



ENGAGE

WINTER 2024



**FIRST ALLIANCE
CHURCH**

We Envision

a loving community of *DISCIPLE-MAKERS* serving and reaching generations with the Gospel in our *CITY* and around the *WORLD*.



Our Mission

is to *PASSIONATELY PURSUE* God, extend *LIFE-CHANGING HOPE*, and disciple people to be *SPIRIT-EMPOWERED* followers of Jesus.



Core Values

BIBLICALLY Grounded

WHOLISTIC Worship

EXPECTANT Prayer

TRANSFORMATIONAL
Discipleship

INTENTIONAL Evangelism

COMPASSIONATE Outreach

Movements



Towards *GOD* in
WORSHIP



Towards *EACH*
OTHER in
DISCIPLESHIP



Towards *OUR*
WORLD in *MISSION*

WELCOME TO ENGAGE!

Welcome to Winter Quarter 2024!

As we journey together as a faith family, we want everyone who calls First Alliance home to move **UP** towards God in worship, **IN** towards each other in discipleship and **OUT** towards our world in mission.

Every quarter provides new and different opportunities to express these movements, as well as many of the familiar places and rhythms we know and value. **From now until Easter, we hope you find the right**

groups and environments to grow in your relationship with God and others.

Check out the table of contents below to learn more about the many spaces for worship, growth and outreach this season. Participate in ministries you already know, or try something new! Reach out to any of our FAC staff with questions or help with

connections. We are here to serve you.

We don't want anyone on the sidelines! Join us as together we live on mission passionately pursuing God, extending life-changing hope, and discipling people to be Spirit-empowered followers of Jesus.

We don't want anyone on the sidelines!

HEATHER AND CARLY



The FAC Kids Lion Class.



Ron Gifford is greeted at the front door.

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Heather Smith
Pastor of Communications & Connections



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EASTER SUNDAY

March 31

BAPTISM SUNDAY

February 11

Interested? Let us know at
faclex.com/connect or text
BAPTISM to (859)251-3944.

Mark Your *CALENDAR!* Upcoming Event Dates

January

Jan. 8-9: 24 Hour Prayer

Jan. 12: MomGroup

Jan. 13: Men's Breakfast

Jan. 14: Winter Quarter begins

February

Feb. 4: Launch

Feb. 9: MomGroup

Feb. 10: Men's Breakfast

Feb. 11: Baptism Sunday

Feb. 12-13: 24 Hour Prayer

Feb. 25: Child Dedications

March

March 8: MomGroup

March 9: Men's Breakfast

March 11-12: 24 Hour Prayer

March 15-16: Men's Conference

March 17: Local Impact Weekend

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 31: Easter Sunday

Ways to Give

Thank you for giving to the
ministries at FAC!

Giving Box



Online
faclex.com/give



Church
Center App



Mail



Text



Scan the QR code for the
giving page



New Here?

These are some first steps you can take to get involved!

1

Connect with us!

- Fill out a **digital Connection Card** at faclex.com/connect or scan the QR code to the right.
- Follow us on **Facebook & Instagram** at **First Alliance Church**.
- Download our church app (see Church Center box below).



2

Attend Launch!

- See page 7 for more details.
- We want to meet you! Questions? Contact the church office at info@faclex.com.

3

Receive our weekly Connector!

- Sign up at faclex.com/connect.
- Sign up for other newsletters & updates for groups you are interested in.
- Questions? Contact chris.davis@faclex.com



4

Watch the First Steps Video!

- Watch at faclex.com/new to hear about some easy first steps at FAC.
- Check out our vision, mission, core values, and ministry priorities at faclex.com/about.

5

Start Finding Your Worship +2!

- Commit to either our 8:15, 9:30, or 11:00 service.
- Find a Growing Group (pages 8-14)
- Find a Serving Group (pages 15-21)
- Questions? Contact heather.smith@faclex.com



What do we mean by Worship +2?

For more information on our spiritual formation process visit faclex.com/about.

MEET JASON

worship +2



THE WORSHIP SERVICE HE ATTENDS IS FIRST SERVICE
HIS GROWING GROUP IS THE CLEMENTS LIFE GROUP
HIS SERVING GROUP IS FAC KIDS WITH 3RD GRADE BOYS

THANK YOU JASON FOR LIVING OUT WORSHIP + 2!



Makes sign-ups and staying informed so easy!

Download the app today.



Then look for

UP

TOWARDS GOD IN WORSHIP

Here at FAC, we want everyone to be committed to attending a worship gathering either in person or online every week.

Join us in person or at faclex.tv Sundays at 8:15, 9:30, & 11:00am.

