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# First Servant Weekly

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

## David Jennings Accepts Call to Serve as Children's and Family Pastor at Church in Louisiana

A Farewell Reception for the Jennings family will be **Sunday, February 8** in the Family Ministry Building Lobby before and after Life Groups.



### **Message from Pastor David:**

Over the past few months, we've challenged ourselves to seek the good of our neighbors\* and to ask, "What does God have next?" I'm excited for everything God has in store for this great church.

At the same time, I believe God is calling my family to take our next step of faith. Last Sunday I accepted the call to serve as the next Children's and Family Pastor at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church in Louisiana.

This is bittersweet. I'm deeply grateful for what God has done during our time here and for every experience that has prepared us for this next chapter. I will forever be thankful for the time God gave us here, and I'm glad to leave on such a high note.

Over the past seven-plus years, I've been honored to serve at FBCT and blessed to hear from parents about how God has used the FBC Kids team to make an eternal difference in the lives of their children and families. A huge debt of gratitude goes to our incredible volunteers, who pour their time and energy into all generations. I'm also thankful for the associates and interns who have left their mark on this ministry.

I love this church family, and I know you love us in return. My last day in office will be February 8. In the meantime, I'll keep working hard to ensure a smooth transition for the ministry.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you. It has been a blessing and honor. - **David Jennings**

## LIVE + LEAD

2 Timothy 2:1-2

### This Sunday:

Message by Pastor Drew Chapman

#### "Live + Lead"

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, "Serve + Influence":

**First Step:** I will look at the Serve + Influence opportunities (available on page 3 of this newsletter).

**Formation Step:** I will continue or begin serving at First Baptist Church.

**Faith Step:** I will invite someone to serve alongside me. How can I invite someone else to serve with me...helping them take a step they might not take on their own.



### Be a "Souper" Bowl Champion

Come prepared to give a special offering to help support the Community Soup Bowl on Super Bowl Sunday, **February 8**. You can place your donation in the Collection cans located near the entrances to the Sanctuary.



**Saturday, February 7**

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

One Missions's online registration portal to serve at Homeless Connect is now closed, but you are still welcome to come and serve. Please arrive by 6:30 a.m. to be assigned with guides. Volunteers must be 19 years old or older. Volunteer Roles include Host/Hostess, Event Guide, Store Clerk, Prayer Team, Food Service, Runners.

**Other ways to serve:**

**Childcare Workers:** We also need childcare workers to care for the children of volunteers and clients. To help with childcare, please contact Beth Yates at [byates@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto: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.**

Visit [onemissiontc.com/homeless-connect/](http://onemissiontc.com/homeless-connect/) to learn more about this community event.

**MAN Church**

**Sunday, February 22**

Doors open at 5 p.m. for meal (no cost)  
Worship begins at 6 p.m.

Wells Fellowship Hall – First Baptist Church Tuscaloosa

Speaker:  
**Steadman Shealy**

Meal  
Fellowship  
Worship  
Encouragement

**Man Church - Sunday, February 22**

Join men of all ages for this evening of fellowship, worship and an encouraging message. Includes a free meal. Doors to Wells Fellowship Hall open at 5 p.m. **Invite someone!**

**Speaker: Steadman Shealy**

Starting Quarterback, 1979 University of Alabama  
National Championship Team



**Wednesday Night Schedule  
for February 4:**

**5:00 p.m.**

Wednesday Night Meal  
(\$6, adults; \$4, 11 & under)

**4:30 p.m.** Library Open

**4:30 p.m.** Care Notes  
Ministry

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

**5:45 p.m.** ESL Classes

**6:00 p.m.** Discover First

**6:00 p.m.** Wednesday Night LIVE (Students)

**6:00 p.m.** Women's Bible Studies

**6:00 p.m.** Adult Bible Study with Keith Pugh

**6:45 p.m.** Preschool/Kids' Hyfi Groups

**6:45 p.m.** Worship Choir/Orchestra

**8:00 p.m.** College Worship

**THIS WEEK'S MENU**

**Meal A:**

Fried chicken tenders, macaroni & cheese, steamed broccoli, orange fluff salad, cookies, drink

**Meal B:**

Pizza, side, dessert, drink



**Student Ministry D-NOW**

**February 13-15**

Speaker: **JJ Cox**

Worship: **More Than This**

D-NOW is a weekend retreat for students in grades 6-12 with large-group worship and small-group discipleship in Host Homes provided by FBC families. Invite your friends and sign-up today!



Scan the code or  
click [HERE](#) to learn  
more and register.

