

First Words

December 29, 2024



Today:

Making It Real!

Matthew 2:1-12



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!

Reading the Bible through in 2025!

JANUARY

THIS WEEK:

- Jan 1** Genesis 1-3; Matthew 1
- Jan 2** Genesis 4-6; Matthew 2
- Jan 3** Genesis 7-9; Matthew 3
- Jan 4** Genesis 10-12; Matthew 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!



Making It Real!

Jesus To The World

Matthew 2:1-12

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke 2:10 (KJV)

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him. Lamentations 3:25 (NIV)

Hope came in His _____

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:1-2 (NIV)

Biblical "hope" combines _____
_____ and _____ for something good
in the future.

- _____ Jesus (vs. 2)
- Overcame personal _____ (vs. 2)
- Expressed _____ (vs. 10)
- _____ in His presence (vs. 11)
- Gave their _____ (vs. 11)

Hope came in _____

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'" Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

Matthew 2:3-8 (NIV)

Herod:

- From a powerful _____ (ruled for 33 years)
- Had his _____ wives, _____ sons, _____ mother in law, _____ male infants killed
- Known as "Herod the _____"
- Rebuilt Jerusalem's _____

Hope came after _____

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. Matthew 2:9 (NIV)

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints. Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)

Hope came by _____

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. Matthew 2:10-12 (NIV)

Gold =

Incense =

Myrrh =

May the God of _____ fill you with all _____ and _____ as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with _____ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 (NIV)

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...

500 students attended Paint War.

4 made a profession of faith in Jesus.



There were **8** men's basketball teams this year.
3 families from the league joined our church.



4 East Lake Initiative had lunches for the ladies in the program.

They provided **\$1,500** worth of Christmas gifts for their Christmas Shop.



Giving so far...

General Budget – \$8,242,046 – 90.75% \$9,082,412
Budget

Lottie Moon Offering – \$188,727 – 75.49% \$250,000
Goal

Ways To Give

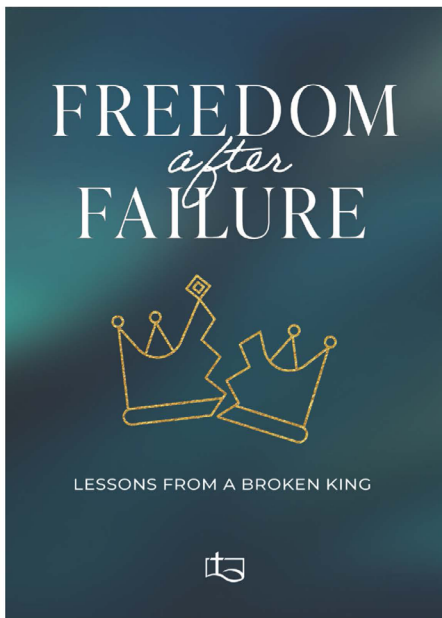
At FBCT giving is easy, and there are many ways to do it!

- 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...



FREEDOM AFTER FAILURE: LESSONS FROM A BROKEN KING A New Message Series Starting Next Sunday

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!

THIS WEEK (12/30-1/4)

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.

Conservatory Spring Registration Open Now!

The Conservatory Spring semester will begin on January 6.

COMING UP

MVMT WKND*

Jan. 17-19 • 6th-12th Graders • \$100
A weekend event for Middle and High School Students! This year's speaker will be Nate Hilgenkamp and Landon Wolfe will lead us in Worship.

SAM Luncheon

Jan. 23 • 10:30am • Gym
We'll enjoy music and storytelling from special guest Kelli Dodd!

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! This year's speaker will be Lisa Allen!

Midweek @ First Baptist



Midweek @ FBCT Returns January 8!

We will have new Discipleship University classes offered to help you live **with, like and for** Jesus, as well as dinner, served weekly from 4:30-6:00pm. Worship, Bible study, and activities for kids and students of all ages too! Scan the QR code above for available classes!

END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Our Finance Office will be open tomorrow, Dec. 30th & Tuesday, Dec. 31st and will be available to receive end-of-year contributions.



* **Registration: fbctrussville.org/events**

On Today's Tear Off:



Starting Point

January 26 • 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Please plan on me at Starting Point!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Total # attending with me: _____

Ages of children attending: _____

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:

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