Corporate Worship

Upcoming Sermon Series

JANUARY

When the Church Prays

FEBRUARY

True Security

MARCH

The Gospel of the Kingdom



Paul Smith
Lead Pastor

Prayer

Sunday Prayer Team

Our **Sunday Prayer Team** is looking for people willing to listen, pray and encourage individuals at the front of the sanctuary after services. This team is a vital part of our Sunday mornings at FAC!

Contact Jessica Freeburne at jessica.freeburne@faclex.com to learn more.

Prayer Support

Prayer Requests

We would love to pray for you! There are several ways to communicate a prayer request to the church. You can click on the prayer tab on our website or you can send an email to faclex.com/connect. You can choose to share your request to our prayer team and pastoral staff and/or to our prayer bulletin.

Sunday Mornings

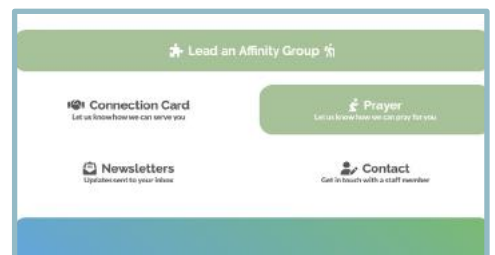
The altar is always open for prayer and reflection at the conclusion of each of our Sunday services. The Prayer Team is available to pray with you at that time. They will be located at the front of the sanctuary wearing lanyards and will simply ask you, "How can I pray for you?"

Prayer Bulletin

Our prayer bulletin is updated weekly with prayer requests from our church family, local and global partners as well as prayer requests from Vertical and the 24 Hour Prayer Guide. If you would like to pray for these requests you can sign up at faclex.com/connect to have the bulletin emailed to you **weekly on Tuesdays**.



The Tandy family worshipping on Sunday.



Front-line Prayer Team

This prayer team receives time sensitive, urgent prayer requests via email that are submitted to our church staff or through our website.



Jessica Freeburne
Coordinator of
Congregational Care

Prayer Groups

Vertical

Come join us for a time of corporate prayer led by Pastor Paul on Mondays at 6:45 pm in the sanctuary. This is a rich time of prayer and connection! In January there will be a special focus on healing prayer as we watch videos of Steve Seamands teaching from his latest book, *Follow the Healer*.

GPOPs

Grandparents & Parents of Prodigals

GPOPs carry each other's burdens as we believe in faith together for the salvation of our loved ones! Our prayer meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:45pm in the Sanctuary when possible. Check the Connector for our next meeting. Please join us if you have a heart to pray!



People praying at the Altar on Sunday.

24 Hour Prayer

FAC has committed to pray on the **second Monday of every month** for 24 hours as we join with other churches in Central Kentucky to intercede for our city and nation in partnership with the Lexington Leadership Foundation. We are excited to be a part of this unceasing prayer movement! Sign-up monthly for a 30 minute slot that fits your schedule at faclex.com/events.

Upcoming 24 Hour Prayer Dates:

January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8

We'd love for you to come to the church and use our Prayer Room during your time slot! A Prayer Guide will be provided along with a **Prayer Journal** that you can make an entry in. You are also welcome to pray from home and a **digital prayer journal** will be made available to you.

Next Steps

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are a follower of Jesus but have never followed Him in baptism, please reach out to us at info@faclex.com and a member of the pastoral staff will reach out to you to see if this is the right next step for you! **February 11 is our next Baptism Sunday.** We can't wait!



LAUNCH

Be our guest! If you are new to First Alliance in the last few weeks or months, you are invited to a time of introduction & interaction with the Pastoral staff. They would love to connect with you and share more about the heart of our church. Children are welcome to join their parents for this time. Childcare is provided after lunch, during the brief presentation. RSVP at faclex.com/events. **The next Launch dates are February 4 and April 14.**



MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Are you ready to commit in a deeper way to FAC? If so, membership may be for you! Join us to learn more about our history as a church, who we are and what we believe. Classes will meet **Feb. 25 & March 3 at 11:00am in the Conference Room (both dates required).** Sign up at faclex.com for the best one for you. Contact deb.mackay@faclex.com with questions.



Deb MacKay
Executive Pastor of
Strategy and Operations



Cailie Tyson is baptized by Pastor Tyrone Vinegar.

IN TOWARDS EACH OTHER IN DISCIPLESHIP

We desire for every person who calls FAC their home church to be IN a group! Our IN groups are numerous and fall into two categories: **Growing Groups and Serving Groups**. Pick one of each to help you move IN towards others in discipleship and OUT towards our world in mission.