**Interested in serving as a host home for D-Now?**

Contact Jody Gambrell at [jody@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto:jody@fbctuscaloosa.org).

### Mission and Ministry Plan

#### Offering Details - Week of February 1

Given for: Budget	\$105,326.92
World Mission Offering	\$5,027.54
The 721 Fund	\$1,005.30
Designated	\$922.78
<b>Total Given</b>	<b>\$112,282.54</b>

To access our secure giving portal, scan this QR code or visit [firsttuscaloosa.org/giving](http://firsttuscaloosa.org/giving) and click "Give Online".



We currently livestream our Sunday services on **Facebook** and **YouTube** ([youtube.com/@firsttuscaloosa](https://youtube.com/@firsttuscaloosa)). Recent sermon videos and complete Sunday morning worship videos are also on our YouTube channel. Be sure to click the "**Subscribe**" button.

## SERVE + INFLUENCE

Looking for ways to Serve?

See the list below for current needs within our church.

#### WEDNESDAYS

##### • Dinner Servers

4:30–5:45 p.m. weekly

Contact: Beth Yates

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

##### • Co-Leader 3's (Kids' Ministry)

- Leading 3s through Bible activities, helping connect with each other, our church, and God (material provided).

Wednesdays 6:45-7:30 p.m.

Contact: Brooklyn Bull

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

##### • Children's Choir

- Volunteers needed for 3-year-old choir, kindergarten choir and 3rd-5th grade choir

Contact: Erin Keith

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

##### • College Worship Setup

Help set up Wells Fellowship Hall after Family Night meal (6 p.m.) for worship.

Contact: Miranda Cox

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

#### SUNDAYS

##### • Coffee Ministry Prep or Cleanup

7:45 a.m. Prepare Coffee

10:45 Clean up after Life Groups

Contact: John Savage

[john.savageiv@dchsystem.com](mailto:john.savageiv@dchsystem.com)

##### • Kids' Ministry

##### 4th Grade Life Group Co-Leader:

- Teaching weekly Bible lessons to preteens and following up with parents (material provided). 9:45-10:45 a.m.

##### Walkers/Younger 2s Life Group

##### Leaders:

- Providing a welcoming environment for preschoolers and introducing them to God's love (material provided). 9:45-10:45 a.m.

##### 11 a.m. Worship Care Volunteers

- Serve monthly, or join the substitute list for birth - 4-year-old rooms

Contact: Brooklyn Bull

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#### Community Soup Bowl Servers

Monday – Friday, 10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Sandy Howell - [sandy@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto:sandy@fbctuscaloosa.org)

### Senior Adult Ministry

**Prime Time Singers:** Thursday, February 5, February 19, 10 a.m., Choir Room

**Lunch at the Bright Star:** Tuesday, February 17

**Game Day:** Thursday, February 19, 10-2 and **BUNCO:** Thursday, February 19; 2-4 p.m.

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**Tuscaloosa Chinese Christian**

**Church Pastor**



**Sunday, February 8**

8:30 Worship Service  
 9:15-10:30 Spanish Worship - Chapel  
 9:30-10:00 Library Open (near gym)  
 9:30 Reception for Jennings Family  
 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. Precept Women's Study  
 4:30 Revelation Choir  
 5:30 Adult Bible Study  
 6:00 D-Groups for Students  
 6:00 College Worship Team

**Monday, February 9**

8:00 a.m. Second-Hand Rose Ministry  
 11:30 Women on Mission study  
 2:00 p.m. Legacy Fitness

**Tuesday, February 10**

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

**Wednesday, February 11**

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  
 5:45-6:40 Preschool/Kids' Music Groups  
 5:45 ESL Classes  
 5:45 Mission Team Meeting  
 6:00 Students: Wed. Night LIVE  
 6:00 Women's Bible Studies  
 6:00 Adult Bible Study  
 6:45 Preschool/Kids' Hyfi Groups  
 6:45 Worship Choir/Orchestra  
 8:00 College Worship (Wells FH)

**Thursday, February 12**

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

**Friday, February 13**

Student Ministry D-Now Weekend (13-15)  
 6:00 p.m. Chinese Church Fellowship

**The Gospel:****God's Plan for Me**

Begins Sunday, March 1  
 9:45 a.m., Family Ministry Building

This five-week Bible study for kids in grades 1-5 and their families is designed to help parents encourage and teach kids how to encounter and receive the truth of the gospel.

It is designed for children who are asking questions and seeking the truths found in the gospel. These may be children who have been in church all their lives and know much about Jesus, or kids who know very little but long to know more!

**Scan the code or use [this link](#) for more information and to sign up.**



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