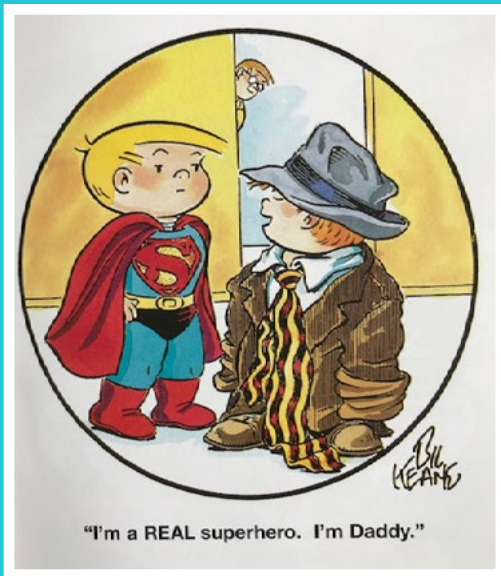




JUNE 2022

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!
Sunday, June 19**



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This newsletter is prepared and emailed monthly by and for 55+ adults of First Baptist Church Trussville, Alabama. Suggested information to be included in an upcoming SAM newsletter may be emailed to sam.news@fbctrussville.org. Printed copies will be available at the church Welcome Center and Events Center.

WHO IS YOUR SUPERHERO?

According to Merriam-Webster the definition of a superhero is "a fictional hero having extraordinary or superhuman powers; or an exceptionally skillful or successful person."

Remember way back when we were young? What or who did you want to be when you grew up? Perhaps SUPERMAN, John Wayne, the Six Million Dollar Man, or the REAL heroes like your coach, a police officer, or perhaps your dad or grandfather? I am one of the very fortunate. My dad just turned 92 and is still very active. He's the one that gave me the golf "bug" when I was a child and we have enjoyed almost 60 years of playing together. At age 92 he still consistently scores less than his age. As I told you last month, my dad taught me music theory. As I remember, those "music theory" days were tough, but I would not be where I am today without the influence, teaching and example of my dad. He has always been my superhero.

As I thought about my own dad, I was stung ... did I ever dream I might be someone's superhero? Have you? Perhaps someone is looking up to you ... someone wants to be just like you? Maybe your own children or grandchildren, a student, an employee, the little one across the street, even someone you do not know!

There is One Father, God Almighty to whom we must all bow our knees and look up. He alone is Worthy.

Back in the 1970's Michael Joncus did an excellent job setting King David's Psalm 91 to song.

PSALM 91 On Eagles' Wings

Click [HERE](#) for music video

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
 Who abide in His shadow for life
 Say to the Lord, "my refuge, my rock in whom
 I trust!"*

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you
 And famine will bring you no fear
 Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness
 your shield.*

*You need not fear the terror of the night
 Nor the arrow that flies by day
 Though thousands fall about you, near you it
 shall not come.*



*For to His angels He's given a command
 To guard you in all of your ways
 Upon their hands they will bear you up
 Lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
 Bear you on the breath of dawn
 Make you to shine like the sun
 And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

SAM VOCAL BAND

MAY 26 • SAM MONTHLY LUNCHEON



We enjoyed our SAM Vocal Band in concert at the May 26 SAM Monthly Luncheon. There are 14 men in the group, including: Bob Smith, Leader; Tim Alvis, Bill Bowser, Don Compton, Millard Green, Bobby Grogan, Ed Hollis, Earl King, Nick Klosowsky, Don McConnell, Derrell Morrison, Scott Strickland, Charles Vinson, Ron Walters. In addition there are a few on medical leave and we are praying for V.O Roberts and Dennis Lovin to rejoin the group soon. The group practices every Wednesday evening at 4:55PM in D144. Each member also sings in both the Ministry of Praise choir and the Joyful Hearts choir.

Our SVB has been very busy spreading the Gospel in song! They sang on May 14 at Don Compton's ACE Hardware in Homewood and then on May 19 at Auburn Road Baptist Church in Tupelo, MS where Don McConnell's son, Troy and his family are on staff.

Join us for these upcoming performances.

