

# First Words

March 9, 2025

# God Speaks



## 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!*

**MARCH**

THIS WEEK:

**Mar 9** Deuteronomy 7-9

**Mar 10** Deuteronomy 10-12; Mark 12

**Mar 11** Deuteronomy 13-15

**Mar 12** Deuteronomy 16-18; Mark 13

**Mar 13** Deuteronomy 19-21

**Mar 14** Deuteronomy 22-24

**Mar 15** Deuteronomy 25-27; Mark 14

### Missions Opportunities

**Annie Armstrong**  
Offering Goal: \$115,000



### New Stephen Ministers Needed

We are now recruiting new Stephen ministers. If you are interested in beginning the training process to become a Stephen Minister, please reach out to [stephenministry@fbctrussville.org](mailto:stephenministry@fbctrussville.org).

### Helper Helper App

Helper Helper provides you with ways to get more involved in being the hands and feet of Jesus. Sign up today to receive updates on service opportunities here at FBCT!



# God Speaks Through Prayer & Fasting

## God Speaks

Dr. Ronnie Floyd

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

**Never forget:** When the \_\_\_\_\_ speaks, \_\_\_\_\_ speaks.

Fast or fasting occurs \_\_\_\_\_ times in \_\_\_\_\_ passages of the Bible.

**What is fasting?** Fasting is \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ goal in mind.

*Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him a safe journey for ourselves, our children, and all our goods. <sup>22</sup> For I was ashamed to ask the king for a band of soldiers and horsemen to protect us against the enemy on our way, since we had told the king, "The hand of our God is for good on all who seek him, and the power of his wrath is against all who forsake him." <sup>23</sup> So we fasted and implored our God for this, and he listened to our entreaty.*

*<sup>31</sup> Then we departed from the river Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go to Jerusalem. The hand of our God was on us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and from ambushes by the way.*

Ezra 8:21-23, 31

**Crisis:** Ezra and the people were about to enter \_\_\_\_\_ territory and \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ to see them through.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Decision:** "Then I proclaimed a fast" (v. 21)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Decision:** "We might humble ourselves before our God" (v. 21)

"Humble yourselves..." 1 Peter 5:6

"...I humbled my soul with fasting..." Psalm 35:13

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Decision:** "To seek from him a safe journey" (v. 21)

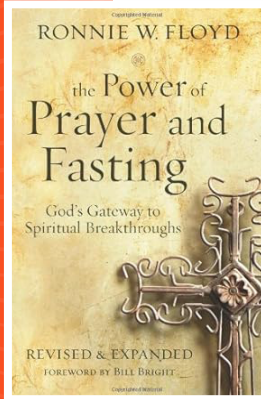
**Remember:** Fasting is \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ goal in mind.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Decision:** "So we fasted and implored our God for this" (v. 23)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Decision:** "he listened to our entreaty... and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and from ambushes by the way" (vv. 23, 31)

When you pray and fast, God will move in your \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

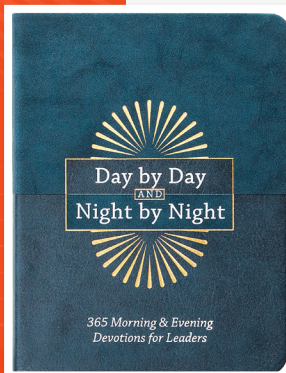
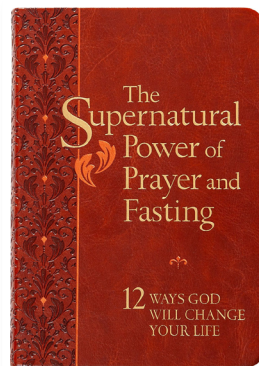
# Books by Ronnie W. Floyd



## **The Power of Prayer and Fasting** *"God's Gateway To Spiritual Breakthroughs"*



## **The Supernatural Power of Prayer and Fasting** *"12 Ways God Will Change Your Life"*



## **Day by Day and Night by Night** *"365 Morning & Evening Devotions for Leaders"*



# MVMT together

Sacrificing for the Next Generation

## **40 Days of Prayer & Fasting**

March 4–April 12

## **Questions About MVMT Together**

March 9

Pastor Buddy will be in the chapel at the end of both services to answer any questions you have about MVMT Together.

## **Corporate Days of Prayer/Fasting**

3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8

Begins after dinner on Tuesday until we gather together for dinner on Wednesday.

## **24 Hours of Prayer On Campus**

April 11–12

## **Celebration Dinner**

April 12

## **Commitment Sunday**

April 13

## **Celebration Sunday**

April 27





# COMING UP...

# MVMT together

**Sacrificing for the Next Generation**

Be sure to pick up a MVMT Together brochure and your MVMT Together devotional booklet to join us in 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting as we seek the Lord and His will for the next chapter in the life of FBCT! You can also text "Prayer" to 205-898-6920 for daily prayer reminders!



