

# First Words

February 16, 2025

# Extraordinary

## THE PRAYER OF JABEZ



# WELCOME

We're glad you're with us!

## SMALL GROUPS

Small groups meet Sundays at **8:00, 9:15 and 10:45 AM**. For help finding a small group, visit the Welcome Center, or contact [darrington@fbctrussville.org](mailto:darrington@fbctrussville.org).

## WORSHIP

**9:15 AM** (Traditional) • **10:45 AM** (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** is located near the Events Center, and open today 8:00 AM-12:30 PM, Tuesdays, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, and Wednesdays 4:00 PM-7:30 PM. Stop in and see our *Stars Fell on Alabama* display.

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 prayer requests by visiting [fbctrussville.org/prayer-requests](http://fbctrussville.org/prayer-requests), or by scanning this QR code. ▶▶▶



## First-Time Guests

**WE HAVE A FREE GIFT FOR YOU!**

Bring your completed tear-off to the Welcome Center or visit [fbctrussville.org/next-steps](http://fbctrussville.org/next-steps) and let us know that you were with us today!

*Reading the Bible through in 2025!*

**FEBRUARY**

THIS WEEK:

- Feb 16** Leviticus 19-20
- Feb 17** Leviticus 21-22; Matthew 28
- Feb 18** Leviticus 23-24
- Feb 19** Leviticus 25; Mark 1
- Feb 20** Leviticus 26-27; Mark 2
- Feb 21** Numbers 1-2; Mark 3
- Feb 22** Numbers 3-4

## Missions Opportunities



### Love Your Neighbor Food Drive

Going On Through March 14

This effort will help TEAM provide food for families in need. Donations can be dropped off at the Missions wall in the gathering space!

### Now Recruiting New Stephen Ministers Interest Meeting • Feb. 19 • 5:00PM • D200

We are now recruiting new Stephen ministers. If you are interested in beginning the training process to become a Stephen Minister, please plan to attend an interest meeting on February 19 at 5PM in room D200. You can RSVP to [stephenministry@fbctrussville.org](mailto:stephenministry@fbctrussville.org).

# I Would Never!

## EXTRAordinary

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

<sup>9</sup> Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." <sup>10</sup> Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain."

And God granted his request.

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (NIV)

Honorable =

"Bless Me"

- Occurs nearly \_\_\_\_\_ in the OT
- Favor, honor or bestow gifts or status

*Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits...*

Psalm 103:2 (NIV)

Examples?

- 
- 
- 

Source?

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

James 1:17 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:9-11(NIV)

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.*

Ephesians 1:3 (NIV)

# Blessing Blockers

1. T \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 5:17, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

2. A \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 1:7, Hebrews 13:5-6, Romans 8:37-39

3. U \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 1:13-14, Galatians 4:4-6, Ephesians 2:8-10

4. U \_\_\_\_\_

John 3:16-17, 1 John 3:1-2, Romans 8:15-17

5. S \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 3:5-6, Philippians 1:6, Matthew 10:29-31

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, Selah that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.*

Psalm 67:1-2 (NIV)

Dear Lord, I want every single blessing that You would love to give me. Forgive me for not desiring these enough to ask for them. Please open Your heart, and be gracious to me. You are good, and everything You do is good. So let me experience You today, in all of Your abundant loving kindness, even though I am in all of my worthiness. Touch my life in ways that are very personal so that I don't miss Your fingerprints. Bless me, Lord, I pray – And I will praise You, from whom all blessings flow!

Amen



# COMING UP...



**ANNIE ARMSTRONG  
TEA PARTY**

**Sunday, March 2nd  
3:30pm • Gym**

Tickets for our Annie Armstrong Tea Party are on sale now by the Event Center! Tickets are \$15/person or \$150/table. Kids under 12 are free but a ticket is required!



**Mission Trip Interest Meeting  
February 23 • 5:00pm • D144**

If you are interested in going on one of our summer mission trips to Vermont, Alaska, or Thailand and haven't yet signed up, please plan to attend an interest meeting on February 23 where you will hear more information and details about each trip. We hope to see you there!

**Let's Talk  
March 7 • 6:00-9:00PM • \$10/Person**

Join us for Let's Talk with Pastor Buddy and Lynn Champion where they will share parenting and marriage advice and answer your questions! Sign up on the Events page today and send your questions to [letstalk@fbctrussville.org](mailto:letstalk@fbctrussville.org). Childcare available \$5/child.



