

First Words
December 31, 2023



Today:
Christmas Exchange
Luke 2:21-33

**LOTTIE
MOON**

OFFERING

Taking the Gospel Around the World

Our Goal
\$225,000

WELCOME

Glad you're with us!

SMALL GROUPS

Our small groups will not meet today. Small groups at 8:00, 9:15 and 10:45am will resume next Sunday, January 7th.

WORSHIP

- **10:00am** (Combined)
- Our normal 9:15 & 10:45am services resume next Sunday, January 7th.

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:** The Library is currently closed; reopening January 7th.
- 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. Share your requests on today's tear off, or visit: fbctrussville.org/prayer-requests

Men On Mission Trip Meeting

For anyone who has never taken a trip with the Men On Mission!

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, January 28th at 5:00pm in D142 as we'll share important details for anyone interested in construction mission trips with the FBCT Men On Mission!

Upcoming Opportunities To Serve

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JAN
13 Praying for the team of 23 people from FBCT leading a medical mission trip to Kenya.

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



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!

Christmas Exchange

Luke 2:21-33



Sunday, December 31, 2023

Situation Of The Day

- T _____

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise Him, He was named Jesus, the name the angel had given Him before He had been conceived.
Luke 2:21 (NIV)

- C _____

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord".
Luke 2:22-23 (NIV)

- S _____

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.
Luke 2:25 (NIV)

Lesson Of The Day

- Led by the _____

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Luke 2:25 (NIV)

- Taught by the _____

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
Luke 2:26 (NIV)

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14 (NIV)

- Obeyed His _____

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for Him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God.
Luke 2:27-28 (NIV)

Reasons For Celebration

"Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."
Luke 2:30-32 (NIV)

- G _____

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV)

- M _____

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
Isaiah 11:1 (NIV)

- L _____

When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
John 8:12 (NIV)

The child's father and mother _____ at what was _____ about _____.
Luke 2:33 (NIV)

Midweek @ First Baptist

**STARTING
WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 10TH**



Dinner: Served 4:30-6:00pm in the Gym

Adults: \$5, Kids: \$2, Immediate Family Max: \$20
• Fried Chicken (kids: chicken legs)

DISCIPLESHIP UNIVERSITY 6:00pm, following our Fellowship Meal

Classes to help you live with, like, and for Jesus!



- Financial Peace - Finances (E207) - Ben & Judy Haas
- Men's Bible Study (E206) - Jason McRae
- Find Your People - Ladies Bible Study (E205) - Amy Lachina
- You Are A Theologian - Theology (E202) - Jeff Gardner & Taylor Willis
- Love + Respect - Marriage (E203) - Mike & Nikki Benedict
- Essential Discipleship Preparation - Legacy Discipleship (E208) - James Long
- Psalm 119 - Worship & Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) - Buddy Champion & Alan Long



And, worship & Bible study for all ages!

Age-graded activities for preschoolers and kids will begin at 6:00pm, with MVMT Nite for students happening at 6:30pm in the Worship Center.

For more on Midweek at FBCT scan the QR code provided here >>>>>>>>



F260

A 260-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR BUSY BELIEVERS

Coming in January | Watch for details!

This Week (1/1-6)

First Monday Prayer (SAM)

Monday, January 1
10:00am • D139

Either stop by and pray, or stop and pray wherever you are as we begin a new year in prayer.



First Thursday Prayer (SAM)

Thursday, January 4 • D139
Men - 6:30am | Ladies - 12:30pm

You're invited to join in this time of prayer, led by our Seasoned Adults as we pray for the salvation of our "One."



Next Sunday (1/7)

Our Sunday Schedule Returns!

Small Groups - 8:00, 9:15 & 10:45am
Worship - 9:15 & 10:45am

Coming Up

- **Conservatory Classes Begin**
Monday, January 8 - Register now at fbctConservatory.org!
- **Midweek Bible Study Returns!**
Wednesday, January 10
Dinner is served in the Gym, 4:30-6:00pm.



Then at 6:00pm
a new semester of Discipleship University begins. Activities also resume for preschool, kids. MVMT Nite, our combined student worship service, takes place in the Worship Center at 6:30pm.



- **6:11 (Men)**
Thursday, January 11 • 6:11am • Gym
Our men's breakfast gathering gets underway for the new year!
- **JELLO (Preschool)**
Thursday, January 11 • 9:00 & 10:30am
Preschoolers and their moms kick off a new year of JELLO! (In D203)
- **Edible Education*** (Sports & Wellness)
Thursday, January 11 • 11:30am • FH
Kendell Jno-Finn joins us, helping to develop a plan for health in 2024.
- **DNOW*** (Students)
January 12-14 • All Students • \$100
Sean Curran returns to lead DNOW, with teaching by Nate Hilgenkamp!
- **Starting Point* (Membership)**
Sunday, January 21 • 5:00pm • FH
A great opportunity for anyone new to First Baptist or looking for a church home!
- **Seasoned Adult Luncheon***
Thursday, January 25 • 10:30am • Gym
Another morning of great food and fellowship with the Seasoned Adults!
- **FBCT Ladies Conference***
Friday-Saturday, January 26-27 • \$60
Whitney Capps of Proverbs 31 Ministries leads this conference, considering God, His goodness... and what to do when it doesn't seem so good.



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

BECAUSE YOU GAVE IN 2023

70 8th and 12th grade students attended the Student Ministry Leadership Retreat where they were trained to be leaders for Christ.



25 Stephen Ministers have now been trained to walk along side people as they experience times of crisis.



We had **850** athletes attend the "Night of Champions." **102** made professions of faith, with **10** expressing a desire to be baptized.



Finishing Strong

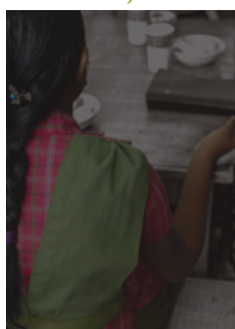
You have been so faithful in 2023. Our giving goals shown below will allow us to reach our potential as a church while funding international mission efforts around the world.

\$8,837,000 2023 Budget



2023 BUDGET

\$225,000 Goal



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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:



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 stephen MINISTRY

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

stephenministry@fbctrussville.org

Starting Point

Sunday, January 21 • 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall
Please plan on me at the next Starting Point!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Total # attending with me: _____

Ages of children attending: _____

Prayer Request

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

For Stephen Ministry info, email
stephenministry@fbctrussville.org

For Starting Point reservations, email
jeffg@fbctrussville.org

Prayer requests, email chris@fbctrussville.org