June 4 FBCT Third Annual Leland Dockery Tribute Cruise-In

July 31 Church at Grants Mill



Charles NEVER wants to miss a practice! He is so eager for every practice and every performance. In fact, he will miss Wednesday Night supper at church before he will be late to practice! (and no one loves food more than he!) Sandra Vinson

In the spring of 2018, we were blessed to have Bob Smith join our staff as the minister to Senior Adults, later to be the Seasoned Adults. A few months later he approached me about joining the Joyful Hearts Choir. I made every excuse that I could think of to decline the offer, but he would not accept any of them. After joining, a few weeks later Bob told me that he wanted to start a men's group, later named the SAM Vocal Band and for me to qualify I needed to join the Ministry of Praise (Sanctuary) choir as that was going to be a requirement to sing in the group.

It has been such a pleasure to practice, listen to practice tapes, sing with the group, and to see that singing gospel music speaks to my heart like no other music. It makes me realize that Worship is a 7-day experience and not just on Sunday. When we practice, sing and spend time with fellow Christians and sing about Jesus, that is Worship. As Don McConnell would say, "if this don't light your fire, your wood is wet!"

Now that we have an opportunity to sing for others it is even more gratifying.

To God be the Glory for giving me the opportunity to represent and witness for Jesus and to be blessed with a great leader and Man of God with a servant's heart like Bob Smith.

By Ron Walters

FBCT 3RD ANNUAL LELAND DOCKERY TRIBUTE CRUISE-IN

Saturday, June 4 • Registration begins 8:00AM
Open to public • 9:00AM to 2:00PM
No Registration Fee • www.fbctrussville.org/events/cruise-in

In just a few short days, you'll hear that familiar sound ... GENTLEMEN, START YOUR ENGINES!

Bring your family and friends and join us ... we'll have a fabulous showing of over 300 cars, along with plenty of entertainment and food trucks.

We here at FBCT have been following a prayer walk outside around our church campus. Please continue to pray God's blessings as He touches hearts to come to Himself.

1. Pray for **NO RAIN** on June 4th until 4:00 pm
2. Pray for the drivers of the vehicles in the show
3. Pray for the fans who will attend the show
4. Pray for our volunteers and workers
5. Pray for the performers who will share on stage
6. Pray for hearts to be open to the Gospel
7. Pray for the times when the Gospel is presented.



*3rd Annual
Leland Dockery
Tribute Cruise-In*

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

First Baptist Church Trussville
Front FBCT Parking Lot
Beginning at 9:00am

**DOOR PRIZES • GREAT MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS • AWARDS**

FREE Admission • No Registration Fees

To register, visit our website:
www.fbctrussville.org/events

LAUNCHING FIRST THURSDAY FOR PRAYING MEN

From Denny Rogers

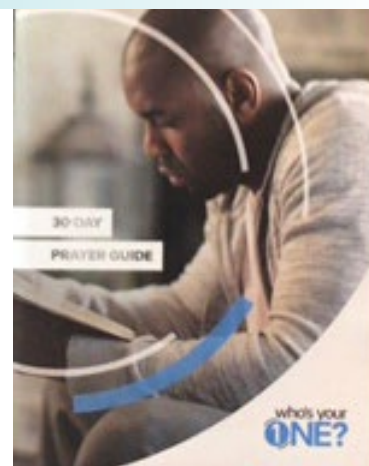
On June 2, 2022 the men of our church are invited to join together in unified prayer for their "ONE" who is without Christ.

Each man attending the prayer time will be given a copy of "Who's Your One? 30 Day Prayer Guide" which will aid each of us in praying scripture over our "ONE." You will also receive a copy of "The First Lesson of Intercession" by Jack R. Taylor. This is a helpful guide in praying for those who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our prayer is that, not only will men attend who have been faithfully praying for their "one" for perhaps a long time, but men who are willing to ask the Lord to lay one soul on their heart who He desires them to pray for.

Questions: Contact Jack Sittre (205-810-9480), Denny Rogers (205-258-6096) or Bob Smith (205-767-9609) This endeavor is led by the SAM Prayer Team but available to all men!

PLEASE NOTE: This launch is specifically for the men of our church. A similar Prayer Launch will be started in the near future for the ladies of our church. For information, please contact Susan Minor (205-337-5082)



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 5, 2022

I have been selected by the FATHER,
saved by the SON,
and sealed by the SPIRIT.

*From Adrianisms, The Collected Wit And Wisdom of
Adrian Rogers*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6-9 • 9:00AM – Noon

NOTE: If any of you Seasoned Adults
would be available to serve on any of
these days, please Contact Suellen
Edmondson for details.