Doug Matthews
Executive Pastor of
Ministry Development

Growing Groups

College Ministry



We love having you at FAC! To go deeper, join a **weekly Fusion Group** to journey together in a smaller community. Fusion groups are sorted based on schools.

I will get you on our communication list so you know what is happening and when. My wife Katy and I want to help you find your place with FAC College this year!



Kendall McKee
Greenhouse & College
Ministry Director

For more information, reach out to me, kendall.mckee@faclex.com.



College Ministry group over the summer.

LifeGroups

We have over 20 Life Groups meeting this winter. This is a great way to be a part of a Growing Group as you move IN towards others in discipleship!

The following groups are excited to welcome new members!

Name	Day/Time	Frequency	Age & Stage	Location
Charles & Carol Austin	TBD	TBD	Sermon based. 10 people maximum.	Austin home in Highbridge
Stephen & Nannette Russell	Sundays, 5pm	Twice a month	30s and 40s with or without kids. Childcare available.	Russell home in Lexington



Our Life Groups are sermon-based, meaning they take the sermon and work through it together, applying it to life. Life Groups are a great way to experience community and care here at FAC!

If none of these times or locations work for you, other great growing group options are available in men's and women's ministries, age and stage groups (like college and young professionals), and our Sunday morning adult education groups.

Questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out so we can find the best group for you! Want to start a Life Group? Reach out to Pastor Dan.



Dan McPherson
Pastor of High School &
Future Pastor of Group Life

Boomers & Beyond

This ministry is designed for our more seasoned saints, **but all are welcome.**

Coming Up:

New Year's Eve Celebration!

Sunday, December 31, 2023 5:30 PM

Location: Rabbit Run Recreation Center, 1920 Fort Harrods Drive, Lexington
A bit of Auld Lang Syne and Celebrating with Great Expectations for 2024.
Bring festive food and snacks, along with your best stories from 2023 to share.

The Gathering

Sunday, January 28, 2024 6:00 PM

Lower Auditorium

Special Music Night with Zeke Friedeman

The Gathering

Sunday, February 25, 2024 6:00 PM

Lower Auditorium

John & Ruth Doyle - "This Is the Great Adventure"

The Gathering

Sunday, March 24, 2024 6:00 PM

Lower Auditorium

Tanner Fouts - Pastor of Middle School Ministries

(Check the website, www.faclex.com and look under Groups/Boomers & Beyond for more information.)



Boomers & Beyond Thanksgiving.



Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch: A monthly outing to a local restaurant for food and fellowship. You're invited to join a group of friends enjoying a casual lunch together on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 AM. The location varies. Contact Sharon Winkle at sharon.winkle@gmail.com or (859) 223-8755 for more information. Reservations are helpful.

The Gathering: A monthly large group gathering. Join us for fun, fellowship, featured guests, good food and prayer on the 4th Sunday of each month, at 6:00 PM in the Lower Auditorium. Bring a snack to share and be ready to be encouraged and inspired!



John Doyle
Pastor of Intergenerational Ministry

Young Professionals Ministry



The Young Professionals at their fall retreat.

Enriching community and impactful discipleship are two things that can seem fleeting when you enter into post-college adulthood; it's not unusual to become overwhelmed when searching for these two vital aspects of the Christian life. Our Young Professionals group is a community of post-school individuals, both single and married, that are pursuing and learning together what it means to follow Jesus. We eat, laugh, study Scripture, praise God,

serve our First Alliance family, and reach out to our neighbors together. Our group meets in various homegroups on Thursdays at 7pm. This winter we are going through John Mark Comer's "Practicing the Way" study. We also have monthly large group gatherings on the last Thursday of the month. If you would like to join one of our groups go to faclex.com/groups to sign up and find out more information. You are welcome!



Questions? Contact DJ Rinehart at dj.rinehart@faclex.com.

Sunday Morning **Classes**

9:30am Classes

PARENTS OF PRE-TEENS & TEENS

Are you a parent of a pre-teen (10-12) or teenager (13-19)? If so, this is the class for you! This 7 week class will provide opportunities to connect with other parents, and hear from Next Gen Pastors Tim, Tanner, Dan, and others around a variety of topics that impact your child - from mental health to social media to faith conversations and more! The class will meet from January 14 - February 25 in Room 12 in the Lower Auditorium.

EVANGELISM 101: CONTAGIOUS FAITH

As disciples of Christ, we are called to share the gospel, but few of us are naturally comfortable with evangelism. We wrestle with internal fears, a lack of preparation, and the sense that reaching out to others might force us to act like someone we're not. What if we could find a way to talk about Jesus that fits our personalities, makes us feel confident, and ignites a fire in others? This 6-week class is led by Pastor Tyrone and meets from February 4 - March 10 in Room 13 in the Lower Auditorium.

