

Serving Locally: Hospitality / Food Ministry

GoBus Ministry

Contact: Jill Parmer | (256) 303-3718

GoBus Ministry is a weekly ministry to bring moms and children to our church who would otherwise be unable to attend. They also receive a weekly bag of supplemental groceries to help with the burden of living on a limited income.

2026 Needs

- Donations of imperishable food items (large wooden box in the hallway near the main entrance of the church office).
- Weekly drivers to pick up and return families home.
- Coordinators / riders willing to ride on the bus before and after church and coordinate pickup and drop off.

Backpacks of Hope

Contact: Owen Meadows | omeadows@fbcdccatur.org

Backpacks of Hope serves students in our community who have been identified by their school counselors as in need of nutritional support.

Every Friday, while school is in session, a food bag is delivered to students to eat over the weekend. Our church provides the food and packs the bags each week.

Details:

- Donate food (items like Chef Boyardee individual servings, pop tarts, peach or fruit cups, cereal bars, applesauce, fruit gummies, individually wrapped cookies or brownies) in the large wooden box in the hallway outside the church office.
- We pack over 70 food bags each week and often need assistance doing so by 10 am each Thursday (that school is in session). Call the church office or email Owen if you – or your class, D Group, or Bible study – can pack bags on a regular basis or could help from time to time.

Food To Go Ministry

Contacts: Nancy Turner | (615) 268-7576

Amy Norris | amynorris@fbcdccatur.org

The **Food To Go Ministry** will take meals to FBC members who are homebound and can't get out to come to church on Wednesday evenings. This team will deliver a Wednesday Night Supper meal to a homebound/person in need on Wednesdays between 4:30-5:30 p.m. Delivering in this time frame will allow them to receive their meal in time for supper and allow those delivering the meal to make it back to church before Choir/Encounter.

If you don't wish to deliver food, you can still help with this ministry by making casseroles to be distributed to those who need them (those who had a death in the family, someone coming out of the hospital, or just anyone who could use the encouragement of a meal and a visit). Casseroles will be made and then frozen and held in our church kitchen freezer. They will be clearly labeled with instructions on how to cook/heat.

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Meals on Wheels serves our community through the delivery of meals to those who need them.

- Deliver meals on Fridays - once every 4-6 weeks.
- Delivery takes approximately an hour (homes are close in proximity to each other).
- FBC already has 6-7 volunteers helping, but with more volunteers, everyone's load would be lightened.
- Great ministry activity for a husband and wife or 2 friends to enjoy together.

Serving Locally: *Outreach in Schools*



Contact: Scott Tarver | starver@fca.org

Fellowship of Christian Athletes serves to fulfill the vision and mission of our ministry through building relationships with our local area coaches, student athletes, campuses and our surrounding communities. We host coach's Bible studies, team Bible studies, campus ministry, and camps as well as other community events.

June 14-18, 2027: Power Camp for completed K- 13-year-olds; need volunteers for check-in, pick-up, meals, etc.

July 8, 2027: 7on7; need volunteers to help with lunch and men to pray with coaches/players and serve in other various ways.

November 17, 2027: Iron Bowl Breakfast; need volunteers to help with set-up/breakdown and parking.

Contact: Jonathan Freeman | jfreeman@fbcdecatur.org

Love in Action supports Austinville Elementary by ensuring every teacher begins the academic year equipped with the necessary supplies for success. We aim to fulfill the requirements of 32 teachers by providing up to \$350 worth of items from their Amazon wishlists.



You can serve in Love in Action in the following ways:

- Pray for the leadership of Austinville and the kids that will use the supplies to grow.
- Give to our regular budget to provide supplies for the classroom or give so larger items can be purchased to enhance their learning environment.
- Become a partner of Austinville by going to read to a Kindergarten class, participate in their school events, or serve to keep the school environments fresh on serve days.

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Amy Norris | amynorris@fbcdecatur.org

Young Life is composed of 3 areas of ministry:

- Young Life - Decatur and Austin High School students
 - Needs: Young Life leaders for high school students.
- Young Lives - High school teen moms
 - Needs: Ladies to serve on committee to help steer direction, mentor to teen moms, and help with childcare while mothers attend Club meetings.
- Capernaum - Creating ministry spaces where teens and young adults with disabilities can meet Jesus and grow in their faith
 - Needs: Partners to help with Club meetings to make attendees feel welcomed and loved.

Funding opportunities outside regular giving:

- Young Life Barbecue Butt Sale - May 10
- Young Life Golf Tournament - May 12
- Christmas Wreath Sale



Contact: Larry Franks | larry@fpdecatur.org

First Priority provides faith-based clubs on public school campuses with a desire to train students to be missionaries and reach their peers with the gospel.

