

FIRST BAPTIST PRATTVILLE

# Fall 2023 Guide

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# Core Values

## Devoted to the Word

The Bible is God's Word. It is truthful, authoritative, and sufficient. Everything we do as a church is in service of the Word. We read the Word. We study the Word. We behold Jesus in the Word. We seek to obey the Word. We are devoted to the Word!

## Centered on Jesus

All Scripture points to Jesus. He is God's great solution to humanity's sin problem. Jesus is God's Son in flesh and blood. He forgives sin and defeats death. Our focus as a church is not on ourselves or the culture around us. No, we center on Jesus!

## Committed to One Another

The Christian life is not meant to be lived alone. God creates a new family of Christians called the church. Christians are called to love one another, encourage one another, serve one another, and even correct one another. This communal life happens in the local church where we are committed to one another!

## Sent on Mission

Jesus saves and Jesus sends. All Christians are empowered by God's Spirit to take the good news of Jesus to our neighbors and to the nations. Whether we cross the street or cross continents, we are sent on mission!

## NEXT STEPS

### BECOME A CHRISTIAN

God sent Jesus, His perfect Son, to rescue and redeem us. We are sinful, broken people in desperate need of a Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose from the grave three days later. He conquered sin and death in our place. We become a new Christian when we repent of our sin and place our trust in Jesus alone to save us.



### BAPTISM

Baptism is the way we go public with our faith in Jesus. It is a beautiful picture of the gospel as believers are immersed in water in the same way Jesus died, was buried, and raised to life. Baptism is the next step for those who have trusted in Jesus and committed to following Him. Pastors are available down front after each service, and staff are available at the Connect Center to discuss baptism.



### MEMBERSHIP

Are you ready to make First Baptist Prattville your church family? Pastors are available after each service to discuss membership. You can also call the church office to schedule a membership meeting with a pastor.

### JOIN SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Sunday School class is a great way to make a large church feel small. In this group, you can grow in your understanding of the Bible, get to know Jesus Christ, connect with others, build community and serve together.

### GIVE

Giving is an act of worship. When we give, we recognize that all we have is from our good and gracious God. Giving allows us to contribute to the work He is doing inside and outside our church. There are four ways to give:

1. **black boxes** located outside the Worship Center,
2. online at [fbcprattville.org/giving](http://fbcprattville.org/giving),
3. text **GIVE** to **334-731-7744** and
4. mail to the church office at **138 South Washington Street, Prattville, AL, 36067**.



### SERVE

Serving inside and outside our church allows us to put our faith in action. It gives us opportunities to share the gospel and see God at work. Plus, serving is a lot of fun! We have a variety of ways for you to serve and invest in the lives of others. Talk to a pastor or staff member to learn how you can start serving.

## WORSHIP



Christ is the focus of our worship. When we center our worship on Him, we express our love, adoration and gratitude to Him. At First Baptist Prattville, we strive to offer worship services that glorify Christ and lead others to follow Him.

We offer two worship services on Sunday. The traditional service led by our choir and orchestra is at 9:30 a.m. The contemporary service led by our worship band is at 11:00 a.m.



## LEAD IN WORSHIP

Do you play an instrument or sing? Are you gifted in using media and technology? We are always looking for volunteers to serve in the worship choir or orchestra during the 9:30 a.m. service or to serve on the media team for both 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Email us at [Candyce.Dekruyff@fbcprattville.org](mailto:Candyce.Dekruyff@fbcprattville.org) to learn how you can join us!

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

The Unfolding Story is our year-long, chronological journey through the Bible. We kicked off in January 2023 and will finish in December 2023. We are seeing Christ on every page and how the whole story of the Bible points to Him. Follow along with us on Sundays and visit [theunfoldingstory.org](http://theunfoldingstory.org) to see the daily reading plan. A daily podcast with Pastor Peyton is also available to accompany the reading plan. You can download the podcast in your podcast player app.



## UPCOMING

- Worship Choir Christmas in August  
August 18 | 6:00 PM | Choir Room
- An Evening in the Psalms - A Night of Worship  
September 17 | 5:00 PM
- Christmas Worship Night  
December 10 | 5:00 PM
- Candlelight Christmas Eve Services  
December 24 | 3:00 & 5:00 PM

# MISSIONS



Jesus saves and Jesus sends. All Christians are empowered by God's Spirit to take the good news of Jesus to our neighbors and to the nations. Whether we cross the street or cross continents, we are sent on mission! Check out the short-term national and international mission trips at [fbcprattville.org/missions](http://fbcprattville.org/missions).

## NATIONAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS

- New York
- Brazil
- Alaska
- Scotland
- Las Vegas
- Southeast Asia

## CHURCH PLANTS

We also partner with these church plants:

- Redeemer Queen's Park - London
- YOUR Church - Las Vegas, Nevada
- Redemption City Church - Fort Worth, Texas
- Church at the Oaks - Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- Jackson Heights Community Church - Queens, New York
- Summit Life Church - Whitefish, Montana

## ESL

First Baptist Prattville works with adults and families from around the world through English as a Second Language (ESL). We have a Sunday School class plus weekday classes that work on learning the Bible, vocabulary and conversation skills. ESL is also a great serve opportunity! To serve, email [Larry.Jenkins@fbcprattville.org](mailto:Larry.Jenkins@fbcprattville.org).



## ESL CLASSES:

- Sunday School  
Sundays, 9:30-10:45 AM | Room 201
- About the United States  
Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 AM | Room 100
- Learn English Through the Bible  
Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 AM | Room 100
- English Classes by Levels  
Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 AM and  
6:30-8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall





## FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION CLASSES

The Call to Care ministry empowers First Baptist Prattville to care for orphans and families in crisis. One way we do this is through licensing foster care and adoptive families. We will offer foster care and adoption training classes September 7- November 9 starting at 5:30 p.m. To sign up, email [Julie.Parmer@fbcprattville.org](mailto:Julie.Parmer@fbcprattville.org).

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Pack a shoebox with us! Shoeboxes travel across the world with Operation Christmas Child giving children and families the opportunity to hear the gospel. We will pack together as a church family Sunday, October 1 at 3:00 p.m. We are also a National Collection Week site November 13-20. If you would like to volunteer with National Collection week, email [Candyce.Dekruyff@fbcprattville.org](mailto:Candyce.Dekruyff@fbcprattville.org).

## ROCK YOUR BLOCK

On October 31, we're already out and about in our neighborhoods. Let's make the most of it and Rock Your Block! We will set up in various neighborhoods with the purpose of having fun, meeting neighbors and starting gospel conversations. As time gets closer, you'll learn more about how you can serve.



## MIDWEEK

Take a break in the middle of the week with Midweek! There is truly something for everyone.

Midweek runs August 16-December 13 with a break on November 22. See Midweek details at [fbcprattville.org/midweek](http://fbcprattville.org/midweek).

### MIDWEEK MIDDAY | 12:00-1:00 PM

Theology 101 | Teacher: Peyton Hill | Fellowship Hall



ADULTS  
6:00-7:00 PM

Theology 101  
Teacher: Peyton Hill | Fellowship Hall

The Unfolding Story Midweek  
Teacher: John Johnston | Room 206

His, Hers, Ours: Blended Family Life  
Teacher: Rodney Arp | Room 204

Word of the Day (Women's Study)  
Teacher: Allison Wilks | Room 102

Worship Choir | Led by Carter Reeves | Choir Room  
Orchestra | Led by Robert Young | Room 227



STUDENTS  
5:45-7:15 PM | WORSHIP CENTER

Theology Talks with Pastor Peyton and  
Jordan Lee Hill is an option for seniors.  
Theology Talks meets from  
7:30-8:15 p.m. in room 104.

CHILDREN  
5:45-7:15 PM | CHAPEL

PRESCHOOL  
5:45-7:15 PM  
PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS

## PRESCHOOL



### PRESCHOOL WEEKDAY EDUCATION

First Baptist Preschool and Kindergarten (FBPK) and Mom's Day Out (MDO) are weekday education programs to grow your child academically and spiritually. FBPK is for K-3 through Kindergarten children. MDO is offered for babies (6 weeks old) through three years old. Both programs generally follow the Autauga County school calendar. To learn more about FBPK, visit [fbcprattville.org/kindergarten](http://fbcprattville.org/kindergarten). To learn more about MDO, visit [fbcprattville.org/mdo](http://fbcprattville.org/mdo).



### BIRTH-KINDERGARTEN

**Preschool Minister: Julie Parmer (Julie.Parmer@fbcprattville.org)**

Preschool is a place for children to be themselves and learn more about God and His perfect Son Jesus, who created and deeply loves them.

### SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

We have Sunday School and worship classes available for preschoolers grouped by age. Through Bible lessons, crafts, activities, and of course, snacks, your child will grow in their understanding and love for God.