YOUNG MARRIEDS AND GROWING FAMILIES

If you are a newly married couple or have been married for a while and have a growing family, this class is for you! Join us in the Founder's Dining Room for a class that is aimed at helping you navigate this season of your life with biblical teaching and community. The class is led by Dale & Louisa Ditto, Dave & Maribeth Burton, and Dave & Karen Thomas.

OPEN WORD

Open Word is centered around an in-depth study of a book of the Bible. The Open Word class is ongoing and is led by a team of teachers. The class gathers in room 203-204.



Jeremiah Sizemore speaks in the Young Marrieds & Growing Families Class.



Phil Clark reads his Bible in the Open Word class.

11:00am Classes

MINING THE RICHES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Taught by Ron Gifford and John Roberts, this class has a four-fold purpose.

- To share our love for the OT and to enjoy the book together.
- To discover God as he revealed himself to his people (progressively over 1000 years).
- To learn to mine the riches of the book.
- To learn it's life lessons that reach us from over there to now. ("He who has an ear to hear let him hear what the Spirit is saying...")

This class meets from January 14 - April 28, in Room 203-204.

THE WORD AND THE WORLD

A cursory look at culture reveals countless issues that, from a Christian perspective, can seem daunting and a proverbial minefield. Yet God has something to say about all of it! Scripture sheds light on topics like:

- Learning from the ten Booms: faithfulness amidst global crisis and growing antisemitic and antichristian culture
- Assisting the "postmodern" journey of those who are "deconstructing" their faith
- Responding to the top 20 questions of leading skeptics
- Promoting a positive biblical vision of sexuality and gender
- Preparing for major 2024 cultural and political challenges
- Understanding the crisis in the Middle East and "are we in the last days"
- Properly defining and practicing social justice and biblical justice
- Learning from the great revivals, awakenings, and outpourings for today
- And so much more.....

Join Doug Matthews, Dan McPherson, and occasional guest speakers as we tackle a topic from a multi-generational perspective, asking the question of how the Word can inform how we live in this world that God so loves! **The class will meet from February 4 - May 26 in the Youth Room.**

DEEPER WALK

The goal of this class is to equip you to pursue spiritual maturity and to claim the spiritual freedom afforded to you in your relationship with Christ. **The class meets in the Founders Dining Room with both an in-person and online option.**

MUTUALITY IN MARRIAGE

Are you engaged or in the first few years of your marriage? Join licensed marriage and family therapist Kensi Duszynski for a 6-week workshop to help you and your spouse grow as a couple, communicate with intention, and lead lives that glorify God, honor each other, and reflect your unique oneness to an onlooking world. **This 6-week, 12-hour workshop meets from March 3 - April 14 in the Dining Room from 12:15-2:15pm (no class on Easter). Lunch is provided. Childcare is not provided. Cost is \$50/couple.**



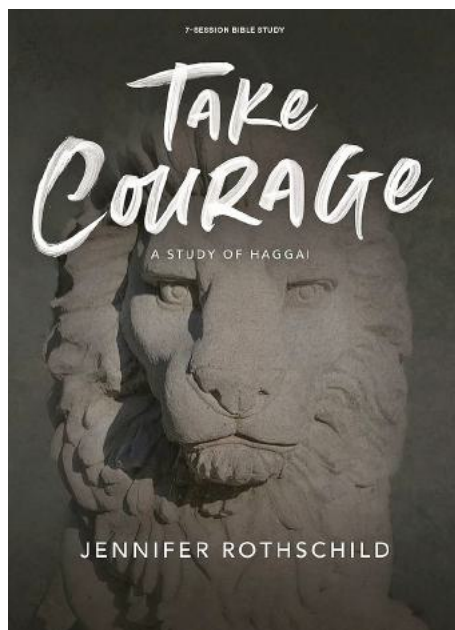
Claire Hanssen speaks in the Open Word class.

SIGN UP ON THE APP OR AT [FACLEX.COM / GROUPS](https://faclex.com/groups)



Dan McPherson
Pastor of High School and
Future Pastor of Group Life

Women's Ministry



BIBLE STUDY

Take Courage: A Study of Haggai

Week of January 14- week of March 10

The FAC women will be studying Take Courage- A Study of Haggai with Jennifer Rothschild.

In this 9 week study on the book of Haggai, Jennifer teaches us to learn to walk confidently in our calling, stay motivated despite opposition, and courageously invest our life in God's purposes, trusting Him for results we may never see in this lifetime.