Needs:

- Adults to staff and lead elementary campus clubs once a week before school from September-April.
- Clothe Our Kids of North Alabama is a secondary ministry that works directly with the school system to provide clothing to kids in need. Volunteers to sort clothes, pack bags, etc. are always needed.



Serving Locally: *Ministry to families*



Contacts: Veronna Keen | (256) 355-3828

Dawn Ellis | (334) 467-3685

Ann Allen | (256) 303-6605

Sav-A-Life, also known as the Pregnancy Resource Center, provides services to women who are pregnant and often in crisis. They offer free pregnancy testing, ultrasound services, vitamins, baby clothes, and supplies.

Ways to serve:

- Cleaning in the building.
- Sort/organize clothes and supplies.
- Clean and perform maintenance around the property.
- Assist special events/banquets (serve at events, prep packets and invites).
- Meet with men who accompany women for appointments.
- Counseling (Must complete Volunteer Form at QR Code above).

Scan for Volunteer Form:



**Alabama Baptist
CHILDREN'S HOMES**
& Family Ministries

Contact: Amy Norris | amynorris@fbcdecatur.org

Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries seeks to protect, nurture, and restore children and families through Christ-centered services.

- Donate baby, toddler, and elementary age items (new items preferred).
- Make and deliver freezer meals for families on site.
- Donate pantry items and household goods.
- Help organize ABCH donation closet.
- Families can become licensed foster parents to provide respite for full-time foster families.
- Volunteer for childcare for TIPS trainings.

Serving Locally: *Community Needs*

Neighborhood Christian Center

Contact: Pamela Bolding | pbolding@decaturncc.org

The **Neighborhood Christian Center** seeks to serve our neighbors in need with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and provide hope and healing through education and discipleship.

How you can serve:

- Compassion Ministries: shopping with neighbors and organizing donations; prepping for the Christmas Toy Store in December; delivering/cooking meals during Thanksgiving.
- Education and Discipleship: Helping with classes weekly at the NCC (Bible studies, counseling, prepping, etc.).
- Children and Youth Program: helping with meals for summer youth program; visiting students at schools; teaching youth basic life skills; helping with Good News Club at West Decatur Elementary.
- Transitional Homes: mentoring individuals leaving incarceration and single moms/kids.
- Fundraisers: Soup for Souls event in December.



Contact: David Matherly | (256) 777-2175

The **Committee on Church Cooperation** was started in the early 70s as a way for Morgan County churches to pool resources and more effectively meet the basic needs of struggling area residents. A 501(c)(3) non-profit, the organization receives and processes donations for clients' use in addition to counseling them about other resources to encourage self-sufficiency. All services are provided at no cost and are solely dependent upon the generosity of local churches, businesses, service organizations, individual donors and selfless volunteers.

Some of the ways you can serve at the CCC include:

Food Pantry – organize shelves, mark donated food items, package food for distribution

Clothes Closet – inspect and sort clothing donations

Rummage Sales – work sale days (proceeds are used to purchase food)

Food Drives – mark and shelve food donations

Warehouse Operations – sort donations, prepare dish packs, recycle metal

COMMUNITYfreeCLINIC

OF DECATUR-MORGAN COUNTY

Clinicdeatur.org

The purpose of **Community Free Clinic of Decatur-Morgan County** is to provide free, quality medical care, dental care, and prescription medication to low income, medically uninsured adult residents of Decatur-Morgan County, through volunteers serving the community in a manner that respects the dignity of all persons.

Volunteers serve in a variety of roles from providing medical and dental care, nursing care, clerical work, lab work, counseling, and building maintenance.

The clinic's volunteer
registration form is
found here:



Serving Locally: *Hands-On Ministry*

THE RAMP BOYS

Contact: Bill Ellis | (334) 328-0262

The Ramp Boys ministry is led by Bill Ellis and has been in existence for a few years now. The team has built lots of ramps for people in the community and has done a wonderful job representing our church and our Savior while serving those who have this specific need. If you can swing a hammer or use a screwdriver, you would be a fit for this team! Email Bill Ellis at weellis1@spectrum.net to be on this team of folks who enjoy serving our community through this great ministry.

Contact: David Matherly,
Morgan County Baptist Disaster Relief Coordinator (256-777-2175)

Morgan County Baptist Disaster Relief helps people affected by various disasters in Morgan County, across Alabama, and in other states when requested. Teams typically comprised of 5-7 volunteers are deployed to a disaster site to work alongside other Baptist DR teams for about a week at a time. All equipment is provided.



