

First Words

December 10, 2023



Today:
Great Joy?
Luke 2:8-20

WELCOME

Glad you're with us!

SMALL GROUPS

Sundays at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:45am.
For help finding a small group,
contact: darrington@fbctrussville.org

WORSHIP

- 9:15am (Traditional)
- 10:45am (Contemporary)

OTHER HELPFUL INFO

- **Restrooms** are conveniently located just outside the Worship Center.
- **Offering bins** are located at the exits as you leave the Worship Center.
- **Listening devices** are available by request; see an usher to inquire.
- **FBCT Library:** **Today** 8:00am-12:30pm **Tuesday** 9:00am-5:00pm
Wednesday 4:00-7:30pm **Our veterans display will stay thru 12/31!**
- Inquire or register for any FBCT event at the **Event Center**.
- **For assistance** please see an usher or visit the Welcome Center.



PRAYER. Let us pray for you. Go to fbctrussville.org/prayer-requests and share your prayer requests with us today.

1st Time Guests

Bring today's completed tear off to the Welcome Center, or visit fbctrussville.org/next-steps and let us know you were with us today!

A
**Free
Gift**
For You!

Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Today! • 5:00pm • D144 ~ Details on Kenya, Thailand & Alaska

If you've ever wanted to go on a mission trip abroad, join us for this informative meeting today. There's no obligation; just come see if God is leading you to go with us!

Upcoming Opportunities To Serve

TUE DEC 12 8:30am - Volunteering at Serving You Ministries, working in the warehouse, performing other on-site duties.

WED DEC 13 10:30am - Assisting our WMU ladies with a project for the *Three Hots and a Cot* organization.

For details on these and other opportunities to serve, scan the QR code at right, or visit: fbctrussville.org/helper



**LOTTIE
MOON**

OFFERING

Taking the Gospel Around the World

Our Goal
\$225,000
Received
\$48,063

Great Joy?

Luke 2:8-20



Sunday, December 10, 2023

"I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." John 15:11 (NIV)

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Luke 2:8-9 (NIV)

Joy Comes By _____

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the Heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests." Luke 2:10-14 (NIV)

- For the _____
- For the _____
- For the _____

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word about Christ. Romans 10:17 (NIV)

As has just been said: "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion." Hebrews 3:15 (NIV)

Joy Comes By _____

When the angels had left them and gone into Heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Luke 2:15-16 (NIV)

Light shines on the godly, and joy on those whose hearts are right. Psalm 97:11 (NLT)

In his pride the wicked does not seek Him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God. Psalm 10:4 (NIV)

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Isaiah 55:6 (NIV)

Joy Comes By _____

When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. Luke 2:17-20 (NIV)

There is deceit in the hearts of those who plot evil, but joy for those who promote peace. Proverbs 12:20 (NIV)

With joy they should tell what He has done. Psalm 107:22 (NCV)

"Most people think _____ is when you get _____ for good things...if God gets all the _____, there will be great _____."

T.W. Hunt

Next Sunday, December 17
9:15 & 10:45am

Presented by the First Baptist
Trussville Worship Ministry

F260

A 260-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR BUSY BELIEVERS

Coming in January | Watch for details!

What do you get that person who is hard to buy for?
Lessons in **piano, voice, guitar, violin, cello, art and more** through the Conservatory at First Baptist Trussville, of course! Spring lessons begin January 8th!

For details visit: fbctConservatory.org



Numbers From Last Sunday - December 3, 2023

Budget Receipts:	\$ 195,786	Small Groups:	1,543
Budget Received YTD:	\$ 7,479,077	Worship Services:	
NEXT YTD:	\$ 589,909	On Campus - 1,884	Online - 307
Lottie Moon YTD:	\$ 48,063	Total: 2,191	

Today (12/10)
SAM Christmas Banquet* (SAM)
~~11:30am~~ & 4:00pm • Gym • \$25
Tickets still remain for the 4:00pm option for today's banquet, available at the Event Center and online. (The 11:30am option is full!)

Mission Trip Interest Mtg.
5:00pm • D144 - Details will be given about 2024 trips to Kenya, Thailand and Alaska. Come see if God is leading you to join us!

Giving Hope
Wrapped gifts are needed today. If you've taken a tag from the Giving Hope wall, please bring the wrapped gift to that area today.

This Week (12/11-16)

Giving Hope Dinner
Wednesday, December 13
This event is for the families we're helping through the Giving Hope project, as well as their host families. We simply ask that you be in prayer for these families as the Gospel is shared. And, to all who've helped our families through the purchase of gifts, thank you.