Small groups will meet at various times throughout the week with

the option of in person or virtual. Just pick a day and time that works for you! Groups are listed at faclex.com/groups. Please register by January 13th and then purchase your own workbook at your favorite retailer.

Contact Susan Scott (susan.scott@faclex.com) with any questions!

EXPECTANT: FAC WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Join us in person or by zoom on the second Thursday of each month from 8-9 am to pray for FAC, FAC's women's ministry, and personal requests. Register at faclex.com/groups.



A Bible study group



MomGroup meets on the **second Friday of each month in the FAC Lower Auditorium from 9:30-11:30 am** throughout the school year. Our goal is to encourage one another through fellowship and speakers while providing food and childcare. Moms of any age are welcome!

Head to faclex.com/events to register yourself and kids needing childcare for the winter/spring session: February 9, March 8, April 12, and May 10



Some attenders at last spring's MomGroup.

LIFE TO LIFE

Life to Life's purpose is helping women grow deeper in our walks with God and each other. We encourage and invest in each other through genuine care and conversation!

There is no preparation or homework with these groups. Some meet in homes; others meet in coffee shops. It is up to the facilitator of the group. We try to

offer a variety of days and times that might suit your schedule.

If you are yearning for connection through conversation with other women in our church this might be the perfect fit for you! Register for a specific LTL small group at faclex.com/groups. Groups meet once or twice a month from January to April 2024!



Bible study group

JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD- FRESH GROUNDED FAITH!

Author of our FAC winter Bible study Jennifer Rothschild will be hosting her Fresh Grounded Faith conference here in Lexington this spring! Join Jennifer and her friends for a weekend of rich Bible teaching and relevant truth. The event is April 12-13th at Porter Memorial Baptist Church in

Lexington. FAC is a cohost church for this event and will have discounted tickets for sale. You can visit freshgroundedfaith.com for details about the event and sign up for a discounted ticket at faclex.com/events starting in January.



SPRING RETREAT

April 26-28th, 2024

Laurel Lake Baptist Camp, Corbin, KY

Let's get away for time with God and each other at beautiful Laurel Lake Baptist Camp in Corbin, KY. Join us for a weekend of worship and fellowship April 26th-28th, 2024 as we explore the character of God through His Word.

Registration will open in early 2024. Scholarships are available. Keep checking the website and app for more information. You will be glad you carved out the time to come!



Last year's Women's Spring Retreat

If you are a woman who attends FAC consider this your warm welcome to women's ministry. Be sure you've signed up for our monthly newsletter at faclex.com/connect to receive information all throughout the year.



Susan Scott
Director of Women's Ministry



Virginia McNutt
Administrative Assistant for Women's Ministry



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@firstalliancechurch -
alliance women

Intergenerational Ministry

A core value and strength of FAC is its intergenerational character. Grandparents and grandchildren. Great aunts and uncles, great nieces and nephews. Toddlers and teenagers. University students and young professionals. Young marrieds, young families, empty nesters, mid-lifers, singles, retired but not done, aging saints,

physically limited and homebound.

All of this is alive and lively at FAC – a full-family church home. That is increasingly uncommon in churches today.

We believe this is a gift of God. At FAC we are called and committed

to ensuring that everything we do reflects and builds on this great blessing and strength. It is more than making sure we have programs for every age group. It is building on the understanding that we are One Body – One Calling – One Family. Not just multi, but inter generational – in worship, in discipleship, in mission and service. New generations and rich heritage – seamlessly.

Check the website, www.faclex.com, and look under Events, for more information on winter quarter intergenerational events.

John Doyle
Pastor of Intergenerational Ministry



The Intergenerational Leadership Team

Men's Ministry

MEN'S MID(ISH)-WEEK

Thursday mornings, 6:30-7:45am, starts January 4
Dining Room (off of the gym)

Every Thursday we eat breakfast and share together around a topic or study. We finish our time with prayer and then head out into the rest of our day on mission. It is a great time to connect with other men and be reminded of what it means to be a Godly man in every area of life.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Second Saturday of the month, 9am-12pm
(Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11)
Dining Room

Grab a hearty breakfast and enjoy a chat with other men, then put on your gloves as we head out to help people in our church community with various projects and work!

MEN'S CONFERENCE

Friday-Saturday, March 15-16
First Alliance Church

Structured similar to the conferences held in 2021/22, we will gather Friday night and Saturday for food, fellowship, some teaching, and connection together! We will meet at the church. This is a great opportunity to invite friends, interact with guys you may not know, eat some good food, and hear some great teaching!



Tyler Moore and Kevin Bish talk in the Atrium

If you have not yet signed up to receive men's ministry information from FAC, please go to faclex.com/connect/newsletters and select men's ministry. This will ensure you get our communications designed specifically to keep men informed of ministry opportunities for them. Sign up at faclex.com/groups or on the app under groups.