Additional men and women volunteers are always needed! In order to volunteer, an individual must be a member of a Baptist church, pass a background investigation, and receive training in the area in which they desire to serve. Opportunities for training include:

- Chainsaw work
- Cleanup/recovery (flood recovery)
- Administration
- Shower/laundry
- Mass feeding
- Chaplaincy

Training is normally scheduled early in the calendar year, so now is a great time to sign up to volunteer so all the administrative details can be completed in time to attend. For more information, visit www.sbdr.org. If you have any questions, contact David Matherly.

First Assist

Contact: Church Office | (256) 353-0423

First Assist is designed to assist our widows, widowers, and senior adults when small maintenance needs at home arise. Examples - light bulbs need changing, gutters need cleaning out, etc.

If you would like to volunteer with First Assist to meet needs in our church, call the church office.

If you need assistance, call the church office with details of your need so we can enlist a First Assist team member to assist you.

Over the past several decades, God has opened doors for members of First Baptist Church to proclaim the gospel and serve others around the world. In recent years, we've traveled to cities and communities both large and small—from Calgary to Denver and White Hall to Belmopan.

As we look toward the years ahead, we're not simply choosing interesting destinations. We're seeking places where we can serve effectively, matching our congregation's gifts and abilities with mission partners who share our heart and vision.

And we're doing so with all ages in mind. Whether you're an elementary school student, a senior adult, or anywhere in between, the pages ahead are filled with opportunities to Be Sent from First Baptist Church to serve others and proclaim the gospel.

And if you don't find a destination that seems to fit the way God has gifted or called you to serve, we'll work with you to help you get to where you want to be.

So, dream big, First Baptist Church. Let's Be Sent—and make a difference for the sake of the gospel!

Future Mission Trips: *Domestic*

Joy Mission Trip: New Orleans, Louisiana

Dates: Mar 12-15 or Apr 2-5, 2027 (Fri-Mon)

Cost: \$350 (\$75 non-refundable deposit)

Team Size: 10-14

Team Lead: Garth Lindsay

Serving alongside FBC mission partner Thomas Johnson and the members of Centered Church, The JOY Ministry will minister to children and their parents at a children's hospital and to senior adults in assisted living. We'll also worship with Centered Church and enjoy some of the best food on the planet! To reserve your spot: Email Garth at garthlindsay@fbcdecatur.org.

Carpenters for Christ: Location TBD

Dates: TBD, Summer 2027

Cost: \$150 full trip or \$25 per day.

Team Size: 6-10

Team Lead: Richard Humphrey

You might see the word "carpenters" and think, *That's not for me!* But nothing could be further from the truth. We'll join several regional churches for a week of significant repairs or new construction for a church or other ministry in a southeastern city. The projects are diverse and require all skill levels—including no construction experience at all. The flexible schedule allows you to participate for one day, several days, or the entire week. To reserve your spot: Email Richard at rwheng@bellsouth.net.

Future Mission Trips: *Domestic*

Middle School Mission Trip: Decatur, Alabama

Dates: June 15-17, 2027

Cost: \$50

Team Size: 20-25

Team Lead: Austin Dupper

Partnering with the Boys & Girls Club, our students will serve younger students through summer-camp activities and help them grow as disciples of Christ. Students will learn to recognize the needs of others, practice serving and ministering to others, and share the gospel. They'll play games, lead crafts, share devotions, and simply be a friend to students a little younger than you. You'll need to "be fun," be ready to "have fun," and work hard to serve in this adventure! To reserve your spot: Email Austin at adupper@fbcddecatur.org.

High School Mission Trip: Boston, Massachusetts

Dates: July 10-17, 2027

Cost: \$1,400 (\$350 non-refundable deposit)

Team Size: 25

Team Lead: Owen Meadows

We'll run a sports camp for children in the Boston area, helping them and their families connect with Life Community Church, where they can hear the gospel. Students in senior high will grow as disciples of Christ, develop discipline, learn to recognize the needs of others, practice serving, and share the gospel. To reserve your spot: Email Owen at omeadows@fbcddecatur.org.