FIRST MONDAY PRAYER FOCUS

Monday, June 6 • Chapel

2:00PM (time change due to VBS)

Stop wherever you are and join us in prayer.

Email prayer requests to Sam.prayer@fbctrussville.org

*And when they had prayed, the place
where they had gathered together was
shaken, and they were all filled with the
Holy Spirit and began to speak the
Word of God with boldness. Acts 4:31*



JOYFUL HEARTS REHEARSALS

Thursdays • June 2 & 16 • 10:30 AM

Fellowship Hall

NOTE: Our Joyful Hearts Choir will be going on choir
tour in September!

SAM VOCAL BAND REHEARSALS

(Men's Southern Gospel Group)

Wednesdays • 4:55PM • Room D144



SCAM ALERT Seminar

Sunday, June 12 • 3:00PM • Fellowship Hall

Be smarter ... don't be a victim!

Hear from experts in a panel discussion on how to
protect yourself from fraud related to home repair,
technology, finances, government impersonation,
business email compromise, identity theft, romance,
grandparent scams, credit repair, charity scams and
more. There will be time for Q&A as well.

This seminar is offered with the support and
cooperation of the Trussville Chamber of Commerce.

This seminar is free to all.

Please pre-register at www.fbctrussville.org

MEN'S 6:11 BREAKFAST

Thursday, June 16 • 6:11AM in the Gym

Invite a friend and join us.

SAM MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Thursday, July 14 • 10:30AM • Outside around the
Fountain

Special Guests: HOMELAND TRIO

\$6 per person • Reservation required

205-228-1006 or sam.reservation@fbctrussville.org

GAME DAY

Thursday, June 23 • MS Space • 9:00am-Noon

SUNDAY STROLL

Sunday, June 26 • 2:00PM

Classic on Noble, Anniston, AL

Meal, Charter Bus Transportation

Mystery Guest Entertainment

Tickets: \$40 per person (limited to 125)

Available May 1 (Online, Event Desk, SAM office)



FBCT SEASONED ADULT DAY

Thank you Church family, Bob Smith and our SAM Vocal Band, the Joyful Hearts choir, and Ms. Georgia and crew!
Our services and lunch recognizing FBCT Seasoned Adults were wonderful and very much appreciated!

WE CARE, GOD CURES!

All of us who have accepted God's salvation and committed our lives to Jesus are called as ministers of the Gospel. There are so many ways to share the Gospel and love of Christ to others ... the Stephen Ministry is one.

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MINISTRY®

Our Pastor along with Denise Dockery introduced to us the Stephen Ministry by video on March 10. Since then we have been invited to attend interest meetings to learn more about the possibility of serving through our church as a Stephen Minister.

"I honestly did not understand the concept or real need for a Stephen Minister until I faced a personal crisis recently. My father-in-law whom I loved dearly passed away. Now I understand." Chris Chambers, FBCT Missions Pastor

What is Stephen Ministries?

Stephen Ministries is a non-denominational Christian education organization founded in 1975 by Rev. Kenneth Haugk in St. Louis, Missouri. Churches supporting the Stephen Ministries are Bible-believing, Christ-centered churches nationwide.

Stephen Ministries offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members – called Stephen Ministers – to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 See www.stephenministries.org

Who are Stephen Ministers?

The Stephen Ministers are God's called, gifted and committed leaders trained to be Care Givers. Not caregivers in the physical sense of that word, but Care Givers have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support to the Care Receiver. Care Givers receive 20 sessions of training, in which they will learn to LISTEN to the Care Receiver who is going through personal crisis (grief, illness, divorce, family addictions, loss of job, etc.). The Care Giver will receive new insight into the thoughts, feelings, and actions of people who are hurting, equipping him/her with relational and caring skills which can apply to all aspects of life while also helping deepen his/her own faith as the Holy Spirit fashions him into a Christ-centered Care Giver. We Care, God Cures!

The Care Giver and the Care Receiver are carefully matched by a Stephen Leader. Their relationship is highly confidential. The minimum ages for Care Givers as well as Care Receivers is 18 years and older. Matches are one-on-one: man-to-man and woman-to-woman. They will meet consistently once a week for one hour. Upon completion of their training, our Stephen Ministers will have continuing education and supervision meetings with a Stephen Leader every two weeks for support and encouragement.

Please pray and allow God to speak to your heart about this important ministry which is "equipping the saints" for the work of the ministry.

