



## FORWARD TOGETHER



Sunday, October 12:  
Message by Pastor Drew Chapman

### FORWARD TOGETHER: "To Seek the Good of My Neighbor"

#### Next Steps from Sunday, October 5:

- **This week**, I will write down three areas where I have influence in the lives of others. And I will ask the question, "What's one way I can use my influence to lead them toward Jesus?"
- **This week**, I will think about the individuals from other generations who invested in my life. If I still have contact with them, I will text them, write to them, or call them to say thank you.

### Leadership Teams

It is time to submit nominations for our church leadership teams (committees). Please consider areas where God may be calling you to serve (you can nominate yourself!), and ask him to bring to mind other church members you believe would serve well on a leadership team.

Click [HERE](#) for a packet with an informational letter from Kris Sullivan, the list of current teams with their description and current members, and a blank nomination form. Click [HERE](#) for just the blank form. You can complete the form on your computer or device, save and send to Kris Sullivan ([ksullivan@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto:ksullivan@fbctuscaloosa.org)) or you can print the form and return it to the church office. All nominations need to be received by **Monday, October 20**.

## Congratulations, Emilee!



Emilee Manning has accepted the upward call in ministry to become the Children's Ministry Coordinator at North Oxford Baptist Church in Oxford, Mississippi. Emilee began her call to ministry when she accepted the position of Children's Ministry Associate for First Baptist Church Tuscaloosa in November 2020. She was named Associate Minister for Children in mid-2021. While serving here Emilee has also been pursuing her Master's of Arts in Children's Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Dallas. She will complete her degree in May 2026. Emilee's first Sunday at North Oxford Baptist will be on Sunday, October 19. She is the latest on a growing list of Associate Ministers who have gained experience here at First Baptist and subsequently become lead ministers for other churches.

## Deacon Nominations

We are currently accepting nominations of men to serve on the Deacon body of First Baptist Church. Please prayerfully consider who to nominate and submit up to 20 names by **Monday, October 20**.

Click [HERE](#) for a deacon nomination packet which includes a letter from Executive Pastor Kris Sullivan and Deacon Chairman Rick Wingo that lists qualifications and duties of a deacon, a list of men currently serving, a list of men in the church who are eligible to serve, and a blank nomination form. To complete the nomination form online, use [this link](#) or scan the QR code. Please note that you need to be a member of First Baptist to participate in the nomination process.





## Our Shoebox Goal: 1500

### Donate Items for Shoeboxes

During October we are collecting **accessories, t-shirts, socks, hats, tote bags or other small bags, flashlights w/ batteries, washcloths, etc.** for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We will use these supplies at our **Church-wide Packing party** on Sunday, November 16.

You are also welcome to still donate school supplies and toys such as stuffed animals, dolls, deflated soccer balls with pump, balls, toy cars/trucks.

### Pack Shoeboxes

**Empty shoeboxes and instruction brochures** are available in Guest Services. Please pick up boxes to fill with toys and other small gift items for children in need around the world. You can also use your own shoebox (cardboard or plastic).

**Please bring your completed boxes to church by November 16 for our Shoebox Dedication Sunday.**

Learn more at [samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanaspurse.org/occ).



### Join the Church Packing Party Sunday, November 16 during Life Groups

Plan to come to Wells Fellowship Hall between the worship services to pack shoeboxes as a family.

To be part of the team to help with set-up of the packing party and/or to help it run smoothly on packing day, contact Beth Gianelloni at [bethany@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto:bethany@fbctuscaloosa.org).

### Serve at our Drop-Off Location

Registration details coming soon for volunteering during Collection Week (**November 17-24**) as First Baptist serves as a Community Drop-Off Location for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

## Join us on Wednesday Nights SCHEDULE for October 8:

### 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Meal -  
\$6, adults  
\$4, kids 11 & under

**4:30 p.m.** Care Notes  
Ministry (Russell Room)

**5:30 p.m.** DivorceCare  
(Room FB311)

**5:45 p.m.**  
Preschool/Kids' Music  
Groups

English Classes (Downstairs from Sanctuary)

### 6:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study with Keith Pugh (Room MB246)

Fields of Faith - Students

Women's Ministry Bible Study (Room FB313)

### 6:45 p.m.

Hyfi Activities for Kids/Preschoolers

Worship Choir/Orchestra Rehearsals

**8:00 p.m.** First College Worship (Wells Fellowship Hall)

### THIS WEEK'S MENU

#### Meal A:

Vegetable Plate: sweet potato casserole, creamed corn, fried okra, macaroni & cheese, purple-hull peas, cornbread, peach cobbler

#### Meal B:

Pizza, side, dessert

# DISCOVER FIRST



### Wednesday, October 29

6:00-7:30 p.m., Room MB228

Discover First highlights our church's mission, ministry, and beliefs. You will learn how to plug in, what it looks like to be a member here, and how you can connect and serve. Discover First is not just for new members; its for anyone desiring to deepen their connection and find their place of service. Child care and Wednesday night meal are provided. (Meal served at 5 p.m.) Click [HERE](#) to register.