**Let's talk**

**Numbers From Last Sunday - February 9, 2025**

Budget Receipts:	\$ 170,033	Small Groups:	1,680
Budget Received YTD:	\$ 840,243	Worship Services:	
NEXT YTD:	\$ 37,154	On Campus - 1,898 Online - 364	
		Total:	2,262

**TODAY**

**Galentines\***  
Feb. 16 • 6th-12th Grade Girls • \$25  
Scarlet Stearns will be our guest speaker and Ethan Womack will be leading worship! Middle School girls will arrive at 5:00pm and stay until 7:00pm and High School girls will arrive at 6:00pm and stay until 8:00pm.

**Conservatory Summer Camps  
Registration Now Open\***  
Register for Fine Arts Camp, Princess Dance Camp, and Kids Art Camp!

**THIS WEEK (2/10-2/15)**

**TRECHO Sherman Oaks Run**  
Feb. 22 • 7:30am • 4061 Pump House Rd.  
Kick off your morning with an energizing time of fellowship and fitness!

**NEXT SUNDAY (2/16)**

**Mission Trip Interest Meeting**  
Feb. 23 • 5:00pm • D144  
If you're interested in going to Vermont, Alaska, or Thailand this summer, this meeting is for you!

**COMING UP**

**SAM Ladies Donna Summer Musical\***  
Mar. 1 • 11am-4pm • Red Mt. Theatre  
Ladies, join us as we attend The Donna Summer Musical with a stop at The Original Pancake House for lunch before the show!

**Summer Misson Trips**

Registration for all 2025 summer mission trips is open! This summer, FBCT will go to Vermont, Alaska, Thailand, and Italy! Visit [fbctrussville.org/events](http://fbctrussville.org/events) to learn more about each of these mission opportunities and find the trip you want to be a part of!

**Let's Talk**  
Mar. 7 • 6:00-9:00pm • \$10/person  
Pastor Buddy and Lynn Champion will share parenting and marriage advice. Childcare is available for \$5/child.

**Bham Bulls Faith & Family Night\***  
Mar. 7 • 7:00pm  
Join us for an inspiring evening of faith and fellowship and enjoy a hockey game at the Pelham Civic Complex.

**Rain Down Ministries Trail Run\***  
Mar. 15 • 7:00am • Starts at \$35  
Come spend a morning with us enjoying Gods creation! Runners, Ruckers, and Hikers are all welcome!

**6th-11th Grade Atlanta Mission Trip\***  
May 27-30 • \$400  
6th-11th graders, join us as we go on a mission trip to Atlanta this summer!

**Camp Ocoee\***  
Jun.10-14 • 8th-12th Graders • \$550 thru Feb. 6 • Old Fort, TN  
8th-12th graders, get ready for an amazing summer at Camp Ocoee! Sign up on the Events page today!

**Camp Shocco\***  
Jun.27-30 • 6th-7th Graders • \$450 thru Feb. 6 • Talladega, AL  
6th & 7th graders, get ready for an amazing summer at Camp Shocco! Sign up on the Events page today!

**Children's Camp\***  
Jul. 18-21 • 3rd-5th Graders • Camp ToKnowHim • Pisgah, AL  
3rd - 5th graders, join us this summer at CampToKnowHim for an unforgettable experience! Sign up on the Events page today!

**\* Registration: [fbctrussville.org/events](http://fbctrussville.org/events)**

# On Today's Tear Off:



## Midweek Kitchen Volunteers

I would like to join Mrs. Georgia Harvey's team and help serve Wednesday night dinner to my church family!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## I'm Looking for a Small Group

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I attend the:

9:15 Service     10:45 Service

## I'd Like a Tour of the Building

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Stephen Ministry

If you or a loved one are going through a difficult time (loss of a loved one, divorce, loss of a job, illness) and would like to talk to a Stephen Minister, reach out to [stephenministry@fbctrussville.org](mailto:stephenministry@fbctrussville.org)

To use our Small Group Finder, visit [fbctrussville.org/small-groups](http://fbctrussville.org/small-groups)

For Stephen Ministry info: [stephenministry@fbctrussville.org](mailto:stephenministry@fbctrussville.org)

**Midweek**  
@First Baptist

**This Wednesday, February 19**  
**Fried Fish is on the Menu!**  
**(Crispitos For Kids)**

4:30-6:00pm • In The Gym (Dine-in only)

- \$5 ADULTS, \$2 KIDS, \$20 IMMEDIATE FAMILY MAX
- SALAD BAR OFFERED AS AN ALTERNATIVE ENTRÉE