

First Words

September 15, 2024

How to...



Today:
**How to...
Navigate Obstacles**
Nehemiah 4:1-23

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.

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!

F260 BIBLE READING PLAN

- THIS WEEK
- Acts 2-3
 - Acts 4-5
 - Acts 6
 - Acts 7
 - Acts 8-9

Memory Verses

- Acts 2:42
- Acts 4:31

Missions Opportunities

SV Football Meal Volunteers
Fridays • 2:45pm

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...
Navigate Obstacles

Nehemiah 4:1-23

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Understand the _____

The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire. Nehemiah 1:3 (NIV)

*“Opposition is a _____ you are going in the _____ direction.”
— Priscilla Shirer*

Anticipate _____

When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, “What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble--burned as they are?” Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, “What they are building--if even a fox climbed up on it, he would break down their wall of stones!” Nehemiah 4:1-3 (NIV)

Clarify various _____

So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart. But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the men of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem’s walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. Nehemiah 4:6-8 (NIV)

- Sanballat
- Tobiah/Ammonites
- Ashdod
- Arabs

Watch the _____

Also our enemies said, “Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work.” Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, “Wherever you turn, they will attack us.” Nehemiah 4:11-12 (NIV)

Plan for _____ **and** _____

Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall.” Also our enemies said, “Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work.” Nehemiah 4:10-11 (NIV)

Note:

Rely on _____

Hear us, O our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders. Nehemiah 4:4-5 (NIV)

Note:

But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat. Nehemiah 4:9 (NIV)

Reinforce the _____

Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. Nehemiah 4:13 (NIV)

Communicate _____

After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.” Nehemiah 4:14 (NIV)

When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to his own work. Nehemiah 4:15 (NIV)

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.” — Winston Churchill

COMING UP...

FBCT BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION FOR K5-12TH GRADE IS OPEN NOW!



Questions?
jedwards@fbctrussville.org
(205) 228-1000

REGISTER TODAY!





RAIN DOWN MINISTRIES DOVE HUNT This Saturday, September 21

Fathers, bring your son or daughter and join us for a great time hunting dove in Greensboro, AL. Cost is \$170 (\$85 per shooter) and includes a catfish lunch, practice clays, water, and bird cleaning! Register at fbctrussville.org/events.

MIDWEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST

THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Chicken Casserole is on the menu!
(Grilled Cheese 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

6:00pm
• Discipleship University Classes
• Preschool TEAMKid Meeting
• Weekly activities for Kids and Students (visit their ministry pages for additional details)

Numbers From Last Sunday - September 8, 2024

Budget Receipts:	\$ 131,414	Small Groups:	1,868
Budget Received YTD:	\$ 5,565,615	Worship Services:	
NEXT YTD:	\$ 373,704	On Campus - 2,034	Online - 322
		→ Total: 2,356	

TODAY (9/15)

Big Little Reveal Night (HS Girls)
6:00pm • High School Space
FBCT Girls Ministry "Littles" will find out who their "Big" is! We will have dinner and get-to-know-you activities, as well!

Basketball Registration*
Upward and Student basketball registration is open now!

THIS WEEK (9/16-9/21)

Paint War (Students)
September 18
This Wednesday, Students (Grades 6th-12th) will have a paint war!

Rain Down Ministries Dove Hunt*
Sept. 21 • Greensboro, AL • \$170
Fathers, bring your son or daughter and join us for a dove hunt! Cost includes lunch, practice clays, water, and bird cleaning. Space is limited.

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

COMING UP

Flu Shots Available
Sept. 25, 4:30-6:00pm & Oct. 6, 8:00am-12:00pm • Gym Lobby
Flu shots will be administered by Carroll Pharmacy. There is no cost for flu shots unless they are not covered by your insurance. They will be \$25 if not covered.

TRECHO
- Magnolia Elementary
Sept. 28 • 7:30am
Meet at Magnolia Elementary (5400 Hidden Way Ln) at 7:30am.
- Maple Ave Maple Leaf
Oct. 5 • 7:00am • 110 Maple Ave
Meet at 7:00am and run a 5k!

Faith & Family Day at Talladega Superspeedway*
October 5 • 3:00-7:00pm
Join at the United Rentals 250 NASCAR Xfinity Series race! \$36 for adults, FREE for kids 12 and under!

Underground Church Family Night (Kids Ministry)
October 6 • 5:00-7:00pm
Come eat pizza, pray for the persecuted church and play a fun game! \$5 per family.

American Red Cross Blood Drive
October 8 • 1:00-6:00pm • Gym
Give blood at FBCT on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

Golf Tournament*
Oct. 21 • 9:00am • Grayson Valley CC
Join us for a great day of golf! \$125/individual, \$500/team.

412 Weekend Sign-up*
Registration for 412 Weekend is going on now! This is a weekend event for 4th & 5th graders taking place Nov. 1-2. Cost is \$50.

Voter Registration Registration Deadline, October 21
If you haven't registered to vote, visit sos.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

On Today's Tear Off:



Wednesday Guest Services Hosts

Help people find their way around campus on Wednesday evenings.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Stephen Ministry

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

stephenministry@fbctrussville.org

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: _____

For Stephen Ministry info:

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To use our Small Group Finder, visit
fbctrussville.org/small-groups

To schedule a tour of the building:
receptionist@fbctrussville.org