### MIDWEEK:

### WEDNESDAYS | 5:45-7:15 PM

Your preschooler will love Midweek! We will sing, open God's Word, learn about mission partners in the United States and around the world, and have fun together. Midweek classes are grouped by age, and preschoolers 3 years old-kindergarten meet in the same classroom as Sunday mornings.



### UPCOMING IN PRESCHOOL

- Parent Commissioning | October 22
- Parents Night Out | November 30
- Preschool Midweek Program | December 3
- Happy Birthday Jesus Party | December 24

# CHILDREN

## 1ST-6TH GRADE

**Discipleship Pastor: John Johnston (John.Johnston@fbcprattville.org)**

Little kids, great big God! We meet children where they are in life. We bring the truth of God's Word into all aspects of Children's Ministry and equip parents to be the primary disciple maker in the home.



## SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM

Children meet for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Kids are placed into grade-level classes with the same teachers every week. Children explore the Bible and engage in group activities and discussion to see how the entire Bible points to Christ.

## MIDWEEK:

## WEDNESDAYS | 5:45-7:15 PM

Midweek is the place to be for children! Midweek starts and ends in the Chapel. We create an environment for kids to worship God and know him deeper through large group and small group settings.

## HIS KIDS | NEW CHRISTIAN CLASS

If your child has recently made a salvation decision and is ready for baptism, the His Kids class is the next step. This four-week class walks your child through the foundations of being a Christ-follower, the purpose of baptism and how to grow in his faith. To sign up for the next His Kids class, email [children@fbcprattville.org](mailto:children@fbcprattville.org).



## UPCOMING IN CHILDREN'S

- Bible Drill | 4th-6th Grade  
Sundays starting August 20 from 4:00-5:00 PM
- First Grade Bible Presentation | 1st Grade Kids  
August 27 at 11:00 AM
- Children's Midweek Program | December 3
- Midweek Christmas Party | December 13

## STUDENTS



### 7TH-12TH GRADE

**Student Pastor: Justin Hall (Justin.Hall@fbcpalmetto.org)**

**YOU. BELONG. HERE.** If you're a student, you have a place here. We believe that life change only happens through salvation in Jesus. We want to lead you to Him and help you grow in your faith.

### SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM

Students start in the Chapel on Sundays for large group time. We then break into grade-level small groups to dive deeper into God's Word with teachers who love God and love students. Come as you are!

### MIDWEEK:

#### WEDNESDAYS | 5:45-7:15 PM

This is where you want to be on Wednesday nights! It all starts in the Worship Center. The student band leads us in worship and Student Pastor Justin Hall teaches through different series. We then break into guy and girl small groups based on grade. Trust us: you don't want to miss Wednesdays!

## MISSIONS PATHWAY

Students are sent on mission! We want you to take those first steps in taking the gospel to the nation and world. Mission opportunities include Texas, Guatemala and Puerto Rico. The missions pathway is announced in September and can be found at [fbcpalmetto.org/students](http://fbcpalmetto.org/students).

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Throughout the year, we offer special events such as Beach Camp, DiscipleNow, and CentriFuge camp. Follow us on Instagram @fbpstudents to stay updated on dates and registration.

## FOLLOW US

Don't miss a thing in students! Follow us on Instagram @fbpstudents.

## UPCOMING IN STUDENTS

- Student Choir | Sundays starting August 13 | 4:00 PM in Choir Room
- Friendsday Wednesday | Invite your friends to Wednesday night | September 13
- NEXTGEN Service | Students + Parents | September 20
- Pumpkin Carving Contest | October 25
- Christmas Party | December 13
- Beach Camp | December 30-January 2



## ADULTS



**Discipleship Pastor: John Johnston (John.Johnston@fbcprattville.org)**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make a large church feel smaller by joining a Sunday School class! We have a variety of options for you to try at 8:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. In a group, you can grow in your understanding of the Bible, get to know Jesus Christ, connect with others, build community and serve together. See a list of classes at [fbcprattville.org/sundayschool](http://fbcprattville.org/sundayschool).



## D-GROUPS

D-Groups teach disciples how to make disciples. These small, more intensive study groups meet for one year. The groups meet weekly for Bible study, prayer and training on how to make disciples. Email Pastor John if you are interested in joining a D-GROUP.