FBC Family & Friends Mission Trip

Dates: June 16-19, 2027

Cost: None

Team Size: 50+

Team Leads: Jessica Setzer & Matt Rouse

Designed for families to serve together, this trip focuses on local mission projects. We've slightly changed the name to make clear that couples and singles are invited, too! Join dozens of other FBC members for a week-long adventure serving various parachurch ministries through hands-on service projects. With a flexible schedule—you can attend any or all days—and projects throughout the area, this trip draws more FBC members than any other mission effort at First Baptist Church. To reserve your spot: Email Jessica at jandjsetzer@yahoo.com

Adult Mission Trip: New Orleans, Louisiana

Dates: Fall 2027 (Fri-Mon)

Cost: \$400 (\$100 non-refundable deposit)

Team Size: 4-10

Team Lead: Matt Rouse

The Freret Street Festival is one of New Orleans' largest community festivals, and Centered Church is right in the middle of it. We'll spend Saturday engaging festival attendees and distributing invitations to Centered Church. Later that day, we'll prepare to host a movie night at a local park. It will be a full day of ministry, followed by a Sunday morning in the city and worship at Centered Church that afternoon. Friday and Monday will be travel days. To reserve your spot: Email Matt at mattrouse@fbcddecatur.org.

Future Mission Trips: *International*

Adult Mission Trip: Ghana & Togo, Africa

Dates: Jul 28–Aug 6, 2027

Cost: \$2,950 (\$675 non-refundable deposit)

Team Size: 4-7

Team Lead: Austin Dupper

Join us as we return to Ghana and Togo to help run a sports camp for children living near the church FBC helped plant in 2025. We'll serve alongside FBC mission partners Mike Napper and Keefe Eko. Housing and food are "Western" in style, making this trip to Africa more accommodating than you might expect. A willingness to serve in a variety of ways and be a good team member is essential. To reserve your spot: Email Austin at adupper@fbcdecatur.org.

Medical, Dental, Women's Ministry & Light Construction: Belize

Dates: Feb 5–12, 2028

Cost: \$2,250 (\$550 non-refundable deposit)

Team Size: 10-14

Team Lead: Matt Rouse

Join the long list of FBC members who have made this mission trip part of their lives for nearly 20 years. We'll join other churches from across the region to take a large team to Belize to meet needs and minister to people in the area, serving alongside FBC mission partners Joey and Heather Barrs. To reserve your spot: Email Matt at mattrouse@fbcdecatur.org.

Adult Evangelism in the Andes of Peru: Cusco, Peru

Dates: Nov 2027 or Spring 2028

Cost: Approx. \$1,800

Team Size: 2-3

Team Lead: Matt Rouse

Join Peruvian believers and help bring the hope of the Gospel to a city of 500,000 people high in the Andes Mountains. We'll serve with our IMB Mission Partner, Joshus Murphree, who is based out of Cullman. For more info, email Matt at mattrouse@fbcdecatur.org



Future Mission Trips: *International*

North Africa*

Dates: Fall 2027 or Spring/Fall 2028

Cost: Approx. \$3,000 (\$675 non-refundable deposit)

Team Size: 3-5

Team Lead: Blake Kersey

We'll travel to North Africa with one primary purpose: to spend time with IMB missionary families, play games with their children, bring some of their favorite items from the United States, share meals, learn more about their work, and encourage and pray for them. To reserve your spot or for more info: Email Blake at blakekersey@fbccdecatur.org.

South Asia*

Dates: Fall 2027 or Spring/Fall 2028

Cost: Approx. \$3,000 (\$675 non-refundable deposit)

Team Size: 3-5

Team Lead: Matt Rouse

This trip is similar to the North Africa trip above, but on the other side of the world. We'll spend time with Wes and Jessica Johnson and several other IMB missionaries and their families. To reserve your spot: Email Matt at mattrouse@fbccdecatur.org.

Coastal France*

Dates: Late September/early October 2027 or late March/early April 2028

Cost: Approx. \$3,000 (\$675 non-refundable deposit)

Team Size: 5-8

Team Lead: Matt Rouse

Our objective is simple: engage people in natural conversations about their communities and lives, then turn the conversation over to French-speaking IMB team members. We'll meet people in markets, cafés, beaches, and other beautiful places. Speaking French is not required, as some people in the region speak English. However, learning a few basic French phrases before the trip would be helpful. To reserve your spot: Email Matt at mattrouse@fbccdecatur.org.

IMPACT PERÚ, Amazon Village Discipleship*

Sept., Oct., or Nov. 2027 & 2028

Cost: Approx. \$1,500

Team Size: 2-3

Team Lead: Jonathan Freeman

Serve alongside a small Baptist church in a remote riverside village, catalyzing evangelism and discipleship. Come be part of what God is doing and help spark a movement that reaches the peoples of the deepest parts of the Amazon Jungle.

*Trips marked with an asterisk are on our "dream list." They will happen if teams fill early enough to book flights at a reasonable cost and make the necessary arrangements. If any of these opportunities interest you, email the contact listed to help us determine whether we can move forward. There is no commitment until a trip is confirmed and a deposit is made.