Dan McPherson
Pastor of High School &
Future Pastor of Group Life

Serving Groups

Worship Team



Catrina Cablish and Josh Rittgers sing on the praise team

If you are an instrumentalist or vocalist and are interested in serving as a part of the worship team, we would love to connect with you, hear your faith story, why you love worship, and explore how you could be a part of worship here at First Alliance.

The time commitment is usually one Sunday morning a month, a Tuesday or Wednesday night worship team practice, and some personal preparation on the week's you're volunteering.

Contact zeke.friedeman@faclex.com if you are interested.

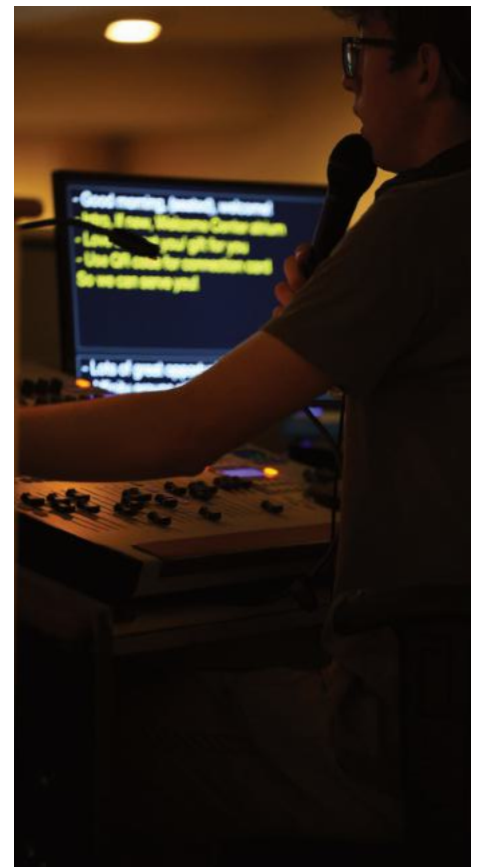


Zeke Friedeman
Worship Director

Tech Team

We have several great opportunities to plug in with tech ministry at FAC! If you'd like to participate in our Sunday morning experience through any of the following positions, we are more than happy to train and equip you to be a part of ministry in a "behind the scenes" capacity.

- **Audio:** We need some more audio volunteers to run sound for our Sunday morning services. Our audio volunteer is responsible each week for both the sanctuary audio as well as what goes out to the broadcast on all platforms!
 - **Computer:** If you have ever wanted to try your hand at running the graphics on the projectors, your help would be much appreciated! Minimal training is required, but it is an important position that requires concentration and timing!
 - **Director:** We'd love to add a few members to the director team. This team both controls
- the camera angles and switches between the different cameras that are shown on the broadcast each Sunday. This a very active position and allows for those in our congregation not able to come in person to have a great online experience and also serves as a common way that people check out FAC before attending in person.
- **Photography/videography:** If you have previous experience in photography and/or videography or would like to learn, we'd love to have you join this team! We provide you with the camera, you just spend the morning taking pictures and videos of different ministries and moments that take place! It's a fun way to use your gifts AND see all the different things that go on over the course of a Sunday at FAC.
- People in these roles serve one Sunday a month and we'd love to have you!



Silas Behnke works at the sound booth.



Eric Lynch
Worship Tech

Guest Services Team

Whether it is serving a cup of coffee, giving a high five at the door, or directing a new family to appropriate children's areas, our Guest services team is ready to serve every Sunday.

Guest Services is the first point of contact for visitors to our church. We get to partner with what God is doing in people's hearts and help define their initial experiences at First Alliance. We also love to help our church family by answering questions and sharing our gifts of hospitality!

If you have been considering joining the Guest Services team, now is the time! You are needed! As our church continues to grow and we look towards Easter, we have openings in every area! Most volunteers serve once or twice a month on the weeks of their availability.

Curious about what role you may enjoy most?

- **Ushers** help people find seats and welcome them to the sanctuary. They also record the attendance count.

- **Greeters** welcome guests and answer questions at our front and back doors.

- **Hosts** work at our welcome center to connect with guests and provide info to our church family. They direct to different parts of the



John Scott greets people at the front door

building for ministries and collect visitor contact info so church staff can follow up with guests. Most fun of all, they get to hand out our FAC guest gifts!

- **Coffee bar attendants** host the coffee area, restocking cups and creamers and brewing coffee to ensure a fresh supply all morning long.

- The **parking team** directs traffic flow and ensures our guests and church family have a good experience from the moment they drive on the property.