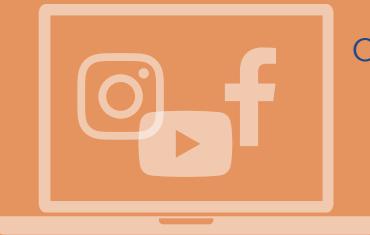
## SENIOR ADULTS

This is an exciting season of life! For adults 55 years and older, join in on the senior adult life at First Baptist Prattville. Once a month, we have the Primetimers' Luncheon which features music and a guest speaker. Senior adults also participate in a week of focused worship with the Senior Adult Celebration in May, plus several social opportunities throughout the year.



## UPCOMING FOR ADULTS

- D-Life Training | August 26 | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Redeemed Women's Event with Susie Larson September 9 | 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
- Primetimers' Luncheon | September 19, October 10, November 14 and December 12 | 11:15 AM
- EQUIP Intensive Seminar | September 15 | 3:00 PM
- Senior Adult Mission to New Orleans September 25-29
- MOM (Moms on Mission) Kickoff A new group for moms | November 13 | 8:30 AM



## CONNECT ONLINE

[fbcprattville.org](http://fbcprattville.org)  
[@fbcprattville](https://www.facebook.com/fbcprattville)

## WAYS TO GIVE



### IN PERSON

Place your offering in the Giving boxes located around the Worship Center.



### ONLINE

Give your offering or support special offerings online at [fbcprattville.org/giving](http://fbcprattville.org/giving).



### TEXT

Give via SMS message, by texting GIVE to 334-731-7744.



### MAIL

Mail your offering to the church office at 138 South Washington Street, Prattville, AL, 36067.

## COMING THIS FALL

### AUGUST

**Promotion Sunday** (Students + Children + Preschool) | August 13

**Pretzels and Praise: Student Choir Kickoff** | August 13 | 4:00 PM in Choir Room

**Midweek** | August 16 | 5:45-7:15 PM (Adult classes run 6:00-7:00 PM)

**Worship Choir Christmas in August** | August 18 | 6:00 PM in Chapel

**Bible Drill** | 4th-6th Grade | August 20 starting in Chapel (The following Sundays will meet in room 235A.)

**Quarterly Business Meeting** | August 20 | 5:00 PM in Worship Center

**ESL Certification and Training** | August 25 (1:00-8:00 PM) & August 26 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

**D-LIFE Training** (D-GROUP Leaders) | August 26 | 8:30 AM -12:30 PM

**First Grade Bible Presentation** | August 27 | 11:00 AM Worship Service

### SEPTEMBER

**Foster Care and Adoption Licensing Classes** | September 7 at 5:30 PM

**Redeemed with Susie Larson** (Women) | September 9 | 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM in Worship Center

**Friendsday Wednesday** (Students) | September 13 | 5:45-7:15 PM in Worship Center

**An Evening in the Psalms Worship Night** | September 17 | 5:00 PM in Worship Center

**Primetimers' Luncheon** | September 19 | 11:15 AM in Fellowship Hall

**NEXTGEN Service** | Students + Parents | September 20 | 5:45-7:15 PM in Worship Center

### OCTOBER

**Operation Christmas Child Packing Party** | October 1 at 3:00 PM in Chapel and Fellowship Hall

**Primetimers' Luncheon** | October 10 | 11:15 AM in Fellowship Hall

**EQUIP Intensive** | October 15 | 3:00 PM in Worship Center

**Parent Commissioning** | October 22 | 11:00 AM during Worship Service

**Rock Your Block** | October 31 | Various neighbor outreach

### NOVEMBER

**Quarterly Business Meeting** | November 12 | 5:00 PM in Worship Center

**MOM (Moms on Mission) Kickoff** | November 13 | 8:30 AM in Chapel

**Operation Christmas Child Collection Week** | November 13-20

**Primetimers' Luncheon** | November 14 | 11:15 AM in Chapel

**Parents Night Out** (Preschool) | November 30 | 6:00-8:00 PM

### DECEMBER

**Advent Begins** | December 3

**Preschool and Children's Program** | December 3 | 5:00 PM in Worship Center

**Christmas Worship Night** | December 10 | 5:00 PM in Worship Center

**Primetimers' Luncheon** | December 12 | 11:15 AM in Chapel

**Happy Birthday Jesus Party** (Preschool) | December 24 | 10:00 AM in Chapel

**Candlelight Services** | December 24 at 3:00 & 5:00 PM

**Beach Camp** (Students) | December 30-January 2

