



CHURCH WIDE EVENTS

April

HIA Night - 21

May

Women's Retreat - 3/4

Mexico Mission trip - 24/27

Check out all scheduled events
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**Living out the truth of God's
love and serving our
community.**

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Baptism 2024

FELLOWSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

I entered the hospital to visit a friend yesterday.

Explaining that I was a pastor, the information desk attendant asked to see my credentials. My credentials? I had no credentials other than a peppermint Altoid and a stick of gum.

Caught off guard, I take this moment to reflect on how this never happens when I visit my God in prayer. He never asks to see my credentials. His Son, Jesus, vouches for me. Christ is my mediator. This is what prayer offers us. As a child of the King, I have unlimited access to the God of the universe. Thank of it this way: The only person who dares wake up a king at 3:00 a.m. for a glass of water is a child. In Christ, we have that kind of access.

-Bob Schobert

WAYS TO SERVE



Sunday Morning 2023

Community Care

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If someone has a need that can not be handled through their connection group, we are able to step in and provide assistance.

The Community Care team ministers to First Southern widows, widowers, and senior adults. They identify needs such as necessities of life, transportation, home maintenance, supporting relationships, emergency home repairs, lawn maintenance, and coordination with and/or advocating for healthcare or social services assistance, etc.

“There is a need for this team and we can all meet that need in so many ways and often get blessed more than the people that we are doing it for, We see that all the time.”

-Chuck Cartledge

Frontline

Cade@firstsouthern.tv

By joining our group leaders are able to become more familiar with all of the members of our church. Whether someone wants to help people get from their cars to the doors by driving the golf cart or they would prefer to simply say hi to everyone as they come in, we have spots available.

Greeting times are 8:30-9:15 or 10:00-10:30 on Sunday mornings, a great time to dedicate to making people feel loved and welcomed as they enter our church.

“Our team gets to become more familiar with our church family, outside of their normal connection group. I've, personally, gotten to know so many people through this ministry that I otherwise never would have come in contact with. This is an easy way that anyone can get plugged in and serve our church.”

-Cade Cobble

FINANCIAL RECAP (WEEKLY AVERAGE)

Core Costs	\$30,269
Giving	\$31,629
Ministry Budget	\$38,462
Vision Budget	\$43,269

Campus Restoration

\$342,260.30



Dear First Southern,

Every Sunday, your Connection Group Leader takes prayer requests. Did you raise your hand today? What is your most heartfelt prayer request today?

Let me ask it a different way. If you could bring one request for Jesus to pray for, what would it be? Think about that for just a moment. If Jesus sat down next to you at Taco Casa and asked what you would like him to pray for, what would your answer be?

What a mind-boggling thought. Jesus, God in flesh, praying for you. Well, he does just that in John 17. You were on his mind. I was on his mind. Take a moment and let that soak in. In less than 24 hours, Jesus would be enduring the darkness and the weight of the world's sin. Yet, in these moments, you are on his mind.

"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."

John 17:20-23 (NLT)



The only time Jesus prays for us in Scripture, he prays that we would be one. He doesn't intercede for us about money, health, happiness, knowledge, close-knit families, big churches, or good jobs. He prays for unity.

In fact, three times in this passage he prays for unity.

v.21 "that they will be one"

v.22 "so they may be one"

v. 23 "may they experience perfect unity"

So, obviously this issue of unity is a big deal to Jesus. In fact, John 17 says that our unity will result in the world believing. More than great sermons or powerful worship or a fantastic children's ministry, Jesus said our unity is a major factor in the world believing the gospel.

So try this...when your Connection Group Leader is taking prayer requests next week, raise your hand and say, "Let's pray for unity. After all, that's what Jesus prayed for us."

-Bob Schobert

PRAYER WITHIN THE CHURCH

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." - James 5:16 NASB1995

STUDENT MINISTRY

Drew Ray

Please be praying for for the Holy Spirit to breathe life into our students, to kill apathy, and for them to have any sort of care towards others and their eternity. Pray that they have a desire for His word. Ultimately, we pray for our students to be able to live out the book of Acts in their walks with Jesus.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Derek Wilkerson

As we are able to work with a wide range of young adults please pray that the Lord gives them a desire to seek Biblical community, building glorifying friendships in and out of First Southern.

CHILDRENS MINISTRY

Reagan Collins -

Stephen Hartman

We pray that the Lord would use this ministry and the leaders that serve to show the children of our church who God is. We also pray that God would save the lost and help us guide kids in the way they should go.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Colton Seamans

We are deeply blessed to be able to work in such a talented community. As we grow, we continue to pray that we grow as strong servant leaders who work to root themselves in God's word.

CURRENT CLASSES

SUNDAY NIGHT CLASSES 5PM*

- Rm 104 Students (7th-12th)
- Rm 240 Young Adult Bible Study
- FH Genesis III, IV & V (Women)
- Rm 227 Genesis III, IV & V (Men)
- Rm 102 Psalm 23 (Women)
- Rm 101 GriefShare (4:00-6:00PM)*

TUESDAY CLASSES 9:30AM

- FH Focus Group (Senior Adult)
- FH Hallelujah Choir (12:30PM)*
- Rm 202 Romans II (Women)

WEDNESDAY CLASSES 6PM*

- Library Kids' Story Time (5:30pm)*
- KC Awana (2yrs-6th grade)
- KC Babies & Toddler Classes
- Rm 104 Students (7th-12th)
- AC Young Adults (7:30pm)*
- CP Living in the Word
- Rm 238 Finding Hope (1st & 3rd Wed)
- Rm 101 Divorce Care (6:30-8:30PM)*
- Rm 234 Gen-X (7:00-8:00PM)

WC=Worship Center, DC=Discipleship Center, AC=Activities Center, FH=Fellowship Hall, CP=Chapel, KC=Kids Center, OC=Off Campus
* = Indicates change of time

NEW HERE?

Thank you for joining us today. We would love to get to know you! Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in one of the Giving Boxes or give it to one of our pastors located in the main lobby.

INTERESTED IN JOINING?

We would love to help you become a member of First Southern. You may speak with a counselor during the invitation at the end of the worship service or call the church office to set up an appointment to speak with a pastor.

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CONNECTION GROUPS

There is a group for everyone and we want to help you find one that fits you! Pick up a list in the main lobby or contact a staff member at firstsouthern.tv/classes to help you.

SERVE

Serving others is a vital part of every believer's life. We want to equip every person to use the unique gifts God has given them to make a difference. There are always opportunities to serve. Go to firstsouthern.tv/serve.

NURSING MOMS

We have a room available just for you at the back of the auditorium off the center hall entrance.

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