

What is Missions?

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Missions – the vocation or calling of a religious organization, especially a Christian one, to go out into the world and spread its faith.

We are called not only to know Him but also to make Him known to others. It is a simple mission; we allow Jesus to use us to be fishers of men.

This means we willingly use our new life in Him to benefit and share with others.

Our mission as followers of Christ is to spread God's word, make him known, be a follower of Jesus, and make disciples.

Reflection

- What does missions mean to you?
- How are you serving your community?
- What would make you a better servant of the Lord?

A Word from Our Missions Pastor

Chris Chambers, Minister of Missions and Pastoral Care

What comes to your mind when you hear the word Missions: Africa? Thailand? Costa Rica? Or maybe it's Alaska? Boston? Memphis? Or even Ft. Deposit? Love Lady? CLCC? Men on Mission? Men of Acts? The answer is yes to all of these. We have been given the instructions to reach Trussville (*Jerusalem*), Alabama (*Judea*), the United States (*Samaria*), and the World (*Utter Most Parts*). At FBCT, we are about reaching people worldwide with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Everyone from Pre-school to Senior Adults is encouraged to share Jesus with family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and everyone you meet. Commit to God, Know His Ways, and Do His Work because it's all about Him. Let's all go out and Do Missions!



Get Involved!

Purchase Tickets
by April 5th for the
Women's Renew
Conference,
April 13, 2024
9:00-3:00



Scan QR code to
register for Renew

Register at
[fbctrussville.org/
events](https://fbctrussville.org/events)
for the
Mississippi Delta
Mission Trip
June 17, 2024

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Women's Missionary Union Testimony

By: Shirley Lyle, FBCT WMU Director

WMU at FBCT is made up of a beautiful group of mission-minded and mission-hearted women. At WMU we serve God by serving others. We love others by reaching out. We strive to spread 'Jesus' love' all around. This is done within our local community, throughout the surrounding area, and in far-reaching areas. This is accomplished through the many missions and ministries we are constantly involved with. They say it takes a village, and in WMU that's what we are. We are a beautiful village working together to love others as we strive to meet their needs and share the love of Jesus. As this love and the gospel are shared, people see Jesus. And that is what we're here for, to show Jesus to the world! A few of my favorite projects are The Mississippi River Christmas Backpack Ministry: This is a ministry in which we fill backpacks for children ages two through 17. These backpacks are given out at Christmas. They are filled with clothing, food, hygiene items, a Bible or devotional, and a Christmas toy. For some children, this is the only Christmas gift they receive. As the backpacks are given out the Christmas story is shared. These backpacks are sent to states on the Mississippi River Delta, which are some of the poorest areas in our country.

Cold weather packs for the homeless: Through this ministry, we get to help the homeless during some of our coldest temperatures of the year. Some are homeless due to hard circumstances and poor life choices. Others are homeless due to mental illness. Whatever the reason, we want to reach out and spread the love of Jesus throughout the community and do what we can to help keep them warm. We just want to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we serve God by reaching out to and loving others.



Hear from a Local Partner

by Melinda Megahee, Director of Lovelady

The Lovelady Center is a Christ-centered 9-12 month residential program for displaced women and their children. Their displacement comes from homelessness, domestic violence, substance abuse, and incarceration. Our 250,000-square-foot building is a home, a church, a school and so much more to over 450 women and 100 children. Our program is based on a holistic approach to addressing the mind, body, and spirit needs. This is done through counseling, discipleship, life-skill classes, health/fitness programs, continuing education, and job readiness. We hope all our women will build a strong foundation in Christ and become the women God created them to be. Over our 20 years we have served more than 15,000 women and countless lives have been impacted and forever changed. We are frequently asked how we do what we do. Our only answer is through the love of Jesus. That love is shown throughout our program in many ways, especially through our church partners and volunteers, like you. Thank you, First Baptist Church Trussville for partnering with us and making a difference in so many lives.



Donations for Lovelady Center

- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Toilet Paper

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms...so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 4:10-11

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