

First Words
September 3, 2023



BACK to BASICS

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH

Today:
FREEDOM
Ephesians 4:32

Teach me Your way, Lord, that I may rely
on Your faithfulness; give me an undivided
heart, that I may fear Your name.
Psalm 86:11 (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

WORSHIP

- 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. Stop in today for a good book!
- 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. Go to fbctrussville.org/prayer-requests
or use today's tear off, and share you prayer requests with us today.

1st Time Guests

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

A
*Free
Gift*
For You!

Upcoming Service Opportunities

FRI
SEPT
8 & 22 Serving a meal to Shades Valley football

SAT
SEPT
9 Threads of Love meeting

SUN
SEPT
10 Serving a meal at Changed Lives Christian Center

MON
SEPT
11 aTeam monthly prayer for pediatric cancer patients

For details on these and other ways you can help, scan the QR code
at right, or visit: fbctrussville.org/helper



Going through difficulty?
Please let us help.

Contact:
stephenministry@fbctrussville.org



Teach me Your way, Lord, that I may rely on Your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name. Psalm 86:11 (NIV)

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS

1. Freedom From _____

See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)

2. Provision Of _____

Thomas said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" John 20:28 (NIV)

Forgiveness offers a way out. It does not settle all questions of _____ and _____—often it pointedly evades those questions—but it does allow a _____ to start over, to begin anew."

Phillip Yancy

3. Enjoyment Of _____

"For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Matthew 7:2 (NIV)

We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise. 2 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV)

FACTS ABOUT FORGIVENESS

1. Make The _____

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Ephesians 4:31 (NIV)

Forgiveness = a _____ of love, mercy and grace.

2. Be A _____

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

See Also: Matthew 18:21-22; Matthew 5:44

3. Live On _____

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up His clothes by casting lots. Luke 23:34 (NIV)

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. 1 Peter 3:8-9 (NIV)

4. Forgive _____

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Psalms 103:12 (NIV)

"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." Matthew 6:14 (NIV)

5. Enjoy The _____

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to do this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 1 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

WELCOME TEAM

YOUR help is needed to help make our campus a friendly place on Sundays! If you can **serve coffee**, **drive a cart**, **offer a warm hello**, **hold a door**, or **assist people at the Welcome Desk**, we want to talk to you!



To volunteer, fill out today's tear off... →

...or contact Hope Garrett at: hopeg@fbctrussville.org, or (205) 228-0270

Midweek
@First Baptist

This Wednesday, September 6

Make Midweek part of your week!



Scan this code for class information and Midweek schedule.



Loving Help Needed!

The Special Needs Ministry at our church is in search of volunteers for Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, serving as a buddy and assisting those with exceptional needs while they are with us on campus. For details please contact Carrie Jones at: carriej@fbctrussville.org, or fill out today's tear off.

Numbers From Last Sunday - August 27, 2023

Budget Receipts:	\$ 104,594	Small Groups:	1,780
Budget Received YTD:	\$ 5,161,731	Worship Services:	
NEXT YTD:	\$ 498,054	On Campus - 2,005	Online - 327
		→ Total: 2,332	

THIS WEEK (9/4-9)

Labor Day (FBCT)

Monday, September 4

Please note the FBCT offices will close for the Labor Day holiday.

First Monday Prayer (SAM)

Monday, September 4 • 10:00am

A time of prayer led by Seasoned Adults, in room D142. (This will take place despite the holiday.)

FBCT Library

We're filled with "characters" here!

Come see for yourself!

Sundays: 8:00am-12:30pm

Tuesdays: 9:00am-5:00pm

Wednesdays: 4:00-7:30pm



Sports & Wellness

Open Gym

Tuesday/Thursday • 6:00-9:00pm

The gym is open...come play!

Exercise Classes

Monday-Friday - See a full schedule: fbctrussville.org/exercise-classes

Midweek @FBCT

Wednesday, September 6

Fried Chicken

is served, 4:30-

6:00pm (Gym).



At 6:00pm Discipleship University continues, with eight adult classes, Bible study, worship and activities for all ages, including:

Crazy Game Night - Kids begin in their normal room locations, followed by crazy games!

MVMT Nite - 6:30pm - Monthly joint student worship, in the Worship Ctr.

JELLO (Preschool)

Thursday, September 7 • 9:00 & 10:30am

Weekly playdate for tots and moms in the Children's Worship Room (D203)

First Thursday Prayer (SAM)

Thursday, September 7

Praying for "Our One," men at 6:30am in the Worship Center, and ladies at 12:30pm in Room D142.

Collingsworth Family Concert

Friday, September 8 • 7:00pm • \$25

Our church plays host to this gospel music concert event. For tickets visit: thecollingsworthfamily.com

NEXT SUNDAY (9/10)

Basketball Registration* (Sports)

Sunday, September 10

Sign-up begins for Student Basketball (3rd-12th grade) and Upward Basketball and Cheerleading (K5-2nd grade).

Baptism Sunday! (FBCT)

Sunday, September 10 • Noon

An informal time of baptism for anyone following our morning worship services!

COMING UP

- **6:11 (Men)**
Thursday, Sept. 14 • 6:11am • Gym
Men, join us for a hearty breakfast and challenge from God's Word!
- **Edible Education* (Wellness)**
Thursday, Sept. 14 • 11:30am • \$6
Dr. Drew Smith shares on depression, anxiety and mental health. (Reservations Required)

***Register:**
fbctrussville.org/events

On Today's Tear Off:



Welcome Team

We're looking for happy, smiling faces to help welcome people to our campus! If that's you, let us know! We've been looking for you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- Cart Drivers Coffee Bar
 Door Holders Welcome Desk
 Greeters/Ushers

Stephen Ministry

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

stephenministry@fbctrussville.org

Special Needs Ministry

Contact me about helping with this ministry!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthdate: _____

Prayer Request _____

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