It is our goal here at FBCT to train 100 Care Givers over time. Our first three trainees and now our "bridge" leaders for the rest of us are Chris Chambers, Denise Dockery and Hugh McMurry. At the present time we are recruiting potential Stephen Ministers to be trained. Our goal is to begin the process of matching trained Ministers with Care Receivers by some time in November. For more information please contact FBCT Missions Office, Jamie Chappell at 205-228-1014 or Denise Dockery at stephenministry@fbctrussville.org

SAVE THESE DATES



OASIS 2022 RETURNS TO FBCT

Thursday, July 28 • 1:30PM • Worship Center

Special guests include: **Guy Penrod and Mickey Bell**

Frank Jones will host and perform our favorite Hymns and gospel songs.

Open to the Public

Tickets (\$20) available at www.frankjonesministries.org

CELEBRATORS CONFERENCE

October 10 – 13, 2022

LeConte Center

Pigeon Forge, TN

Registration now open • \$100 deposit



NASHVILLE CHRISTMAS

November 30 thru December 2 (limited to 96)

Cost: \$575 (double) & \$725 (single)

Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center

Watch for registration date coming soon.

NEXXT

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

How did we do?

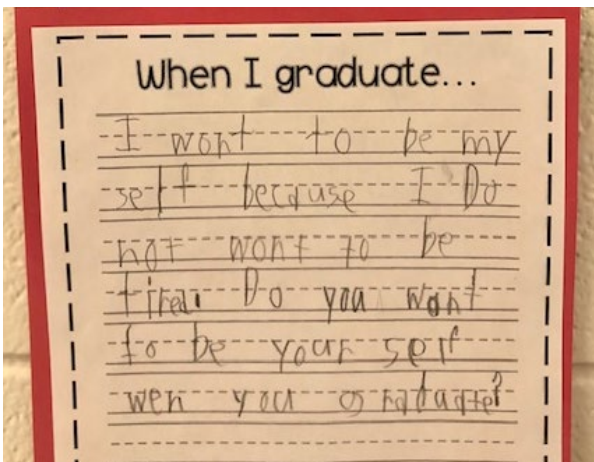
We will tell the next generation. Psalm 78:4

All Glory to God, pledges to date are at \$2.7 million.

LET THE WORK BEGIN!

Happy
FATHER'S
Day

Out of the mouths of babes!



It says, "I want to be my self because I do not want to be tired." He said every job he could think of makes you tired and every adult he knows is tired!

CONGRATS to Jim Robinson

Jim came away with six Gold Medals in May at the Mississippi Senior Olympics in Biloxi, MS! Medals were in the 500yard, 200yard, 100yard, and 50yard freestyle; and the 50yard and 100yard breaststroke.





So the Lord said to Moses, "Take Joshua, the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him." --- Numbers 27:18

The Bible makes it clear that men are to be leaders. Leaders in their families, leaders in their communities, and leaders in their church.

Leading is usually not a comfortable place to be. It's much safer to lay back in the crowd, take time to survey the landscape, let someone else set the direction and then judge the reaction to it. If it works, then fall in step. If it gets criticized, distance yourself from it. This is precisely the way politics works. For example, several of the people running for state and national office in Alabama are trying very hard to become connected with Donald Trump, while doing their best to distance themselves from any hint of being liberal. That's the safe path to election in this state.

But Christianity is not politics. In fact, it's the opposite. Politics is the art of being popular, which necessitates drawing attention to yourself. By contrast, Christianity emphasizes humility and service to others, surrendering self to follow Jesus and his teachings. Politicians lay back, see which way the wind is blowing, and then jump on the bandwagon.

The Bible tells the story of the transition of leadership from Moses to Joshua. Moses had sent out a group of twelve scouts to see if conquering the promised land was doable. Most of them came back wanting to play it safe. The natives were too big, too strong, too numerous, they reported. There's no way the Jews could defeat them. Only Joshua and Caleb came back with confidence that, with God's guidance, they could accomplish anything.

That's leadership. That's what it looks like. Not playing it safe, not laying back in the crowd to see what works, what's popular. Trusting God to lead you in directions that you may not be comfortable with, but are destined to travel. As Moses neared the end of his time on earth, God told him to make Joshua the new leader. The Lord knew Joshua would choose the obedient path, a path that could make him very unpopular with the crowd, based on the negative reports of the other scouts. In fact, at one point the Jews wanted to stone him.