## Summer Mission Trips Deadline to Sign Up is March 16

If you are interested in going on one of our summer mission trips to Vermont, Alaska, or Thailand and haven't yet signed up, go ahead and do so now! The deadline to sign up for these mission trips is March 16. Sign up at [fbctrussville.org/events](http://fbctrussville.org/events).

## 6th Annual Cruise In March 30 • 3:00-7:00PM • FBCT

The annual Leland Dockery Cruise-In returns for its 6th year on March 30th! Whether you enter a vehicle or simply come to admire the classic automobiles on campus, it's an afternoon you won't want to miss! Free admission and free vehicle registration!



## Numbers From Last Sunday - March 2, 2025

Budget Receipts:	\$ 251,449	Small Groups:	1,834
Budget Received YTD:	\$ 1,337,173	Worship Services:	
NEXT YTD:	\$ 74,326	On Campus - 2,002 Online - 327	
		Total:	2,329

## TODAY (3/9)

### Men's Basketball\*

#### Registration Now Open

Men's Basketball League kicks off on April 3. Sign up as an individual (\$50) or bring a full team (\$450) for a season of competitive play.

### Conservatory Summer Camps\*

#### Registration Now Open

Register for Fine Arts Camp, Princess Dance Camp, and Kids Art Camp!

## THIS WEEK (3/10-3/15)

### Be Well (formerly Edible Ed.)\*

#### Mar 13 • 11:30am • Fellowship

Hall Jennifer Conn will join us!

Bring a copy of your favorite recipe and Jennifer will help us find ways to make our favorite foods more healthy. Cost is \$10.

### Rain Down Ministries Trail Run\*

#### Mar. 15 • 7:00am • Starts at \$35

Come spend a morning with us enjoying God's creation! Runners, Ruckers, and Hikers are all welcome!

### Communication in Marriage Workshop

#### Mar. 15 • 9:00am-12:00pm • \$150

Presented by Kristin Penuel, Licensed Professional Counselor.

## COMING UP

### Blood Drive

#### Mar. 18 • 1:00-6:00pm • Gym

Come give blood at FBC Trussville on Tuesday, March 18 and get a \$10 Amazon Gift Card by email. Learn more on the Events page.

## Summer Mission Trips

Registration for all summer mission trips is open until March 16! This summer, FBCT will go to Vermont, Alaska, and Thailand! 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!

### SAM Luncheon/Dinner\*

#### Mar. 27 • 10:30am-12:00pm OR 5:30-7:15pm • Gym • \$7

Beatles tribute band, The Beatlads, will play a lunch concert and a dinner concert (identical performances).

### 6th Annual Cruise In

#### Mar 30 • 3:00-7:00pm • FBCT

Whether you enter a vehicle or simply come to admire the classic automobiles on campus, it's an afternoon you won't want to miss!

### MVMT Missions Day\*

#### Apr 5 • 8:00am-1:00pm

MVMT Missions Day is a local missions trip in Trussville where students come together to impact their own community through the power of prayer.

### Parent/Child Banquet\*

#### Apr 6 • 5-6:30pm • A200 • \$10/person

Registration is now open! \$10 per person with a \$30 family max.

### Camp Ocoee\*

#### Jun. 10-14 • 8th-12th Graders •

#### \$550 thru Feb. 6 • Old Fort, TN

8th-12th graders, get ready for an amazing time at Camp Ocoee!

### Camp Shocco\*

#### Jun. 27-30 • 6th-7th Graders •

#### \$450 thru Feb. 6 • Talladega, AL

6th & 7th graders, get ready for an amazing time at Camp Shocco!

### Children's Camp\*

#### Jul. 18-21 • 3rd-5th Graders •

#### Camp ToKnowHim • Pisgah, AL

3rd - 5th graders, join us this summer at Camp ToKnowHim for an unforgettable experience!

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



# On Today's Tear Off:



## Easter Sunday Preschool Childcare Volunteers

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

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

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

Availability:

☐ 8:00am    ☐ 9:30am    ☐ 11:00am

## Sunday Morning Hospitality Volunteers

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

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

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

Area(s) in which you'd like to serve:

- ☐ Door Holders    ☐ Shuttle Drivers  
☐ Coffee Bar    ☐ Welcome Center  
Desk

Time(s) when you can serve:

- ☐ Before 8:00am Small Groups  
☐ Before 9:15am Service  
☐ Before 10:45am Service

## I'd Like a Tour of the Building

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

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

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



**This Wednesday, March 12  
Taco Salad is on the Menu!**

**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