, offering flexible pathways to in-demand degrees in health care, logistics, business, and other emerging fields.

**Early Childhood Center Groundbreaking:** In August of 2025, SEU held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Robert and Sandra Graper Early Childhood Center, set to open in the fall of 2026. This state-of-the-art facility will expand access to early childhood education for families in the community and provide hands-on training for students enrolled in the College of Education.

**Pathways School of Excellence:** The Pathways School of Excellence at SEU recently celebrated its 10-year anniversary. As a middle school and high school for students with unique abilities, Pathways has grown from 16 to 63 students and doubled its classrooms from three to six. The past year also saw the launch of a transition program for students ages 18 to 22 and the opening of the Life Skills House on campus.

## Alumni Highlights

**Alumni Milestone:** We are proud to share that SEU's alumni community has now reached 26,690 worldwide. This incredible growth reflects the lasting impact our graduates are making around the world.

**Davis Ingle, Class of 2016 & 2017 (G MBA):** Davis Ingle serves as the Principal Assistant Press Secretary in the White House Press Office for President Donald Trump. In this public-facing role, Ingle works with reporters from the largest news outlets in the world to shape media coverage and communicate the president's message directly to the American people.

**Levi Lall, Class of 2017 & 2019 (MBA):** Levi Lall is counsel in the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy, where he serves as a political appointee in the Trump administration. He works on priority policy matters and assists in the confirmation of federal judicial nominees.

**Natalie Mariscal Franco, Class of 2020:** Natalie Mariscal Franco is a special assistant in the Office of Public Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security. She supports senior leadership, manages high-level scheduling and travel, and coordinates internal and external engagements.

**Matias Perttula, Class of 2013 (MBA):** Matias Perttula is the director of strategic engagement at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. He leads the museum's government relations initiatives and manages VIP services, bringing the story of the Bible to life for visitors from around the world.

## Students Serving

**SEU Missions:** This year, SEU sent 595 students on 38 mission trips to 33 countries and 6 states, raising a total of \$1.67 million. Students traveled to some of the most challenging places on earth—from unreached tribes in the Himalayas to the Arctic Circle of Norway. Each trip transformed the communities served and shaped our students in powerful ways.

**Students Making Headlines:** SEU students continue to be recognized and celebrated for their excellence. Justin Aguilar had the opportunity to speak at the Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. Aaron Taher was awarded a \$25,000 Chick-fil-A Remarkable Futures™ scholarship—one of only 13 recipients chosen from more than 20,000 eligible applicants. Maci Miotto was crowned Miss Lakeland 2025 and represented SEU at the Miss Florida Competition. Owen Stephens received a \$7,000 Work Ethic Scholarship from the mikeroweWORKS Foundation.

**First-Ever Giving Day:** In March of 2025, SEU held its first-ever Giving Day: a 35-hour campaign that united alumni, donors, and friends in support of scholarships, innovative programs, and future-focused initiatives. The event raised \$90,253 from 275 total donors, including 106 new donors.

## Athletic News

Fire Athletics placed 17th in the NAIA Learfield Directors' Cup for the 2024–25 season and finished second in The Sun Conference Commissioner's Cup. A total of 13 Fire Athletic programs advanced to NAIA National Championships, including baseball, softball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, men's and women's cross country, and wrestling.

The Fire were led by their championship-caliber programs on the diamond and the mat. Baseball, ranked No. 2 nationally, captured its sixth consecutive Sun Conference Regular Season Championship and reached the NAIA World Series Championship game for the third time in program history, finishing as national runner-up. Wrestling earned a third-place team finish at the NAIA National Championship, with eight Fire grapplers earning All-American honors.

SEU also continued its dominance in track and field, as both the men's and women's programs swept the Sun Conference Indoor and Outdoor Championships for the sixth consecutive year. Men's tennis (No. 4) delivered its best-ever finish, upsetting eventual national champion Keiser University and advancing to the NAIA National Semifinals. Men's soccer claimed its third Sun Conference Tournament Championship. Football (No. 17) posted a 7–2 record, and Fire eSports captured three championships.

Across all sports, Fire student-athletes earned 47 NAIA All-American Selections, 186 Sun Conference All-Conference Selections, and 107 NAIA Scholar-Athlete honors, while maintaining a department GPA of 3.214.

## Thank You For Your Support

At SEU, our innovative approach to higher education continues to guide us as we expand our reach and impact. Through it all, we remain steadfast in our mission of equipping students to discover and develop their Divine Design. By raising up the next generation of Spirit-minded leaders, we aim to further God's Kingdom and impact communities around the world.

We believe the key to achieving this goal is through the creation of innovative delivery systems that make a quality, Christian higher education both affordable and accessible to all students. This belief is at the heart of everything we do at SEU.

As a supporting district, church, or individual, you are also an integral part of this mission. Without you, we wouldn't be able to reach such success or the incredible accolades detailed in this report. Thank you!

May God continue to bless and lead you.

**With gratitude,  
Kent J. Ingle,  
D.Min. President**







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