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



Light Has Come

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

Hope | Peace | Joy | Love

This Sunday, December 7:

Message by Pastor Drew Chapman

"Light Has Come: Peace"

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

All God Has Next Steps

from last Sunday's message:

1. This week, I will **read Isaiah 9:2-7** each morning and reflect on the hope I have in Jesus.
2. This week, I will identify an area where I feel confusion, fear, or heaviness. Instead of hiding it, I will bring it into the Light through honest prayer. **Is there a chain that Jesus has broken that I keep picking back up? Is there a battle I keep fighting that he already won?**
3. This week, I will **invite someone to attend Sounds of Christmas with me** and be reminded of the hope, peace, joy, and love we have in the true light, Jesus.



Lord's Supper

Sunday, December 7

8:30 & 11 a.m.

Also this Sunday: 2026 Mission & Ministry Plan Vote

During both worship services on **Sunday, December 7**, the church vote on the proposed 2026 church budget through a voice vote. Click [HERE](#) to view the budget, or pick up a copy from the church office. If you have any questions, please submit those to KSullivan@fbctuscaloosa.org.



Associate Minister for Missions and Spiritual Development Set to Relocate

After nearly two years of faithful ministry, **Beth Gianelloni** and family have decided to relocate to New Mexico to be closer to family as they intentionally prepare for God's call to the international mission field. As our Associate Minister for Missions and Spiritual Development, Beth has been a steadying and stabilizing force for the First Baptist Church English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Beth also provided structure, organization and leadership for the Missions Leadership Team and our recent mission experiences in places such as Thailand and Uganda, as well as for local missions opportunities and connections.

Beth and her husband Alex will forever have a tie to Alabama and FBC Tuscaloosa as they welcomed their first child Charlotte (Lottie) to their family nine months ago. When you pray, please remember Beth, Alex and Lottie as they follow the leading of the Lord to New Mexico and beyond.



Family Night at *Sounds of Christmas* - December 13

Prior to our **Saturday** evening presentation, families can come early (5:30 p.m.) and enjoy a free meal and fun before going to the Sanctuary for *Sounds of Christmas*.

Special features will include

- "Snow" falling outside our 8th Street entrance, perfect for a snowy selfie
- 360 photo booth to make your own shareable video
- Free meal in Wells Fellowship Hall and cookies to decorate
- Christmas trivia on the big screen in Wells Hall

Invite your family and neighbors to our annual celebration of the Christmas season, presented by the First Baptist Worship Ministry.

Holiday Schedule

REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

December 7, 14, 21

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

ONE-SERVICE SUNDAYS

December 28 and January 4

Worship together at 9 a.m.

No child-care or Life Groups

Overflow seating available in Wells Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

December 3, 10, 17

Regular evening schedule

December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 p.m.

No childcare; Service is designed for all ages.

No other evening activities.

December 31

No evening activities

SUNDAY NIGHTS

December 7

Last night for regular Sunday evening groups

December 14

Sounds of Christmas, 3 p.m.

December 21, 28, January 4

No activities

Join us on Wednesday Nights

SCHEDULE for December 3:

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Meal -

\$6, adults

\$4, kids 11 & under

4:30 p.m. Care Notes

Ministry (Russell Room)

5:00 p.m. Clarkston Team

Training

5:45 p.m.

Preschool/Kids' Music Groups

English Classes (Downstairs from Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m.

Discover First

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. College Worship

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Meal A:

Fried chicken tenders, French fries, tossed salad, Texas toast, spice cake, drink

Meal B:

Pizza, side, dessert, drink

Alice's Mission Dresses

The next workday is **Friday, December 12** from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Room FB300. You do not have to know how to sew to help! We need help cutting and ironing as well. It is a great time to fellowship with others while we work with our hands to create children's dresses and shorts that are shared on mission trips and in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes each year.

Mission and Ministry Plan

Offering Details - Week of November 30

Given for: Budget	\$53,932.48
World Mission Offering	\$1,086.00
The 721 Fund	\$395.00
Designated	\$2,230.97
Total Given	\$57,644.45

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



Senior Adult Ministry

TRIPLE L MONTHLY MEETING & LUNCH

Tuesday, December 9

Speaker: David Woods

DAY TRIP to CULLMAN CHRISTKINDLMARKT

(German Christmas Market)

Tuesday, December 16

Sign up at the next Triple L meeting.

In Sympathy:

Our sympathy to Cecelia Sanford and family in the death of her husband, **Roy Sanford**.



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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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: \$115,067

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WEEK OF PRAYER NOV 30 - DEC 7, 2025

Week of Prayer for International Missions November 30 - December 7

If you didn't pick up a prayer guide this past Sunday, you can still get one on Wednesday night to join in praying for missionaries serving around the world during the Week of Prayer for International Missions. Click [HERE](#) for the online version of prayer prompts and stories of missionaries serving around the world, or visit imb.org.



Sunday, December 7

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 p.m.	SOC Logistics
2:00	SOC Kids' Rehearsal
4:30 p.m.	Revelation Choir
5:30	Kids' Activities
5:30	Adult Bible Study
6:00	Student Ministry D Groups
6:00	College Worship Team

Monday, December 8

11:30 a.m.	Women in Mission study
2:00 p.m.	Legacy Fitness

Tuesday, December 9

10:30 a.m.	Triple L meeting and lunch
6:45 p.m.	<i>Sounds of Christmas</i> rehearsal

Wednesday, December 10

7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
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
5:45-6:40	Preschool/Kids' Music Groups
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	SOC Dress Rehearsal
8:00	College Pancake study break

Thursday, December 11

9:00 a.m.	Quilters group
10:00	Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	<i>Sounds of Christmas</i>

Friday, December 12

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

Saturday, December 13

5:30 p.m.	Family Night before SOC
7:00 p.m.	<i>Sounds of Christmas</i>

Uganda Mission Trip**May 12-23; Team Member Cost: \$2,400****Spots are still available to join this team! The deadline to apply is December 31.**

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.

Thailand Mission Trip: July 1-10

All the available spots have been filled, so this team is complete! Please pray as they prepare to serve alongside the Derbyshires 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.

Clarkston Mission Trip: February 20-22

This team is complete and is preparing to serve with Send Relief in the Atlanta area early next year. Please pray for the team members as they work together and make plans for their opportunities to serve the nations.

Unable to participate in a mission trip but still want to be part of taking the Gospel to the nations?

- Your financial gifts can make it possible for someone else to go, and to help provide needed supplies and resources for our missionary partners.
- Watch to special items and supplies we may collect prior to the trip.
- Pray for the team, the missionaries and the people they serve.

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