

First Words
October 29, 2023

ROMANS VIII

HIGH EXPECTATIONS
ROMANS 8:18-25

MEMORY VERSE:

AND WE KNOW THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS
FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM,
WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.
ROMANS 8:28 (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 **Come see our veterans display! >>>>**
- 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

WED
NOV
8 WMU Christmas Backpack Project

SAT
NOV
11 Threads of Love project for infants

SUN
NOV
12 Volunteering at Serving You Ministries

SUN
NOV
12 Serving a meal at Changed Lives Christian Ctr.

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



Life can be hard.
We're here to help.

Contact:
stephenministry@fbctrussville.org



HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Romans 8:18-25



Sunday, October 29, 2023

Present and Future Glory

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the One who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Romans 8:18-25 (ESV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28 (ESV)

MYTH 1 - IF WE LIVE _____, WE CAN AVOID _____

"I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33 (ESV)

MYTH 2 - MY _____ DOESN'T MATTER

Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Psalm 62:8 (ESV)

MYTH 3 - SUFFERING ALWAYS POINTS TO SOME _____

Before I was afflicted, I went astray. Psalm 119:67 (ESV)

³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5 (ESV)

Two Takeaways

1.) _____ THE GOOD _____

"If the world hates you, understand that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of it, the world hates you. Remember the word I spoke to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you." John 15:18-20 (ESV)

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you... ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

1 Peter 4:12-14, 16 (ESV)

2.) THIS _____ IS NOT OUR _____

Therefore we do not give up. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day. For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (CSB)

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:23 (ESV)

_____ is never for _____.

Elisabeth Elliott



**This Tuesday, October 31!
5:00-7:00pm • Gathering Space**

(Start at the FBCT entrance by the fountain!)

Free hot dogs...and candy as far as the eye can see!

Can you help?

Let us know by contacting sherrie@fbctrussville.org!



The Shoebboxes Are Here!

Stop by the Missions Wall today and impact the life of a child somewhere in the world through **Operation Christmas Child!** Boxes due back by November 15th.



This Wednesday, November 1



Scan this code for class information and Midweek schedule.

Make Midweek part of your week!

Numbers From Last Sunday - October 22, 2023

Budget Receipts:	\$ 113,367	Small Groups:	1,349
Budget Received YTD:	\$ 6,400,837	Worship Services:	
NEXT YTD:	\$ 547,294	On Campus - 1,594	Online - 310
		Total: 1,904	

THIS WEEK (10/30-11/04)

Basketball Sign-Up* (Sports)
Deadline tomorrow, **October 30**
For Upward Basketball & Cheering and Student Basketball.

Sports & Rec This Week

- Upward Evaluations** - Refer to Upward Communciation for times & schedule.
- Exercise Classes** - See schedules at: fbctrussville.org/exercise-classes

Fall Family Night (Events)

Tuesday, October 31 • 5:00-7:00pm
Trick-or-Treating fun for families in the Gathering Space, plus a free hot dog meal too! (Start at the fountain entrance.)

Midweek @FBCT

Wednesday, November 1

Hamburger Steak *Midweek @ First Baptist*
served 4:30-6:00pm (Gym).

At 6:00pm **Discipleship U.** continues with Bible study/activities for all ages, including **Carnival Night** for kids!

Also, at 6:30pm, it's **MVMT Nite** in the Worship Center, our monthly combined student worship service!

For more info visit:
fbctrussville.org/midweek

JELLO (Preschool)

Thursday, Nov. 2 • 9:00 & 10:30am
It's our weekly playdate for preschool kids and their moms! (Room D203)

Joyful Hearts Singers (Seasoned Adults)

Thursday, Nov. 2 • 10:30am • FH
Come join this Seasoned Adult choir, with lunch following rehearsal.

NEXT SUNDAY (11/05)

Family Dedication (Preschool)
We'll meet the newest little faces to the FBCT Family, in both services.

COMING UP

- 2024 Ministry Plan** (Admin) 
Wednesday, November 8
6:00pm • Fellowship Hall
We'll look ahead to coming year during our quarterly business mtg.
- 6:11** (Men)
Thursday, Nov. 9 • 6:11am • Gym
Men, join us for a big breakfast and the Word. Bring a friend!
- Edible Education*** (Wellness)
Thursday, Nov. 9 • 11:30am • FH
Abby McMurry Smith from UAB Dermatology joins us on skin cancer.
- Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal**
Wednesday, Nov. 15 • 4:30-6:00pm
It's our annual traditional T'giving feast, followed by a time of devotion and communion.
- Missions Night**
Wednesday, Nov. 29 • 6:00pm • FH
We'll be joined by a SBC foreign missionary sharing on what God is doing around the world!

MEN OF ACTS

Men needed to help with this "handyman" ministry, serving widows, the elderly and others in our congregation.
Info: chris@fbctrussville.org

On Today's Tear Off:



Stephen Ministry

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

stephenministry@fbctrussville.org

Fall Family Night

I want to volunteer to help!



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set-up | <input type="checkbox"/> Candy Station |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prizes | <input type="checkbox"/> Restocking Drinks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Restocking Candy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Info | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo Booth Help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Prep | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Up |

(Sign-up here or using the QR code above.)

Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal Volunteers

I can help with table set-up with our meal on Wednesday, November 15, approximately 9:00am - Noon.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

For Stephen Ministry info, email stephenministry@fbctrussville.org

For Fall Family Night info, email sherrie@fbctrussville.org

For Thanksgiving Meal help volunteers, email jamiec@fbctrussville.org