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Dr. Drew Chapman, Senior Pastor

Leading all Generations to Seek the **Good of my Neighbor*** and **all God has Next**



This Sunday:
Message by Pastor Drew Chapman
"The State of the Church"

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.; Life groups at 9:45 a.m.

Our senior pastor Drew Chapman will share a special message on the "State of the Church" and details about our vision and direction in ministry for the next three-four years. This will be a time to celebrate all God has done in our church over the past year, and prepare ourselves for "All God Has Next".

Week of Prayer and Fasting **January 12-17**

When you come for church on Sunday, you will receive a Prayer and Fasting Guide for the following week.

All God Has Next Steps
from last Sunday's message by Jody Gambrell,
"New Year: Deeper Roots":

- 1. Choose a daily, root deepening rhythm.** Commit to a simple daily quiet time as you begin 2026.
- 2. Identify what's weakening your roots.** Ask God to reveal one area to surrender. Pray for the courage to trust His pruning.
- 3. Write a "root" prayer for the year.** Keep it in your Bible and return to it often. Examples:

"Jesus, keep me close to You this year."
"Lord, grow deep roots in my faith."
"Teach me to depend on You daily."



Please join us for a
RETIREMENT RECEPTION
in honor of our Executive Pastor

Kris Sullivan

Sunday, January 11
2-4 p.m. in Wells Fellowship Hall



**No Wednesday Night activities
on January 7**

All activities will resume
next Wednesday, January 14.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TUSCALOOSA



Homeless Connect

Saturday, February 7

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church

Volunteers needed to serve in these areas:

Host/Hostess	Event Guide
Store Clerk	Prayer Team
Food Service	Runners



Scan the QR Code or visit onemissiontc.com/homeless-connect-volunteer-application/ for the One Mission Volunteer form to learn more or volunteer for these roles. There are limited slots available to serve, so don't put off registering!

Childcare is available for the children of volunteers, newborn - age 13. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt in a color that indicates their area of service. One of the greatest needs is for event guides. These volunteers are paired with guests to visit the various vendors and available resources. Volunteers must be 19 years old or older.

Other ways to serve:

Childcare Workers: We also need childcare workers to care for the children of volunteers.

Security Team: Serve on our church security team during this event.

To help with childcare or security, please contact Beth Yates at byates@fbctuscaloosa.org.

Homemade Cookies: We will provide homemade cookies for the clients served during this event. Please bring cookies to Wells Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 4 and/or volunteer to pack cookies on Thursday, February 5 at 10 a.m.

One Mission exists to connect local churches, volunteers, and community organizations to help neighbors in need. Homeless Connect is an annual one-day event focused on serving the homeless in Tuscaloosa County. One Mission, along with area churches, agencies, businesses, and volunteers come together to remove the barriers of homelessness. Guests who attend receive all services free of charge.

Visit onemissiontc.com/homeless-connect/ to learn more about this community event.

Sunday Evenings (resume January 11)

3:00 p.m.

Women's Precept Study -

Revelation, Part 4

Led by Robin Ford

Meets in Room FB313

(see page 4 for registration information)

4:30 p.m.

Revelation Student Choir

Meets in Choir Room (third floor)

5:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study - "The Commands of Jesus"

Led by Mark Raper

Meets in Room MB240

6:00 p.m.

D-Groups for Students

Senior Adult Ministry

Prime Time Singers:

Thursday, January 15 and 29

10 a.m. in the Choir Room

Sweet Dreams Pillowcase Workshop:

Friday, January 16

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Room FB300

Game Day:

Tuesday, January 20

10-2 in Wells Hall, Room 1

BUNCO:

Thursday, January 22

2-4 p.m. in Wells Hall Room 1

Alice's Mission Dresses Workshop:

Friday, January 23

9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Room FB300



Sessions of this support group begin Wednesday, **January 28** at 5:30 p.m., led by Jimmy and Vickie Duren. To learn more visit divorcecare.org/about.

Mission and Ministry Plan**Offering Details - Week of January 4**

Given for: Budget	\$53,982.30
World Mission Offering	\$1,055.00
The 721 Fund	\$770.60
Designated	\$625.00
Total Given	\$56,433.50

To access our secure giving portal, scan this QR code or visit firsttuscaloosa.org/giving and click "Give Online".

**Gifts in Memory of:**

Ben Barnett, Mary Nelson, Billy Ray,
Jean Rayfield, Roy Sanford, Patricia Cross Yawn

Gifts in Honor of:

Kris Sullivan
Carla and Brian Wilhite
Wanda and David Woods

 **YouTube**

We currently livestream our Sunday services on **Facebook** (search @firsttuscaloosa) and **YouTube** (youtube.com/@firsttuscaloosa). Recent sermon videos and complete Sunday morning worship videos are also found on our YouTube channel. Be sure to click the "**Subscribe**" button. It's free!

