

First Words

August 18, 2024

How to...



Today:
How to...
Have Effective Prayers
Nehemiah 1:4-11

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.

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, and Tuesdays, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. Stop in and see our Noah's Ark 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, 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 and let us know that you were with us today!

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BIBLE READING PLAN

- THIS WEEK
- John 6
 - Matthew 19:16-30
 - Luke 15-16
 - Luke 17:11-37, 18
 - Mark 10

Memory Verses

- Mark 10:45
- John 6:37

Missions Opportunities

SV Football Meal Volunteers

Starting Friday, August 23 • 5:00pm

Help us show the love of God to the Shades Valley football team. We will be transporting and serving their pre-game meal each game day. Sign up on Helper Helper for any Friday afternoon you are available.

Helper Helper App

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



Helper Helper ▼



How to...
Have Effective Prayers

Nehemiah 1:4-11

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 1:4 (NIV)

Four Observations of an Effective Prayer

1. Recognize Who God Is — His

Then I said: "O LORD, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel.

Nehemiah 5-6a (NIV)

- You are " _____ "
- You are " _____ "
- You " _____ "

This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Matthew 6:9 (NIV)

2. Recognize Our Need for Cleansing — His

I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's house, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you.

We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

Nehemiah 1:6b-7 (NIV)

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Matthew 6:12 (NIV)

3. Recognize His Faithfulness — His

"Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.'

Nehemiah 1:8-9 (NIV)

Note:

Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10 (NIV)

4. Recognize Our Need — Our

They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man."

I was cupbearer to the king.

Nehemiah 1:10-11 (NIV)

- Acknowledge his _____
- Prayed for _____
- Prayed for the _____

Give us today our daily bread... And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Matthew 6:11, 13 (NIV)

Prayer does not fit us for the _____, prayer is the _____.

—Oswald Chambers

COMING UP...

**STARTING POINT: NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
5:00 • Fellowship Hall**

Have you recently joined FBCT or are you looking for more information about finding a church home? Join us next Sunday evening for a casual time where you will enjoy a snack dinner, meet our ministry team, and learn more about First Baptist.



WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT
August 24 • 8:00am • Magnolia Mall

Join us for a fantastic day of wiffle ball action and make memories that will last a lifetime. We will see you on the field! For ages 14 and up. \$40 per team (9 people per team max).



**Midweek
@First Baptist**

With dinner, discipleship, and more... There's something for everyone!

THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21
Spaghetti is on the menu!
(Grilled cheese for kids)

4:30-6:00pm • In The Gym (Dine-in only; no to-go meals)
• \$5 ADULTS, \$2 KIDS, \$20 IMMEDIATE FAMILY MAX
• SALAD BAR OFFERED AS AN ALTERNATIVE ENTRÉE



Discipleship University

We have seven new Discipleship University class offerings to help you live **with, like** and **for** Jesus. Worship, Bible study, and activities for kids and students of all ages too!

Numbers From Last Sunday - August 11, 2024

Budget Receipts:	\$ 191,397	Small Groups:	1,993
Budget Received YTD:	\$ 4,905,546	Worship Services:	
NEXT YTD:	\$ 346,644	On Campus - 2,002	Online - 306
		Total: 2,308	

TODAY (8/18)

Memory Seminar (SAM)
2:00pm • Doors at 1:30pm
A seminar for those with loved ones suffering from memory loss.

THIS WEEK (8/19-24)

Children's Choir
Wednesday, August 21 • 5:30pm
Children's Choir for 1st - 5th grade kicks off this Wednesday, August 21st at 5:30 in the Chapel. We will dismiss in time for children to attend Wednesday night activities.

Midweek @FBCT
Wednesday, August 21
Discipleship University classes as well as dinner, served weekly from 4:30-6:00pm. Worship, Bible study, and activities for kids and students of all ages too!

SAM Luncheon
Thursday, August 22 • 10:30am
Come enjoy lunch and hear music from the SAM Vocal Band! \$7 per person. Reservation sign-up on today's tear-off.

Wiffle Ball Tournament*
Saturday, August 24 • 8:00am
\$40 per team, played on Magnolia Mall. For ages 14 and up!

Sports & Wellness Outreach

- Pickleball - Mondays • 6:00-9:00pm
- Exercise Classes - Daily! For schedule visit: fbctrussville.org/exercise-classes
- Open Gym - Thursdays • 6:00-9:00pm
- TRECHO - Tuesdays • 6:00pm @FBCT Back Parking Lot

NEXT SUNDAY (8/25)

Starting Point*
Sunday, August 25 • 5:00pm
For anyone new to our fellowship or looking for a church home!

COMING UP

MVMT Weekend Sign-up*
Registration for MVMT Weekend is going on now! This is a weekend event for 6-12 grade students taking place Jan. 17-19. Cost is \$100.

Fall Conservatory Registration
Going on now! - Sign up for fall lessons at fbctconservatory.org

Business Meeting
Aug. 28 • 6:00pm • Fellowship Hall
We will have a business meeting followed by Bible Study.

TRECHO - Stockton
Saturday, August 31 • 7:30am
A walk, jog or run through the Stockton subdivision!

Run For One*
Saturday, September 7 • 8:45am
A 5K run in Homewood in benefit of Lifeline Children's Services.

Basketball Registration*
Opens Sunday, September 8
Upward and Student basketball registration is right around the corner! Don't forget to register your child!

Voter Registration
Registration Deadline, October 21
If you haven't registered to vote, visit alabama.gov/alabama-votes or stop by the Event Center for more info.

* Registration: fbctrussville.org/events

On Today's Tear Off:



SAM Luncheon Reservation

Thursday, Aug. 22 • 10:30am • Gym • \$7

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Starting Point

August 25 • 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Please plan on me at Starting Point!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Total # attending with me: _____

Ages of children attending: _____

Our Place Special Needs Ministry

Opportunities to serve exist for those 16 and up.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Stephen Ministry

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

Name: _____

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Deacon Nomination

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