We give you all the tools and training you need for each of these roles, and times and dates are flexible to fit your volunteer availability. Please reach out to info@faclex.com to let us know you are interested in learning more, and Guest Services volunteer Eva Tsang will be in touch with you! We look forward to serving with you!



GREENHOUSE MINISTRY

At First Alliance Church, we are honored to be one of the C&MA's facilitators of a Greenhouse leadership development center. We have a 24-month residency program designed around career, ministry self-development, and discovery through the eyes of Jesus. We walk with these residents through weekly mentor meetings, 10 hours a week of ministry placement shadowing, 24 different monthly texts, and a yearly personal journey.

Our first Cohort is already over a year in! Drew Rinehart is married to Anna Veters, two amazing, mission-focused individuals pursuing the heart of Jesus together. Laytham and his fiancé,

Grace, are pursuing marriage; they covet your prayers. Drew

serves with our Prayer team, and Laytham Mangham with College and Men's ministry. We are so glad they are with us in residency!

Our second cohort started in the summer: Kaylee Jo Neeley from Wellington, Texas, and Delorges Lavra from Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. Kaylee Jo comes to us after graduating from West Texas A&M University and wants to grow in experience in children's ministry and missions. Delorges feels called to teach and preach in a pastoral setting but also explore how God is using his sports ministry calling as he is on the Asbury Men's Soccer team and is in his first year of his MBA at Asbury University. We are committed to raising up

the next generation of leaders, and this is one of the ways as a church we steward that responsibility. We are excited for the next generation of leaders that the body of Christ will learn and glean wisdom from.



Kendall McKee
Greenhouse & College
Ministry Director



DJ Rinehart
Greenhouse Resident
Cohort 1



Laytham Mangham
Greenhouse Resident
Cohort 1



Delorges Lavra
Greenhouse Resident
Cohort 2



Kaylee Jo Neeley
Greenhouse Resident
Cohort 2

We desire for our church to practically demonstrate the love of Christ to one another through how we care. We also believe care happens best in smaller communities and groups!

- Congregational Care ministry is here to resource, encourage and serve you when you are facing sensitive, on-going or critical needs in your life.
- Grief support books
- Christian counseling referrals
- Prayer support
- KIT Team (Keeping in Touch): a visitation team to the homebound or home limited
- Benevolence assistance through our benevolence fund
- Organization of meals for extenuating circumstances
- Please reach out to Jessica Freeburne, Coordinator of Congregational Care, if you have questions or if we can serve you jessica.freeburne@faclex.com.

You may designate giving to the benevolence fund on your check memo line, by putting it in the benevolence box at the back of the Sanctuary, or through selecting that fund on your online giving.

Join a Care Team!

Sunday Prayer Team

This team is a vital part of our Sunday mornings at FAC! Prayer team members are available to pray with individuals at the front of the sanctuary after service. You can also serve at the same service that you attend! If you have a heart for intercession and encouragement, please consider joining us!

Hospital Visitation Team

Our hospital team is available to visit and pray with individuals from our congregation while hospitalized. A training booklet is provided so you feel prepared and supported.

KIT Team

The Keeping in Touch ministry focuses on staying connected with those within our church family that are homebound or home-limited. A visit may include a time of prayer, a delivery of a small baked good or seasonal gift, and the latest issues of Engage or Alliance Life Magazine. If you're interested in joining this team or know of someone who would enjoy being visited, Please contact Jessica Freeburne for more information.



Janet Bambach and Lyndy Sparkman make KIT bags

Baptism Team

Come be a part of the team that helps prepare and provide special touches for those getting baptized! Team members help coordinate refreshments to serve in the atrium, set up decorations and prepare gifts for those getting baptized. Baptisms occur about 4-6 Sundays a year.

Please reach out to Jessica Freeburne, Coordinator of Congregational Care, if you have questions or if we can serve you at jessica.freeburne@faclex.com.



Jessica Freeburne
Coordinator of
Congregational Care

Facility, Office, & Grounds Team

We are always looking for help, inside and out!

- Painting
- Moving Furniture
- Organizing
- Event Set-up
- Mowing
- Mailings

Contact info@faclex.com to get plugged in!



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FAC Kids



Welcome to FAC Kids Birth through Kindergarten ministry!

The youngest members of our congregation meet during the 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 AM services and spend their Sunday mornings discovering the world God created through Bible stories, songs, and themed activities.

Contact Hannah Meredith at hannah.meredith@faclex.com for more info.



Hannah Meredith
Director of Nursery &
Preschool

Child Dedications

Child Dedications are Sunday, February 25! A Child Dedication Orientation for families who are interested in dedicating their children will take place on Sunday, February 18 at 9:00am.