Can't make it on October 29? We will also have a Discover First Session on **Wednesday, December 3**. Click [HERE](#) to register or use this QR code.



### Greeters Needed

The First Impressions Team is looking for additional volunteers to welcome our guests on Sunday mornings, at various locations inside and outside our facility. Volunteer as often or as little as fits your schedule. Contact Keith Pugh at [kpugh@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto:kpugh@fbctuscaloosa.org) or the church office at 205-345-7554 for more information.



### Mission and Ministry Plan

#### Offering Details - Week of October 5

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Given for: Budget      | \$97,631.95         |
| World Mission Offering | 2,824.84            |
| The 721 Fund           | \$958.10            |
| Designated             | \$2,261.30          |
| <b>Total Given</b>     | <b>\$103,676.19</b> |

#### Gift in Honor of:

Peggy & John Hogue  
4th & 5th Grade Girls

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FIRST HOLLY DAYS

**CHRISTMAS**

*Market*

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7**  
10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8**  
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

### The annual First Holly Days Christmas Market is coming!

Join us Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8 for a wide variety of vendors with holiday decor and gift ideas, clothing, crafts, jewelry, food items and more. Invite a friend and enjoy lunch and fellowship as you visit the various booths in Wells Fellowship Hall, the Student Building and the connecting hallways.

#### This is also a great way to serve!

Contact Beth Yates ([byates@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto:byates@fbctuscaloosa.org)) or scan the QR code to volunteer before, during and/or after this event. We need people to help with setup, cleanup, security, greeting, sweet shop and deli crew, information booth, etc.



### Clarkston, Georgia Mission Weekend with Send Relief:

February 20-22, 2026

Cost: \$200 (transportation, lodging, on-site meals)

Open to ages 14 and up.

Deadline to sign up is November 7.

Contact Beth Gianelloni for more info:

[bethany@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto:bethany@fbctuscaloosa.org)

### In Sympathy:

Our sympathy to Jo and Tim Hebson and family in the death of Jo's mother, Betty Bevell.



We currently livestream our Sunday services on **Facebook** (search @firsttuscaloosa) and **YouTube** ([youtube.com/@firsttuscaloosa](https://www.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!

### Senior Adult Ministry

#### Game Day:

Tuesday, October 14

#### BUNCO:

Thursday, October 16

#### Prime Time Singers:

October 16, 30

#### Alice's Mission Dresses Workshop:

Friday, October 17

#### Day Trip to Petals from the Past:

Tuesday, October 21

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Tuscaloosa Chinese Christian

Church Pastor



**Sunday, October 12**

8:30 a.m. 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  
 3:00 p.m. Women's Precept Study  
 4:30 Revelation Student Choir  
 5:00 Missions Leadership Team  
 5:30 Preschool/Kids activities  
 5:30 Adult Bible Study  
 6:00 D Groups for Students  
 6:00 College Worship Team

**Monday, October 13**

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

**Tuesday, October 14**

10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Game Day  
 7:00 p.m. TEA with T online study

**Wednesday, October 15**

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  
 5:30-7:00 DivorceCare  
 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  
 8:00 College Worship (Wells FH)

**Thursday, October 16**

9:00 a.m. Quilters group  
 9:30 ESL Classes  
 10:00 Men's Bible Study  
 10:00 Prime Time Singers  
 2:00 p.m. Senior Adult BUNCO

**Friday, October 17**

9:00 a.m. Alice's Mission Dresses  
 6:30 p.m. Chinese Bible study/fellowship

View the previous week's service at  
 11 a.m. Sundays on WVUA TV.

# 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 Biblica Partnership

**GOAL: 180,000****GIVEN: \$92,356**

Your gifts to First Baptist's **World Mission Offering** provide funding to these established annual offerings and partnerships:

\$100,000 - Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions  
 \$ 25,000 - Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions  
 \$ 10,000 - Myers-Mallory Offering for Alabama Missions  
 \$ 15,000 - LifeLine Children's Services  
 \$ 15,000 - Iglesia Bíblica Partnership  
 \$ 7,500 - Uganda Partnership  
 \$ 7,500 - Thailand Partnership

**\$180,000 World Mission Offering Goal**

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