Being a leader makes you vulnerable. Leaders get criticized. People expect them to have all the answers. They expect leaders to be fair, though their own perception of fairness is often skewed toward themselves. Leaders get pressured to succeed. In the business world, an unsuccessful leader gets fired. Who needs all of that?

We do. The body of Christ does. There has never been a more urgent need for the men of the church to step up and stand out, both by word and by example. With God, being an unsuccessful leader is impossible. Even if you don't please people, you are running the race you were created for. Pleasing people is not the goal. As the eldest segment of our congregation, it is particularly critical for the men of SAM to set this tone for our younger members. They need to see men of conviction, unafraid to proclaim the word of Christ, unafraid to be the first in line for ministry and prayer, unafraid to trust in God's providence with our finances. We've raised our families. We've shown them how to work hard and provide. We've shown them how to love and forgive. Now let's show them how to lead.

It's a man thing.

HIS UNFAILING WORD ... ISAIAH 40:8

By Denise Dockery

If your heart isn't ruled by God's honor and your life by God's plan, you may seem religious, but what you're living isn't biblical faith. Paul Tripp

"Because this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip-service, but they remove their hearts far from Me and their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote." Isaiah 29:13

The Apostle James is dealing with what true faith looks like in a believer.

What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that HE has made to dwell in us"? But He gives more grace. Therefore, it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. James 4:1-10

Notice how James describes these people -- adulterous, murderers, worldly, jealous, enemies of God, sinners, double-minded. Fights and quarrels do not come from the difficult people we may live with. They come from our "passions" that wage war in our hearts. This passion means a powerful, ruling desire. I fight with you because I have a heart problem. Rather than my heart being ruled by God and motivated by God's honor, my heart is ruled by my wants, my needs, and my feelings. If it is, I am always in some kind of conflict with you. Human conflict is rooted in spiritual adultery. When we put ourselves where God alone belongs, conflicts always result. It is all just another argument for the essentiality of God's grace in Jesus. (Paul Tripp)

We need biblical wisdom which James exhorts in his letter. "If any of you lacks wisdom let him ask of God." James 1:5

Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. James 3:13-18

PRAY FOR OUR FBCT MEN ON MISSION

From Bob Wood

Our Men on Mission (men and boys of all ages over 12) will be leaving for Ossian, Indiana on Wednesday, June 8 (advance party) and Saturday, June 11 (main party), all returning on Saturday, June 18. FBCT family, we covet your prayers for God's blessings as we reach out to others in His work.

There is not much time left to sign up! Please call the church Missions office asap. Here are a few details.

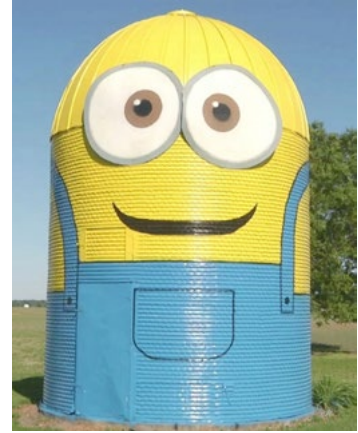
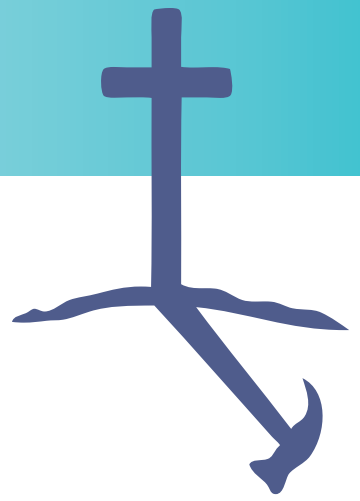
The sign-up fees for adults is \$250 each (includes lodging and meals). No fee for dependent sons or grandsons.

Our lodging will be at Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana. Items you will need: pillow, linen for single bed, towels, wash cloths.

Our meals will be served by our kitchen crew at a sister church. Transportation includes individual vehicles and the church mini-bus. Please contact Craig Copham.

Handy tools we suggest you bring: hammer, speed square, 25' tape, nail puller, tool apron. Hard hats required and will be furnished.

We need two trucks to pull MOM trailers. Please contact me or church Missions office.



Ossian, Indiana's BIGGEST tourist attraction!
25 foot "Minion" silo!



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