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FBC exists to **glorify God**
and **make disciples**
by leading all generations to seek
the good of my neighbor and
all God has next.

**FORWARD
TOGETHER**



Next Steps:

"Forward Together: All God Has Next"

Sunday, October 19:

- **Today**, I will put my "yes" on the table. I will be available for whatever God may ask.
- **This week**, I will ask God, "What's MY next? Where are You working, Lord? What step of obedience are You calling me to take at home, at work, at church, in my relationships?" Instead of praying, "God, bless what I'm doing," I'll pray, "God, show me where You're working so I can join You."
- **This week**, I will not let feelings of inadequacy hold me back from what God has next. Even when I feel unqualified or unsure, I will trust that God's power in me is greater than my limitations. I will stop focusing on what I can't do and start believing what God can do through me.

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 or the church office at 205-345-7554 for more information.



Sunday, October 19:

Message by Pastor Drew Chapman

"Won't You Be A Neighbor?"

Luke 8:43-48

Consider how you can be a neighbor to others during the month of November as we each "seek the good of my neighbor" as part of our mission.

Look for ways each day to "Be A Neighbor"!

**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.





Our Shoebox Goal: 1500

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 samaritanspurse.org/occ.



Use this link to build shoeboxes online!

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.

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.**

Serve at our Drop-Off Location

Use the QR code or [THIS LINK](#) to sign up to volunteer during Collection Week (**November 17-24**) as First Baptist serves as a Community Drop-Off Location for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. You can also find sign up sheets in Guest Services and the Family Ministry Building Lobby.



Join us on Wednesday Nights SCHEDULE for October 22:

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)

Wednesday Night Live for 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:

Lasagna, corn-on-the-cob,
tossed salad, garlic bread,
pound cake w/strawberries,
drink

Meal B:

Pizza, side, pound cake, drink



Parents' Night Out

Friday, November 14, 6-9 p.m.

Free food and fun for preschool and elementary kids! Kids will experience blown up stories sharing life's biggest truths through **Inflatable Stories with Dr. Dan.**

Use [THIS LINK](#) to sign up, or scan the QR code.

Doors to the Family Ministry Building will open at 5:45 p.m. that night for check-in.



GriefShare Interest Meeting

Wednesday, November 5 at 6 p.m.

Room FB304A (meeting room in Women's Ministry Suite)

GriefShare is a small support group for men and women who have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend through death. Please call or text Donna Barnes at 205-310-0877 for more information. You can also visit griefshare.org to learn more about the ministry of GriefShare.

Mission and Ministry Plan

Offering Details - Week of October 19

Given for: Budget	\$53,756.45
World Mission Offering	\$950.70
The 721 Fund	\$1,835.00
Designated	\$1,502.66
Total Given	\$58,044.81

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



Gifts in Memory of:
Chap Burroughs



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!

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8**
10 A.M. - 6 P.M. 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

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.

Market Flyer

Click [HERE](#) for a flyer with information to share about the First Holly Days Christmas Market as you invite others to join you. Printed copies are also available in the church literature racks and in the church office.

Serve at the Market!

Contact Beth Yates (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.



Scan to serve
or click [HERE!](#)

Another way to help with the Christmas Market is to donate baked goods for the Sweet Shop. You can bring donations of cakes, cookies, bread and other treats to the Wells Fellowship Hall kitchen on these dates and times:

- **Wednesday, November 5, 5-7 p.m.**
- **Thursday, November 6, 3-8 p.m.**
- **Friday, November 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
- **Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m. - noon**

Donations should be clearly labeled, packaged and ready to sell. Contact Beth Yates if you have any questions. *All proceeds from the Sweet Shop (and booth rental fees) benefit local missions.*



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



Sunday, October 26

7:00 a.m. Deacons' Meeting
 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
 3:00 p.m. Women's Precept Study
 4:30 Revelation Student Choir
 5:30 Preschool/Kids activities
 5:30 Adult Bible Study
 6:00 D Groups for Students
 6:00 College Worship Team

Monday, October 27

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

Tuesday, October 28

6:00 p.m. Ukraine Mission Report at
 Capstone Church (Tollie Meggs)

Wednesday, October 29

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 Discover First
 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 30

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

Friday, October 31

6:30 p.m. Chinese Bible study/fellowship

**Join Perspectives**

15-session discipleship course

begins Monday, January 12 at 6 p.m. at Capstone Church

Cost: \$250 (early bird discount available until 11/27)



In Perspectives, participants learn how God moves, how the global Church responds, and the remaining task of world evangelization. Perspectives isn't a course solely about world missions. It's a study program rooted in Scripture clarifying each believer's remarkable opportunity to co-labor with God in His global purpose. You have an integral role to play in God's story. He delights when His people respond to His invitation to be a blessing to all the peoples of the earth.

<https://perspectives.org/courses/tuscaloosa-al-spring-26/>

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY**Triple L Thanksgiving Brunch**

Tuesday, November 11
 9:30 a.m. in Wells Fellowship Hall

MINISTRY FAIR**Wednesday evening, November 12**

Learn about ways to serve our neighbors
 in church-based ministries and with our
 community partners.

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