

First Words
September 24, 2023

GOD'S TIMING

JOHN 11:1-16

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 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 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

THU
SEPT 28 Serving Thursday dinner at CLCC

FRI
SEPT 29 Meal served to Shades Valley Football

SAT
SEPT 30 Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed-Build Day

SUN
OCT 8 Serving Sunday evening dinner at CLCC



Going through difficulty?
Please let us help.

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

GOD'S TIMING

Sunday, September 24, 2023

"And many believed in Him there." John 10:42 (ESV)

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. John 11:1-2 (ESV)

So the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, he whom You love is ill."

John 11:3 (ESV)

How We Should Approach God in Prayer:

1. _____
2. In _____
3. Sense of _____

But when Jesus heard it He said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when He heard that Lazarus was ill, He stayed two days longer in the place where He was. John 11:4-6 (ESV)

- A mature faith does not look for the _____ way out, but instead, looks to see how God can be glorified in the _____.
- No matter how it may appear from our perspective, God's delays are actually _____.
- We must choose to trust God and be okay not having all the _____ today.

Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. 1 Corinthians 13:12 (NLT)

Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." After saying these things, He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." The disciples said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." John 11:7-16 (ESV)

- It is no harder for Jesus to _____, than it is to raise you from the dead.

"Let us also go, that we may die with Him." John 11:16 (ESV)

Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." John 11:32 (ESV)

When Jesus saw her [Mary] weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in His spirit and greatly troubled. John 11:33 (ESV)

And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. John 11:34-35 (ESV)

...a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Isaiah 53:3a (ESV)

- Jesus did not weep because He lacked _____...
- ...He weeps because He is full of _____.
- Jesus enters into Mary and Martha's _____ before He _____ it.

"My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?" Matthew 27:46b (ESV)

In the Midst of the Trial

- Keep an _____

"This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." John 11:4 (ESV)

- Remember your Heavenly Father _____ with you through the fire and the flood.

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you." Isaiah 43:2-3 (ESV)

- Know that He is constantly _____ and _____ you into His _____.

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (ESV)

THE LORD'S SUPPER



In Services
Next Sunday, October 1

Welcome Back To FBCT Dr. Blake Kersey!



Blake served as Minister to Children and Families here from 2006-2014, leaving to become the Pastor at First Baptist Church Decatur in 2014, where he has served ever since. We're excited to have Blake, Lindsey, and their family with us this morning as he preaches in services on the subject of *God's Timing!*



Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build

This Saturday, September 30 • 8:00am • FBCT Back Lot

Breakfast @8:00 | Work Assignments @8:30 | Assembly Starts @9:00!
(Biscuits & Coffee)

Midweek
@First Baptist

This Wednesday, September 27



Scan this code for
class information
and Midweek
schedule.

Make Midweek part of your week!

Numbers From Last Sunday - September 17, 2023

Budget Receipts:	\$ 200,211	Small Groups:	1,509
Budget Received YTD:	\$ 5,669,782	Worship Services:	
NEXT YTD:	\$ 520,461	On Campus - 1,571	Online - 366
		→ Total: 1,937	

THIS WEEK (9/25-30)

Men's Community Bible Study

Monday, September 25 • 6:30pm • E203
A study in the book of Ephesians.

Midweek @FBCT

Wednesday, September 27

Chicken Fingers
(and Livers),
served 4:30-
6:00pm (Gym).



At 6:00pm Discipleship U. continues
with Bible study/activities for all ages!

JELLO (Preschool)

Thursday, September 28 • D203
Weekly playdate at 9:00 or 10:30am
for preschoolers and their moms.

Seasoned Adult Luncheon (SAM)

Thursday, September 28 • 10:30am • \$7
Kay DeKalb Smith joins us in the Gym
for a music, inspiration and humor!

Sleep In Heavenly Peace (Missions)

Saturday, September 30 • 8:30am
Building beds in our back parking lot
for kids in the region who need them.

Exercise Classes

Visit fbctrussville.org/exercise-classes
for a full schedule of classes offered.

NEXT SUNDAY (10/01)

Flu Shots (Wellness)

8:00am-Noon • Gym Lobby • \$25
Administered by Carroll Pharmacy;
most insurance accepted.

Next Steps Lunch* (Students)

Noon • A200
For students looking to take their
walk with Christ to the next level.

COMING UP

- **Upward Basketball*** (Sports)
Register now thru 10/30 • \$100
Basketball and Cheering for K5-2nd
grade; basketball for girls and boys!
- **Student Basketball*** (Sports)
Register now thru 10/30 • \$100
Basketball for girls and boys, 3rd
grade through high school!
- **Flu Shots** (Wellness)
Wednesday, October 4 • 4-6pm
Last chance for flu shots given by
Carroll Pharmacy here on campus!
- **Foundations 4 Hope 5K** (Missions)
Saturday, October 7 • 8:00am
A race to benefit F4H. To register
visit: foundations4hope.org
- **611** (Men)
Thursday, October 12 • 6:11am
Breakfast and a challenge from the
Word for men, in the Gym.
- **Edible Education*** (Wellness)
Thursday, Oct. 12 • 11:30am • \$6
Dr. Drew Smith speaks on the
importance of good mental health.
- **Sports Roundtable*** (Sports)
Sunday, October 15 • 5:30pm • FH
Interest meeting on serving with
the Sports Min. Leadership Team.
- **412 Weekend*** (Kids)
Sunday, October 27-28 • \$50
For all 4th-5th graders!
- **Fall Family Night*** (Events)
Tuesday, October 31 • 5-7pm
Candy and fun for the whole family,
in the Gathering Space!

*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 stephen MINISTRY

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

stephenministry@fbctrussville.org

SAM Luncheon Reservations

I'm coming this Thursday!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Total in my party: _____

Sports Outreach Leadership Team

Please plan on me on the Oct. 15!



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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