

# First Words

August 25, 2024

## How to...



Today:  
**How to...**  
**Live With Strategy**  
Nehemiah 2:1-9

# 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, and Tuesdays, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

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!

# F260

BIBLE READING PLAN

- THIS WEEK
- John 11, Matthew 21:1-13
  - John 13
  - John 14-15
  - John 16
  - Matthew 24:1-31

Memory Verses

- John 13:34-35
- John 15:4-5

## Missions Opportunities

**SV Football Meal Volunteers**  
Fridays • 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 today to receive updates on service opportunities here at FBCT!



Helper Helper ▼



## How to... Live With Strategy

### Nehemiah 2:1-9

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*  
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

*In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.*  
Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

*Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.* Ephesians 5:15-17 (NIV)

*Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.*  
Proverbs 15:22 (NIV)

*Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.*  
Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

## How do I plan?

1. Take time to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

*In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king.*  
Nehemiah 2:1 (NIV)

*The wise man looks ahead. The fool attempts to fool himself and won't face facts.* Proverbs 14:8 (TLB)

2. Be R\_\_\_\_\_ to R\_\_\_\_\_

*I had not been sad in his presence before; so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart." I was very much afraid, but I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my fathers are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?"*  
Nehemiah 2:1b-3 (NIV)

*The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven.* Nehemiah 2:4 (NIV)

3. Know the \_\_\_\_\_

*and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it."* Nehemiah 2:5 (NIV)

4. Develop a \_\_\_\_\_

*Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.* Nehemiah 2:6 (NIV)

*"If you don't know \_\_\_\_\_ you are \_\_\_\_\_, you'll end up \_\_\_\_\_."* — Yogi Berra

5. Anticipate the \_\_\_\_\_

*I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah?"* Nehemiah 2:7 (NIV)

6. Calculate the \_\_\_\_\_

*And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the king's forest, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests.*  
Nehemiah 2:8 (NIV)

*So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king's letters. The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me.*  
Nehemiah 2:9 (NIV)

*"You are never too \_\_\_\_\_ to set another \_\_\_\_\_ or to \_\_\_\_\_ another \_\_\_\_\_."* — C.S. Lewis



# COMING UP...

## STARTING POINT: TODAY 5:00 • Fellowship Hall

Have you recently joined FBCT or are you looking for more information about finding a church home? Join us tonight at 5:00pm for a casual time where you will enjoy a snack dinner, meet our ministry team, and learn more about First Baptist.



## BAPTISM SUNDAY September 8 • 12:00pm

For anyone needing to take this important step in their faith! Meet in the Chapel at noon on September 8! To receive more info, you can sign up at [fbctrussville.org/baptism-signup](http://fbctrussville.org/baptism-signup)



## MIDWEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

### THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 Hamburger Steak 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

Seven class offerings to help you live **with, like and for** Jesus. Worship, Bible study, and activities for kids and students too!

### Numbers From Last Sunday - August 18, 2024

Budget Receipts:	\$ 156,066	Small Groups:	1,880
Budget Received YTD:	\$ 5,061,612	Worship Services:	
NEXT YTD:	\$ 350,028	On Campus - 1,856	Online - 302
		→ Total: 2,167	

## TODAY (8/25)

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

## THIS WEEK (8/26-31)

**Children's Choir**  
Wednesday, August 28 • 5:30pm  
Children's Choir for 1st – 5th grade at 5:30 in the Chapel. We will dismiss in time for kids to attend other Midweek activities.

**Midweek @FBCT**  
Wednesday, August 28  
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!

**Quarterly Business Meeting**  
Aug. 28 • 6:00pm • Fellowship Hall  
Business meeting for the Second Quarter will be held at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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

**Sports & Wellness Outreach**  
• Pickleball - Mondays • 6:00-9:00pm  
• Exercise Classes - Daily! For schedule visit: [fbctrussville.org/exercise-classes](http://fbctrussville.org/exercise-classes)  
• Open Gym - Thursdays • 6:00-9:00pm  
• TRECHO - Tuesdays • 6:00pm  
@FBCT Back Parking Lot

## 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 \$80 through 9/7 and then goes up to \$100.

**Fall Conservatory Registration**  
Going on now! - Sign up for fall lessons at [fbctconservatory.org](http://fbctconservatory.org)

**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!

**TRECHO 9/11 Tribute Run**  
Tuesday, September 10 • 6:00pm  
A run in honor of heroes and those affected and in memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

**Edible Education\***  
Thursday, September 12 • 11:30am  
We will hear from Nikki Benedict on how what we put into our body and how we take care of our bodies affects our daily lives.

**Voter Registration**  
Registration Deadline, October 21  
If you haven't registered to vote, visit [alabama.gov/alabama-votes](http://alabama.gov/alabama-votes) or stop by the Event Center to complete a voter registration form and we will mail it for you!

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

# On Today's Tear Off:



## Starting Point

TODAY • 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Please plan on me at Starting Point!

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

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

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

Total # attending with me: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of children attending: \_\_\_\_\_

## Baptism Sunday

September 8 • 12:00pm • Chapel

I'd like to join others and be baptized  
after church on September 8.

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

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

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

## Our Place Special Needs Ministry

Opportunities to serve on Wednesdays  
and Sundays. Must be 16 or older.

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

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

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

## Stephen Ministry

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

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

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

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

[stephenministry@fbctrussville.org](mailto:stephenministry@fbctrussville.org)

## Deacon Nomination

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