

First Words  
September 10, 2023



# BACK to BASICS

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH

Today:  
**THE  
GREATEST  
STORY**

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](mailto: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 for our character scavenger hunt! >>
- 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](http://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/](http://fbctrussville.org/)  
**next-steps** and let us  
know you were with us today!

A  
**Free  
Gift**  
For You!

## Upcoming Service Opportunities

- MON  
SEPT  
11 aTeam monthly prayer meeting
- TUE  
SEPT  
12 Helping at Serving You Ministries
- WED  
SEPT  
13 WMU Christmas backpack project
- MON  
SEPT  
18 Serving at the Jimmie Hale Mission



Going through difficulty?  
Please let us help.

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

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

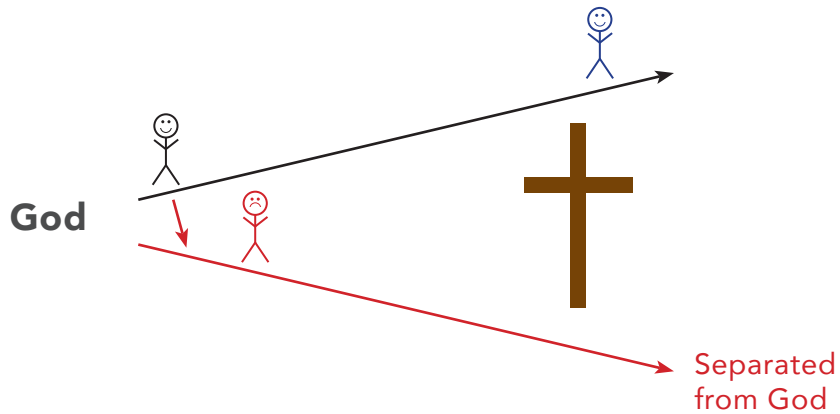


# THE GREATEST STORY

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## WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE?



C \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 1 & 2

F \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 3; Romans 3:23

R \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

R \_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 2:8-10

## IS THERE REALLY ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN?



God \_\_\_\_\_ you.

God \_\_\_\_\_ you.

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"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)



Sin \_\_\_\_\_ you.

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23 (NIV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 (NIV)



Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6 (NIV)



\_\_\_\_\_ from sin.

\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

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## HOW CAN I KNOW I AM REALLY GOING TO HEAVEN?

The \_\_\_\_\_ news.

We're all sinners separated from God.  
Romans 3:23

The \_\_\_\_\_ news.

There's nothing we can do to take care of our sin problem.

The \_\_\_\_\_ news.

Jesus did for us what we could not do for ourselves.  
Romans 5:8

The \_\_\_\_\_ news.

God's forgiveness and eternal life is a free gift, and all we have to do is receive it.  
Romans 6:23

- R\_\_\_\_\_ you're a sinner
- R\_\_\_\_\_ of our sin
- R\_\_\_\_\_ Christ as Lord and Savior

## HOW DO I KNOW GOD REALLY LOVES ME?

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."  
John 3:16 (NIV)

• God \_\_\_\_\_

• God \_\_\_\_\_

• We \_\_\_\_\_

• We \_\_\_\_\_

My Story

"There was a time in my life..."

"Then I met Jesus..."

• F\_\_\_\_\_

• K\_\_\_\_\_

"And now I feel..."

"Do you have a story like that?"



# BAPTISM SUNDAY!

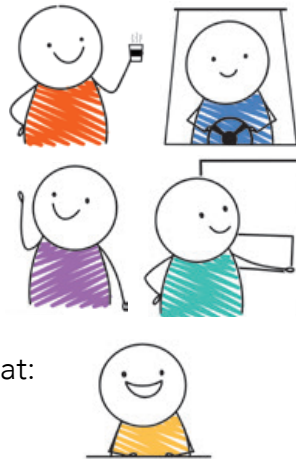
**TODAY! • NOON • WORSHIP CENTER**

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

## WELCOME TEAM

We need your help to help make our campus a friendly place! 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!

Fill out today's tear off, or contact Hope Garrett at: [hopeg@fbctrussville.org](mailto:hopeg@fbctrussville.org), or (205) 228-0270



**Midweek @First Baptist**  
This Wednesday, September 13



Scan this code for class information and Midweek schedule.

**Make Midweek part of your week!**

### Numbers From Last Sunday - September 3, 2023

|                      |              |                   |              |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Budget Receipts:     | \$ 175,751   | Small Groups:     | 1,354        |
| Budget Received YTD: | \$ 5,337,482 | Worship Services: |              |
| NEXT YTD:            | \$ 505,943   | On Campus - 1,366 | Online - 343 |
|                      |              | > Total: 1,709    |              |

## TODAY (9/10)

### Baptism Sunday! (FBCT)

Noon • Worship Center

For anyone needing to take this important step! Meet in front/right section of the Worship Center following today's 10:45am service.

### Basketball Registration\* (Sports)

Begins today • Boys & Girls!

Register for Upward Basketball & Cheerleading (K5-2nd grade) and Student Basketball (3rd-12th grade)!

## THIS WEEK (9/11-16)

### Men's Community Bible Study

Monday, September 11 • 6:30pm

We'll be in E203 as we begin a study on the book of Ephesians.

### Midweek @FBCT

Wednesday, September 13

Spaghetti

is served, 4:30-6:00pm (Gym).



At 6:00pm Discipleship University continues, with Bible study and activities for kids and students of all ages as well!

### 6:11 (Men)

Thursday, September 14 • 6:11am

It's a morning challenge from God's Word with a great breakfast, in the Gym!

### JELLO (Preschool)

Thursday, September 14 • D203

Weekly playdate at 9:00 or 10:30am for preschoolers and their moms!

### Edible Education\* (Wellness)

Thursday, September 14 • 11:30am

Dr. Drew Smith joins us in the Fellowship Hall to discuss mental health.

## NEXT SUNDAY (9/17)

### Costa Rica Trip Meeting (Students)

8:30am • A200 - Helpful info given on this high school senior mission trip.

### Big/Little Event\* (Students)

6:00pm • A200 - A special night for high school girls.

## COMING UP

### • Paint War! (Students)

Wednesday, Sept. 20 • 6:00/7:00pm

Messy fun with a purpose for middle and high schoolers on Magnolia Mall.

### • Blake Kersey Returns! (FBCT)

Sunday, September 24 • 9:15/10:45

Former FBCT children's minister Dr. Blake Kersey to preach in services!

### • Next Steps Lunch (Students)

Sunday, September 24 • Noon

A time for students who want to progress in their walk with Christ.

### • SAM Luncheon\* (Seasoned Adults)

Thursday, September 28 • 10:30am

A good time with great food and friends in the Gym (\$7).

### • Sleep In Heavenly Peace (Missions)

Saturday, September 30 • 8:00am

Building beds for those who need them in our back parking lot.

### • Foundations 4 Hope 5K (Missions)

Saturday, October 7 • 8:00am

A race in downtown Trussville in benefit of this ministry we support. Register: [foundations4hope.org](http://foundations4hope.org)

**\*Register:**  
[fbctrussville.org/events](http://fbctrussville.org/events)

# On Today's Tear Off:



## Special Needs Ministry

Contact me about helping with this ministry!

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

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

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

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

## Stephen Ministry

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

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

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

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

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

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Prayer Request \_\_\_\_\_

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For prayer requests, email [prayer@fbctrussville.org](mailto:prayer@fbctrussville.org)