

First Words  
April 23, 2023

# Living in HIS Presence

Today  
The Presence  
Of God In Prayer

MEMORY VERSE

"You will seek Me and find Me  
when you seek Me with all your heart."  
Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

**Welcome!**  
Glad you're with us!

## Small Groups

Sundays at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:45am.  
For help finding a small group,  
contact: [darrington@fbctrussville.org](mailto:darrington@fbctrussville.org)

## Worship Today

- 9:15am (Traditional)
- 10:45am (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: Today** 8:00am-12:30pm; **Tuesday** 9:00am-5:00pm;  
**Wednesday**, 4:00-7:30pm
- Inquire or register for any FBCT event at the **Event Center**.
- **For assistance** please see an usher or visit the Welcome Center.

**Let us pray for you.** Share your prayer requests with us at  
[fbctrussville.org/prayer-requests](http://fbctrussville.org/prayer-requests) and let us pray on your behalf.

## 1st Time Guests

Bring today's completed  
tear off to the Welcome  
Center, or visit  
[fbctrussville.org/](http://fbctrussville.org/)  
**next-steps** and let us  
know you were with us today!

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Gift*  
For You!



Trained ministers helping  
you through difficult times.  
[stephenministry@fbctrussville.org](mailto:stephenministry@fbctrussville.org)

**ALASKA**  
is calling.

Mission trip registration open  
now at: [fbctrussville.org/events](http://fbctrussville.org/events)

## Opportunities To Serve

For details on ways you can help, scan the QR code at right,  
or visit: [fbctrussville.org/helper](http://fbctrussville.org/helper)



# The Presence of God In Prayer:

## Don't Miss It! Living in HIS Presence

April 23, 2023

### We have lost the importance of prayer. Why?

#### Maybe...

...we have allowed prayer to be a \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_

...we have lost the sense of the \_\_\_\_\_

...we have lost the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

...we are just caught up in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

### Three Things We Need To Know:

#### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Prayer

"But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."

Matthew 6:6 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in Heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." <sup>2</sup> Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in Heaven, and One sat on the throne. <sup>3</sup> And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. <sup>4</sup> Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. <sup>5</sup> And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. <sup>6</sup> Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. <sup>7</sup> The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup> The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

<sup>9</sup> Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

<sup>11</sup> "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."

Revelation 4 (NKJV)

#### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the One in the Place of Prayer

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<sup>3</sup> And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. Revelation 4:2-3 (NKJV)

The Person Is \_\_\_\_\_!

- Who Is Your \_\_\_\_\_
- Who Is Your \_\_\_\_\_
- Who Is Your \_\_\_\_\_
- Who Is The \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Being in the Place of His Presence \_\_\_\_\_

"But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."

Matthew 6:6 (NKJV)

"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Psalms 91:1 (NKJV)

All of this Place and its results are \_\_\_\_\_!

Remember this:

"God will take you as far as you \_\_\_\_\_ to go, but will not take you any \_\_\_\_\_ than what you are \_\_\_\_\_ to go."

# STARTING POINT

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**Today! ~ 5:00pm ~ Fellowship Hall**

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

- Meet our Pastor and Ministry Team!
- Learn about the ministries & mission of First Baptist Trussville!
- Enjoy a light dinner prepared by Mrs. Georgia and her staff!
- Meet others here just like you!
- Childcare is provided!

Register on today's tear off, or at: [fbctrussville.org/events](http://fbctrussville.org/events)

# BAPTISM SUNDAY!

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

**For anyone needing to take this important step in their faith!**

**Just come to the Chapel following the 10:45 worship/small group hour!**

## Numbers From Last Sunday - April 16, 2023

Budget Receipts:	\$ 120,339	Small Groups:	1,353
Budget Received YTD:	\$ 2,322,012	Worship Services:	
NEXT YTD:	\$ 152,905	On Campus - 1,744	Online - 345
Annie Armstrong YTD:	\$ 125,622	→ Total: 2,089	

**Today (4/23)**

### Leland Dockery Cruise-In Mtg.

3:00pm • D142 - For those interested in volunteering at this June 3rd event.

### Starting Point\*

5:00-7:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

For anyone new to FBCT or looking for a church home! Register on today's tear-off or at: [fbctrussville.org/events](http://fbctrussville.org/events)



**This Week (4/24-29)**

**Pickleball** - Will not take place Monday night (4/24). Returning 5/1.

### Midweek

Wednesday,  
April 26th  
Spaghetti  
4:30-6:00pm



Business Meeting and class @6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, and Discipleship U. and age-graded activities around campus. For a full schedule and class listing: [fbctrussville.org/midweek](http://fbctrussville.org/midweek)

### JELLO

Thursday, April 27 • 9:00 & 10:30am  
Our weekly playdate for preschoolers and their moms, in room D203!

### SAM Luncheon

Thursday, April 27 • 10:30am • \$7  
Kevin Grigsby will be our special guest as he shares his talents with us in the Worship Center! Lunch will follow (Gym).

### Mother-Daughter Dinner\*

Thursday, April 27 • 6:00pm • A200  
Kari Kampakis joins us for a special night for girl moms and their daughters, ages 4th grade and up! (\$20 per person)

**Next Sunday (4/30)**

### Baptism Sunday

Noon • Worship Center - For anyone needing to take this important step!