**Please note, with the exception of Worship Ministry rehearsal, there are no other activities on campus this Wednesday evening.*

JELLO Christmas Party
Thursday, December 14 • 9:00am
There'll be crafts, Christmassy fun, and maybe even a visit from St. Nick himself! (In Room D2030)

Designs For Hope 5K (Recreation)
This Saturday,
December 16 • \$40
For missions in Africa.
Register to run here >>>>

Next Sunday (12/17)
"Let Us Adore Him"
9:15 & 10:45am - The First Baptist Trussville Worship Ministry leads us in a morning of Christmas praise and worship in adoration of the King!

Coming Up

- Christmas Candlelight Service**
Wednesday, December 20 • 6:00pm
For those who are unable to be with us at our Christmas Eve services.

- One Worship Service**
Sunday, December 24 • 10:00am
Families will worship together in one brief service. (Small groups nor child care will take place on this day.)

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**
Sunday, December 24
3:00 & 5:00pm
All the wonder and worship of Christmas, by candlelight!

- One Worship Service**
Sunday, December 31 • 10:00am
Families will again worship together at this brief service! (Small groups will not meet, and childcare will be available for kids through 4K)

- Our Sunday Schedule Returns!**
Sunday, January 7 - Small groups return at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:45am, with worship at 9:15 (traditional) & 10:45am (contemporary)!

***Register: fbctrussville.org/events**

BECAUSE YOU GAVE IN 2023

60 college-aged students from FBCT attended PASSION in the Mercedes-Benz Dome in Atlanta, GA!

652 students and **86** college leaders attended DNOW, with **52** students making a profession of faith. **45** were baptized!

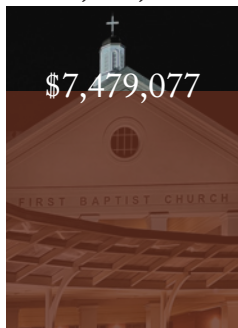
500 middle school students were part of Car Bash, with **20** professions of faith coming as a result of this event!



Finishing Strong

You have been so faithful in 2023. Our giving goals shown below will allow us to reach our potential as a church while funding international mission efforts around the world.

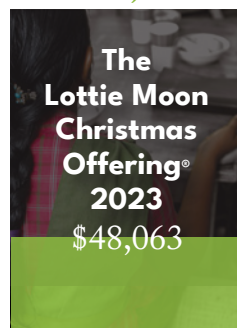
\$8,837,000 2023 Budget



\$7,479,077 84% YTD

2023 BUDGET

\$225,000 Goal



\$48,063 21% YTD

LOTTIE MOON

Ways To Give

At FBCT giving is easy, and there are many ways to do it!

- 1. Giving through the offering.** After today's service you will find contribution receptacles outside the Worship Center. If needed, offering envelopes are provided in the side pockets of each giving receptacle.
- 2. Giving through the FBC Trussville App.** On your phone or mobile device download the FBC Trussville app and give through PushPay (via the "Give" link).
- 3. Giving online through PushPay.** Go to fbctrussville.org/give.
- 4. Giving In-Person.** You're always welcome to stop by the First Baptist offices during the week, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm (8am-2pm, Fridays).
- 5. Giving through our after hours drop box,** located by the office entrance.
- 6. Giving through the Venmo (@FBC-Trussville) or Paypal (give@fbctrussville.org) apps.**
- 7. Giving through Securities/Stock.** Contact Amy Blount in our Financial Office for further info: (205) 655-2403

If mailing, all gifts must be postmarked by December 31 to go toward your 2023 giving record. If you are giving appreciated assets or gifts in kind, please contact Amy Blount or Alan Taylor at (205) 655-2403.

THANK YOU for your faithfulness
as we **Do His Work together!**

On Today's Tear Off:



Christmas Poinsettias

Yes, you can still order!



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Placed in Honor Memory

of: _____

Poinsettias are \$10 each. Place cash/checks in a giving envelope with this form and drop it in a giving bin as you exit the Worship Center today. If paying by check, indicate "poinsettia" on your check.

Special Needs "Buddies"

Yes! I'm interested in helping our friends with exceptional needs on Sundays and Wednesdays while on our campus. Please contact me with more information.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Stephen Ministry

Help through difficult times from trained, caring ministers. Please contact me:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

stephenministry@fbctrussville.org

Prayer Request

Christmas Poinsettia orders, email rebeccap@fbctrussville.org

Special Needs Buddies' info, email carriej@fbctrussville.org

For Stephen Ministry info, email stephenministry@fbctrussville.org

Prayer requests, email chris@fbctrussville.org