

First Words
December 24, 2023



Today:
Doesn't Look Good!
Matthew 1:18-25

**LOTTIE
MOON**

OFFERING

Taking the Gospel Around the World

Our Goal
\$225,000
Received
\$168,173

WELCOME

SMALL GROUPS

Our small groups will not meet today or next Sunday. Small groups at 8:00, 9:15 and 10:45am will resume Sunday, January 7th.

WORSHIP

- **10:00am** (Combined)
- Our normal 9:15 & 10:45am services will resume Sunday, January 7th.

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:** The Library is currently closed; reopening January 7th.
- 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. Share your requests on today's tear off, or visit: fbctrussville.org/prayer-requests

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!

Men On Mission Trip Meeting

For anyone who has never taken a trip with the Men On Mission!

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, January 28th at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall as we'll share important details for anyone interested in construction mission trips with the FBCT Men On Mission!

Upcoming Opportunities To Serve

**THU
DEC
28** 4:00pm - Assisting the SAM team with a meal for the residents of the Changed Lives Christian Center.

**SAT
JAN
13** Praying for the team of 23 people from FBCT leading a medical mission trip to Kenya.

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



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Matthew 1:18-25



Sunday, December 24, 2023

Living Out Christmas

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Matthew 1:18-19 (NIV)

- When Under P _____
- When W _____ The W _____
- When Dealing With S _____ S _____

How?

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us." ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave Him the name Jesus. Matthew 1:20-25 (NIV)

1. By T _____ God's Direction

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations. Psalm 33:11 (NIV)

2. By Being A Person Of G _____

And the child grew and became strong; He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him. Luke 2:40 (NIV)

3. By Living In His P _____

For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; He entered Heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Hebrews 9:24 (NIV)

4. By Placing My C _____ In Him

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

5. By Being O _____

He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." Luke 11:28 (NIV)



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

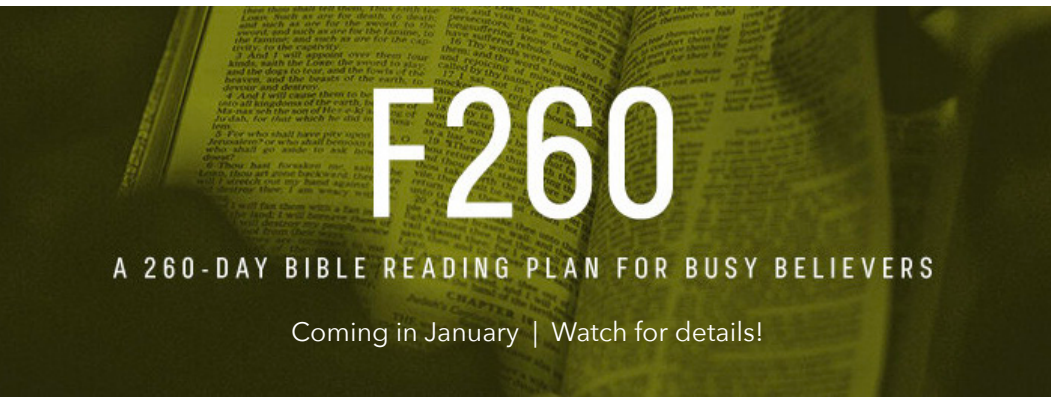
Today!
3:00 & 5:00pm

All the wonder and worship of Christmas, by candlelight!



Christmas Poinsettias

Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved one this Christmas season. For a list of poinsettias dedicated, please visit the Event Center after today's service!



F260

A 260-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR BUSY BELIEVERS

Coming in January | Watch for details!

Numbers From Last Sunday - December 17, 2023

Budget Receipts:	\$ 257,078	Small Groups:	1,338
Budget Received YTD:	\$ 7,966,746	Worship Services:	
NEXT YTD:	\$ 614,725	On Campus - 2,344	Online - 352
Lottie Moon YTD:	\$ 168,173	Total: 2,696	

Today (12/24)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

3:00 & 5:00pm • Worship Center
All the wonder and worship of
Christmas by candlelight!

Lost & Found

A number of items have been turned in to the Lost and Found here at FBCT. If you're missing an umbrella, a pair of glasses, or some other item, stop by the Event Center and check today!

This Week (12/25-30)

FBCT Office Schedule

The FBCT Offices will be closed this week for the Christmas holidays. However, the finance office will remain open for any end-of-year contributions or questions.

Next Sunday (12/31)

One Worship Service

10:00am - Next Sunday we'll once again worship together as one body at 10:00am. Small groups will not meet; childcare will be available through 4K.

Coming Up

- **Our Sunday Schedule Returns!**
Sunday, January 7 - Small groups return at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:45am, with worship at 9:15 (traditional) & 10:45am (contemporary)!
- **Conservatory Classes Begin**
Monday, January 8 - Register now at fbctConservatory.org!

Midweek Bible Study Returns! Wednesday, January 10

Dinner is served,
4:30-6:00pm in
the Gym!



Then at 6:00pm
our winter/spring
semester of Discipleship
University begins, with
seven classes to help you
grow with, like, and for
Jesus! For more info,
scan the QR code shown here.



Activities resume for preschool, kids and students as well, including MVMT Nite for students at 6:30pm.

- **6:11**
Thursday, January 11 • 6:11am • Gym
Our men's breakfast gathering gets underway for the new year!
- **JELLO**
Thursday, January 11 • 9:00 & 10:30am
Preschoolers and their moms kick off a new year of JELLO in D203
- **Edible Education***
Thursday, January 11 • 11:30am • FH
Kendell Jno-Finn joins us, helping us develop a plan for health in 2024.
- **DNOW**
January 12-14 • All Students • \$100
Sean Curran returns to lead DNOW, with teaching by Nate Hilgenkamp!
- **Starting Point***
Sunday, January 21 • 5:00pm • FH
A great opportunity for anyone new to First Baptist or looking for a church home!

*Register:
fbctrussville.org/events