



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

**Everyone is your neighbor!*



This Sunday, November 2:
 Message by Rev. Keith Pugh
"Won't You Be A Neighbor: Loving Like Jesus"

Next Steps from last Sunday's message:
"Won't You Be A Neighbor: The Important and Ignored"

- 1. This week, I'll pray:** "Lord, show me someone I've been overlooking." Ask God to open your eyes this week to someone you normally walk past: someone in your neighborhood, your workplace, your school, or even this church. Pray not just for their needs, but for your heart to see them the way Jesus sees you. Sometimes the person you overlook is the very person God is trying to reach through you.
- 2. This week, I'll be Interruptible.**
 Choose to hold your plans loosely this week. When someone needs your attention, help, or time, don't see it as an interruption, see it as an invitation. You might discover that the very thing you thought was in your way is actually the way God is working.
- 3. This week, I'll encourage out loud.**
 Speak one intentional word of encouragement every day this week. Tell someone, "I see you," "I appreciate you," or "I'm praying for you." Never underestimate how powerful a few words can be, especially to someone who feels invisible.

Be A Neighbor November

Watch for a calendar coming soon with ways you and your family can "Be a Neighbor" each day in November.
HERE'S A START!

- Saturday, November 1:** Write a thank-you note for a teacher or mentor. Help your kids write or draw a note to share.
Sunday, November 2: Sit with someone new at church.
Monday, November 3: Pray for your neighbors by name.

Deacons and Stewardship Team Accept 2026 Mission & Ministry Plan Proposal

Churchwide Meeting set for November 5

This past Sunday, October 26, the Deacon Body voted unanimously to join a motion from the Stewardship Leadership Team to accept the 2026 Mission & Ministry Plan (Budget) proposal submitted from the Ministerial Staff. The 2026 Mission & Ministry Plan (MMP) proposal is **\$4,462,917** and represents a 2.73% increase over the current year's plan. On Wednesday evening November 5, at 6 p.m., our Executive Pastor, Kris Sullivan, will present the details of the 2026 MMP to all church members who are interested in learning more and want to ask questions about the plan. The church will also have an opportunity to consider the plan and submit questions to the church staff through email or phone call during the remainder of the month of November. During both church services on **Sunday, December 7**, the church will have an opportunity to express its desire for the plan through a voice vote.

World Mission Offering

The World Mission Offering Fund is our method of providing a way for First Baptist Church members, attenders and friends to give in one place to support several worthwhile ministries. For the current year, our church is supporting international partnerships in Thailand and Uganda, Lifeline Children's Services, and the Southern Baptist Missionary programs Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and Myers/Mallory. Our giving goal for 2025 is \$180,000. To access our secure giving portal visit firsttuscaloosa.org/giving and click "Give Online".





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). Remember to include \$10 inside the box to help with the costs of shipping, distribution and evangelism materials, or go to samaritanspurse.org to make the donation online using their **"Follow Your Box"** tool. These funds go directly to Samaritan's Purse; we do not handle these donations or remove them from your packed boxes.

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



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. Doors will open at 9:30; pack boxes before going to your Life Groups, or choose as a Life Group to meet in Wells Hall instead of class.

Donate Items for Shoeboxes

You can still donate items to pack in shoeboxes during our Packing Event on Sunday, November 16. Suggested items: **accessories, socks, hats, tote bags, small purses/bags, flashlights w/batteries, school supplies, stuffed animals, dolls, deflated soccer balls w/pump, balls, cars, trucks.** You can also donate funds to use to purchase items in bulk or to provide for the shipping donation for each box we pack during the packing party (\$10 per box).

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 29:

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.

Discover First (Room MB228)
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

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Meal A:

Poppyseed chicken, rice,
green beans, tossed salad,
rolls apple cake, drink

Meal B:

Pizza, side, apple 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.



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.

Also, **Wednesday, December 3.** Click [HERE](#) to register or use this QR code.



In Sympathy:

Our sympathy to Laura and Josh Angel and family in the death of Laura's father, **Daniel Charles Meherg**, who passed away on October 25, 2025. Our sympathy also to Ellie and Levi Angel in the death of their grandfather.

MINISTRY FAIR

**Wednesday evening, November 12
5:00-6:00 p.m. in Wells Fellowship Hall**

Visit info tables before or after your meal to talk with those who serve in community and church ministries, to learn more about ways to serve our neighbors and support our community partners.

2026 MISSION TRIPS

Clarkston, Georgia Mission Weekend with Send Relief:

February 20-22, 2026

Limited spaces available; deadline to sign up is November 7.

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

Open to ages 14 and up.



Uganda Mission Trip

Dates: May 12-23; Cost: \$2,400

Description: We're excited to partner with the Seger family, UG2 Ministries, and the Hope Alive Ministry Center! Come join us in reaching elementary and middle school children through a summer camp that includes arts and crafts, Bible lessons, games, and musical worship. In the evenings, you'll have the opportunity to lead Bible studies and enjoy games with high school and college students. Experience the beauty of Ugandan culture by worshipping with local churches on Sunday, eating at local restaurants, exploring downtown Gulu and the marketplace, and visiting sites like Aru Falls.

INTEREST MEETING: November 12 at 6 p.m.

Thailand Mission Trip

Dates: July 1-10; Cost: \$3,200

Description: Join us as we serve alongside the Derbyshires in Thailand! We'll partner with them and their local church to engage in collegiate evangelism and outreach by hosting a flag football camp, tournament, and several dinners and game nights. These events will create opportunities to share the gospel and build meaningful connections with students, supporting the ongoing work of the long-term missionaries serving there.

INTEREST MEETING: November 12 at 6 p.m.

Contact Beth Gianelloni for more info: bethany@fbctuscaloosa.org

Mission and Ministry Plan

Offering Details - Week of October 26

Given for: Budget	\$45,561.23
World Mission Offering	\$6,555.00
The 721 Fund	\$260.00
Designated	\$1,398.60
Total Given	\$53,774.23

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



Gifts in Memory of:

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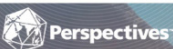
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TAKE PERSPECTIVES

EXPERIENCE 15 POWERFUL LESSONS THAT HAVE EQUIPPED THOUSANDS OF EVERYDAY BELIEVERS WITH GREATER VISION, HOPE, AND PASSION

Class Starts JANUARY 12, 6-9 PM
CAPSTONE CHURCH
First Night is FREE

Scan QR Code For More Info/To Register or
Reach Out to Kellie Patton




perspectives.org/courses/tuscaloosa-al-spring-26/

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.



Sunday, November 2

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, November 3

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

Tuesday, November 4

7:00 p.m.	TEA with T online study
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Wednesday, November 5

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
6:00	GriefShare Interest Meeting
6:45	Preschool/Kids' Hyfi Groups
6:45	Worship Choir/Orchestra
8:00	College Worship (Wells FH)

Thursday, November 6

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

Friday, November 7

10-6	Christmas Market
6:30 p.m.	Chinese Bible study/fellowship

Saturday, November 8

10-2	Christmas Market
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

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

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.

**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.

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