## Coming Up

- **Elder Law Seminar\***  
Friday, May 5 • 11:30am • FH • \$10  
Legal issues for seasoned adults addressed at this helpful luncheon.
- **Conservatory Recitals**  
May 5-7 - Our students showcase what they've learned this spring.  
Schedule: [fbctrussville.org/events](http://fbctrussville.org/events)
- **Let's Go Hiking!\***  
Saturday, May 6 • 8:00am - A morning hike at Red Mountain Park.
- **Bible Reading Marathon**  
Sunday, May 7 • 5:45-9:00am - Sign up today at the Event Center.
- **Mississippi Delta Mission Trip Interest Meeting Sunday, May 7**  
Get details on this upcoming trip, open to all ages! (4:30pm • D142)
- **6:11 Men's Breakfast Gathering**  
Thursday, May 11 • 6:11am • Gym  
A hearty breakfast and challenge from God's Word, for all men/boys!
- **Edible Education\***  
Thursday, May 11 • 11:30am • \$6  
Kendall Jno-Finn will speak to us on fall risk and prevention.
- **Family Dedication\***  
Sunday, May 14 • 9:15 & 10:45am  
We'll meet and pray for the newest little faces to the First Family!

**\*Register:**

[fbctrussville.org/events](http://fbctrussville.org/events)

# On Today's Tear Off...



## Starting Point

Sunday, April 23 • 5:00pm • Fellowship Hall



Please plan on me at the next Starting Point!

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

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

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

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

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

## Stephen Ministry



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

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

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

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

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

## SAM Luncheon Reservations

Please plan on me at the next luncheon (4/27).

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

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

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

Total in my party: \_\_\_\_\_



## Natalie Redmond Memorial Scholarship

For deserving FBCT high school seniors!

For application info contact:

[amyb@fbctrussville.org](mailto:amyb@fbctrussville.org) **Deadline 5/07**

For Starting Point reservations,  
please contact:

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

For Stephen Ministry inquiries,  
please contact:

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

For SAM Luncheon  
reservations, please contact:  
[darrington@fbctrussville.org](mailto:darrington@fbctrussville.org)

# ALASKA

## TRIP #1 - Only 4 spots left!

### June 2-10, 2023 - VBS with FBC Valdez

Approximate Cost: \$2,500 | Group Limit: 12 people

Working alongside the members of First Baptist Valdez as they lead the Lifeway VBS curriculum, with free time each afternoon to explore the area. Group excursions may be planned as we get closer to the time of travel. Registration is now open, requiring a \$500 deposit upon registration.

- Included:**
- Transportation from B'ham to Atlanta
  - Airfare from Atlanta to Anchorage > Valdez, AK
  - Housing in a rental home with 7 bedrooms (11 beds)
  - All meals
  - Age restrictions - None!



## TRIP #2

### June 23-July 1, 2023

#### LaVerne Griffin Camp, Wasilla, AK

Approximate Cost: \$2,000

Group Limit: 24 people (Minimum: 10)

Leading or assisting leadership in guided Bible study, recreational activities, and one-on-one Gospel conversations with children entering 2nd - 4th grades. This is a high-energy camp with approximately 40 campers. Within the mission team group, we will need to identify a mission team leader, camp pastor for nightly teaching time, worship leader, recreation leader/organizer, and cabin staff.

- Included:**
- Transportation from B'ham to Atlanta
  - Airfare from Atlanta to Anchorage, AK
  - Housing - Camp Style (bunk beds in a camp cabin)
  - All meals - provided and prepared by camp staff
  - Age restrictions - 18+

## TRIP #4

### July 28-August 5, 2023 - Acts 1 Mission

Approximate Cost: \$1,400

Group Limit: 50 people (Minimum: 6)

This is the trip for EVERYONE! If you want to do neighborhood canvassing, share the Gospel, do light construction, go fishing, visit an Iditarod dogsled team and much more, then PLAN TO GO ON THIS TRIP! The mission house is the perfect setup for families and student groups.

# TRIP #3

**July 21-29, 2023**

**Solid Rock Bible Camp, Soldotna, AK**

Approximate Cost: \$1,500 | Group Limit: 30 people

Teams of 2 - 30 are needed to serve in various capacities during the week. You can take your pick of 3 different camps that are ministering to three different age groups. This is a GREAT opportunity!

- Included:**
- Transportation from B'ham to Atlanta
  - Airfare from Atlanta to Anchorage, AK
  - Housing - Acts 1 Mission House
  - All meals
  - Age restrictions - None!

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  - Housing - Acts 1 Mission House
  - All meals
  - Age restrictions - None!

# TRIPS #5 & #6

**5 - September 15-23, 2023**

**6 - October 6-14, 2023**

**LaVerne Griffin Camp, Wasilla, AK**

Approximate Cost: \$1,200

Group Limit: 10 people (Minimum: 3)

Helping with construction projects and remodeling camp cabins in the off-season.

- Included:**
- Transportation from B'ham to Atlanta
  - Airfare from Atlanta to Anchorage
  - Housing - cabin bunks in camp cabins
  - All meals - prepared by camp staff
  - Age restrictions - 18+

**Register for trips at:**  
[fbctrussville.org/events](http://fbctrussville.org/events)

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