In Sympathy:

Our sympathy to Ann and Steadman Shealy and family in the death of Ann's mother, **Jacqueline Wood**.

Our sympathy to Tracee and Russell Phatueros in the death of Russell's mother, **Patricia Phatueros**.

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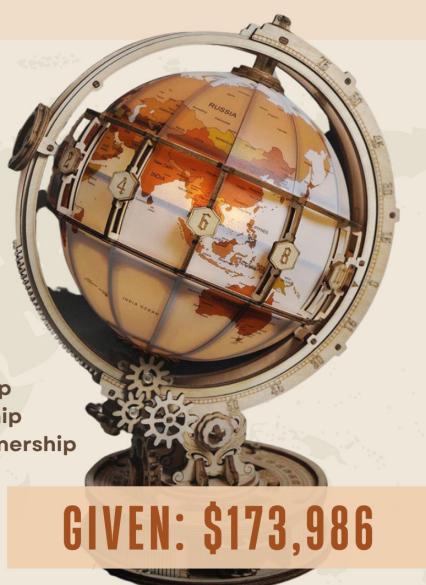
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WORLD SUPPORTING GLOBAL OUTREACH EFFORTS MISSION OFFERING

Annie Armstrong - North America
Lottie Moon - International
Myers/Mallory - State
Lifeline Children's Services

Uganda Partnership
Thailand Partnership
Iglesia Bíblica Partnership

GOAL: 180,000



GIVEN: \$173,986

**Shoebox Destinations**

The shoeboxes from our church Packing Event were sent to children in these countries:

- Cameroon
- Republic of the Congo
- Zimbabwe
- "A sensitive country in West Africa"

Please pray for shoebox recipients around the world, and for those serving to deliver the boxes and share the Gospel.

Sunday, January 11

8:30 Worship Service
 9:15-10:30 Spanish Worship - Chapel
 9:30-10:00 Library Open (near gym)
 9:45 Life Groups
 10:00 Chinese Sunday School
 10:40 Spanish Sunday School
 11:00 Chinese Worship - Chapel
 11:00 Worship Service
 2:00-4:00 Retirement Reception for Kris Sullivan
 3:00 p.m. Precept Women's Study
 4:30 Revelation Choir
 5:30 Adult Bible Study
 6:00 D-Groups for Students

Monday, January 12

8:00 a.m. Second-Hand Rose Ministry
 12:00 p.m. Painting Class
 2:00 Legacy Fitness

Tuesday, January 13

7:00 p.m. TEA with T online study

Wednesday, January 14

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Women's Bible Studies
 11:30 Women's Bible Study
 2:30 p.m. Legacy Fitness
 4:30-6:00 Library Open (near gym)
 4:30-5:30 CareNotes Ministry
 5:00-5:50 Family Night Meal
 5:00-6:00 Clarkston Team Training
 5:45-6:40 Preschool/Kids' Music Groups
 5:45 ESL Classes
 6:00 Students: Wed. Night LIVE
 6:00 Women's Bible Study
 6:00 Adult Bible Study
 6:45 Preschool/Kids' Hyfi Groups
 6:45 Worship Choir/Orchestra
 7:30 Ecuador Mission Team Meeting (Student Ministry)
 8:00 College Worship (Wells FH)

Thursday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Quilters group
 9:30 ESL Classes
 10:00 Men's Bible Study
 10:00 Prime Time Singers

Friday, January 16

9-12 Sweet Dreams Ministry
 Workday
 6:00 p.m. Chinese Church Fellowship

Women's Ministry Bible Studies

firstrttuscaloosa.org/adults#women

Beginning Sunday, January 11:

Precept Study: **Revelation, Part 4**

led by Robin Ford

3:00-5:00 p.m. in Room FB313

Study book: \$33 For
 Revelation study: Scan
 this code to register at
 Precept.org and purchase
 book)

**Beginning Monday, January 12:**

Women on Mission Monthly Study
 led by Jenny Wood
 Second Monday of each month at
 11:30 a.m.

Beginning Tuesday, January 13:

TEA with T online study
 led by Teresa Pugh
 7 p.m. on Zoom
 (email Byates@fbctuscaloosa.org for
 the Zoom link)

Beginning Wednesday, January 14:

Precept Study: **James**

led by Karen Garrison

9:30-11:30 a.m. in Room FB311

This is a continuation of the study that began in the Fall.

Titus: Displaying the Gospel of Grace

led by Beth Yates. Study book: \$25
 9:30-11:00 a.m. in Room FB304A

***The Promise of Heaven* by David Jeremiah**

led by Linda Humber
 11:30-1:00 in Room FB313
 Study book: \$10

More than Enough: God's Strength in our Weakness

led by Lanelle Marchant
 6:00-7:15 p.m. in Room FB313
 Study book: \$15

*Scan the code to learn more or
 sign up for a women's study.*

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