

First Words

December 22, 2024



Today:

Christmas In Our Lives

Luke 2:16-20



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 closed today and will reopen on Sunday, January 5.

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
- Revelation 1
 - Revelation 2-3
 - Revelation 4-5
 - Revelation 18-19
 - Revelation 20-22

Memory Verses

- Revelation 3:19
- Revelation 21:3-4

Missions Opportunities



2025 Mission Trip Sign-Ups

Starting January 19

Registration for our 2025 Summer mission trips will open on January 19! Visit fbctrussville.org/missions-calendar to learn more about these mission trips along with other Missions Ministry opportunities that lie ahead in 2025!

Mission Trips make great Christmas gifts!

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!



Christmas In Our Lives

Jesus To The World

Luke 2:16-20

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2:16-20 (NIV)

Notice Their P _____

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." Luke 2:15 (NIV)

"God cannot give us a _____ and _____
apart from _____ because it is not there.

There is no such thing."

—C.S. Lewis

Remember God's P _____

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:12 (NIV)

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)

"God's peace is not a temporary escape but a permanent assurance of His _____ and _____."

—A.W. Tozer

Take Time to Offer Him P _____

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:13-14 (NIV)

My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.

Psalm 71:8 (NIV)

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33 (NIV)

"If you look at the world, you'll be _____. If you look within, you'll be _____. If you look at Christ, you'll be _____."

—Corrie Ten Boom

Enjoy a Season to P _____

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27 (NIV)

"You'll find peace when you come to God with a humble, teachable _____ and trust in His _____ for your _____."

—Rick Warren

At the conclusion of today's service, the Chapel will be open for prayer with people available to pray with you.

Because you gave in 2024...

104 4th & 5th Graders attended 412 Weekend.

5 gave their life to Christ.

93 local children will receive Christmas gifts from Giving Hope. Each family will hear the Gospel.

12 FBCT members traveled to Mae Sariang Thailand and held a medical clinic.

125 people heard the Gospel.

Giving so far...

General Budget – \$7,991,397 – 87.98% \$9,082,412
Budget

Lottie Moon Offering – \$147,722 – 59.09% \$250,000
Goal

Ways To Give

At FBCT giving is easy, and there are many ways to do it!

- 1. Giving through the offering.** After today's service you will find contribution receptacles outside the Worship Center. If needed, offering envelopes are provided in the side pockets of each giving receptacle.
- 2. Giving through the FBC Trussville App.** On your phone or mobile device download the FBC Trussville app and give through PushPay (via the "Give" link).
- 3. Giving online through PushPay.** Go to fbctrussville.org/give.
- 4. Giving In-Person.** You're always welcome to stop by the First Baptist offices during the week, Monday-Thursday, 8am-5pm and 8am-2pm on Fridays.
- 5. Giving through our after hours drop box,** located by the office entrance.
- 6. Giving through the Venmo (@FBC-Trussville) or Paypal (give@fbctrussville.org) apps.**
- 7. Giving through Securities/Stock.** Contact Amy Blount in our Financial Office for further info: (205) 655-2403

If mailing, all gifts must be postmarked by December 31 to go toward your 2024 giving record. If you are giving appreciated assets or gifts in kind, please contact Amy Blount or Alan Taylor at (205) 655-2403.

THANK YOU for your faithfulness
as we Do His Work **together!**

COMING UP...



CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Tonight • 5:00pm
December 24 • 3:00 & 5:00pm

Celebrate the season with the wonder and worship of Christmas! We will have a brief, family-friendly service tonight at 5:00pm and twice on Christmas Eve at 3:00 and

5:00pm. These services will be identical. We hope you and your family will join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

Next Sunday, Dec. 29 • 10:00am

We will have just one service again next week together at 10:00am. This will be a brief, family friendly service. Small groups will not meet. Childcare will be available for children ages birth through 5K.



ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

Next Sunday, December 29
10:00am

FREEDOM AFTER FAILURE: LESSONS FROM A BROKEN KING

A New Message Series Starting in January

Be sure to join us on Sunday mornings in the new year as Pastor Buddy preaches on the life of King David.

In this six-week message series –beginning January 5– we will look at David’s shortcomings, God’s restorative work in his life, and the redemptive work God desires to do in each of our hearts today.

We hope you’ll join us on Sundays at 9:15 or 10:45am!



END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Our Finance Office will be open Dec. 23rd, 26th, 27th, 30th & 31st and will be available to receive end-of-year contributions.

Numbers From Last Sunday - December 15, 2024

Budget Receipts:	\$ 205,282	Small Groups:	1,604
Budget Received YTD:	\$ 7,991,397	Worship Services:	
NEXT YTD:	\$ 469,775	On Campus - 2,428	Online - 360
		Total: 2,788	

TODAY (12/22)

Christmas Candlelight Service

Dec. 22 • 5:00pm

A candlelight service filled with the wonder and worship of the season!

THIS WEEK (12/23-12/28)

Church Offices Closed for Christmas

Dec. 24 & 25

The church offices will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Dec. 24 • 3:00 & 5:00pm

A candlelight service filled with the wonder and worship of the season!

Conservatory Spring Registration Registration is Open!

The Conservatory Spring semester will begin on January 6.

NEXT SUNDAY (12/29)

One Worship Service

Dec. 29 • 10:00am

A brief, family-friendly service together! No small groups this Sunday. Childcare available for kids through 5K.

COMING UP

Church Offices Closed for New Year’s

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

The church offices will be closed on New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.

MVMT WKND*

Jan. 17-19 • 6th-12th Graders • \$100

A weekend event for Middle and High School Students!

TRECHO New Year’s Resolution Run

Jan. 25 • 8:00am • FBCT Fountain

A goal oriented walk, jog, or run for anyone who has set a fitness goal or resolution for 2025.

Italy Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Jan. 26 • 12:00pm • D144

For more info, email jedwards@fbctrussville.org

Conservatory Faculty Recital

Jan. 26 • 2:00pm • Worship Center

Our Conservatory staff will come together and perform for us!

Starting Point*

Jan. 26 • 5:00pm

For anyone new to First Baptist or looking for a church home!

God’s Handiwork FBCT Women’s Conference*

Jan. 31-Feb. 1 • \$65

Women, join us for our 3rd Annual Women’s Conference! Sign up today!

End-of-Year Contributions

Our Finance Office will be open Dec. 23rd, 26th, 27th, 30th & 31st and will be available to receive end-of-year contributions.

* Registration: fbctrussville.org/events

On Today's Tear Off:



Christmas Poinsettias

Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved one this Christmas season! For a list of poinsettias dedicated, please visit the Event Center after today's service.

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

For Stephen Ministry info:
stephenministry@fbctrussville.org

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Supporting our international missionaries.

Goal:

\$250,000

Received So Far:

\$147,722.50