Slavi Gantcheva serves in the toddler room



Nicole Merz teaches in the Giraffe class

We Need Your Help!

Our FAC Kids ministry continues to expand as we welcome lots of new babies and many new families to our church. We will serve close to 200 kids each week this winter birth through 4th grade, and we need help! If you would be willing to hold babies or hang with elementary kids even once a month, please reach out to us. We need helpers in every service, and we really do have the cutest, smartest and best kids on the planet!

Welcome to FAC Kids Elementary ministry!

Welcome to FAC Kids Elementary ministry – a place where God changes kids who change the world! Each week our 1st–4th graders get to experience the characters, places, and events of the Bible and our great God in a fun, energetic, and engaging environment.



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- Our **8:15am & 11:00am services** have the same lesson and feature a large group time.
- Our **9:30am service** has a different lesson and uses a format of grade based small groups in addition to some large group teaching.

Kids are welcome to stay for more than one service, as they will experience different material in back to back services.

Contact tim.davis@faclex.com for more info.



Tim Davis
Pastor to Children and Families

Baptism Class

FAC Kids who are interested in baptism are invited to join our baptism class January 28 and February 4 at 11:00am. Being baptized is not a requirement for taking the class. Baptism Sunday is February 11.



Galatians 2:20



FAC Kids act out carrying the Ark of the Covenant across the Jordan River

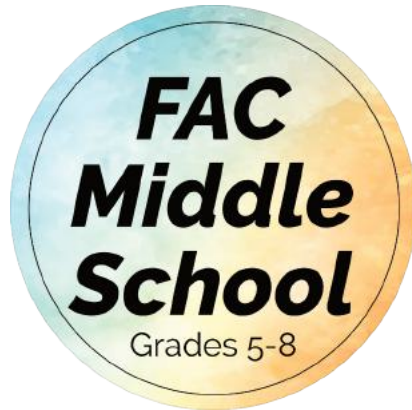


Willow Worthen, Micah Raszkowski, & Hazel Rehner dance to worship music in the Sanctuary.



Lawson Wright and Calvin Thomas learn about how Joshua "filled" Moses' shoes.

Middle School



Sunday Mornings

9:30-10:30, Room 217

We will spend the whole Spring semester in the New Testament covering the following topics.

- Young Jesus
- Miracles
- Easter
- Early Church
- Revelation

Wednesdays

6:30-8:30pm, Gym

We dive deeper into Scripture on Wednesday nights. Our lessons are cohesive with our Sunday morning experience to paint a fuller picture of the Gospel. Our topics include:

- Prayer
- One on One with Jesus
- Holy Spirit
- Mission



8th grade girls and their leaders Cindy Absher and Carrie Mungillo.

SPRING RETREAT

Join us for the 2024 Spring Retreat at Blue Grass Christian Camp!

Who: 5th-8th Grade

When: April 26-28

Cost: \$100

Register on the Church Center app or faclex.com/events



Jonas Doss, Walker Duerson, & Elijah Bentley



8th grade boys and their leaders Tim Bailie and Isaac Tandy at the last Fall Retreat.

Volunteering

We are always looking for incredible people to help lead our middle school students. If you are interested in helping or just have questions, please reach out!

Contact Tanner Fouts at tanner.fouts@faclex.com for more info.



Tanner Fouts
Pastor of Middle School

Parents! Text @midupdate to 81010 for the latest updates!

High School



Sign up for Remind to get all the most up to date information!

Parents! Text @facparents to 81010 for the latest updates!

Students! Text @facyth to 81010 for the latest updates!

FAC Youth is the high school ministry at First Alliance, where we desire students to bring glory to God, grow in their knowledge and application of God's Word, serve lovingly, and proclaim the Gospel.



High School students on Sunday morning.

Youth Service

Sundays, 9:30-10:30

Youth Room

Worship, teaching, and community.

Life Groups

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Jan. 10-May 15

Lower Auditorium

Enjoy dinner together and break into grade-based LIFE Groups.

Contact Dan McPherson at dan.mcpherson@faclex.com for more info.

SPRING RETREAT

Tentatively set for April 12-14

Join us for a time away with God and each other!

Register on the app or faclex.com/events



Dan McPherson
Pastor of High School



Top: Daniel Moye teaches on Sunday morning. Bottom right: Students listen to the lesson on Sunday.

OUT

TOWARDS OUR WORLD IN MISSION

Celebrate & Join Us!

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your engagement this past holiday season in providing Christmas meals and gifts! Your kindness and generosity blessed so many homes.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Russell Cave “Kids Better Reading Program”

We are back in session and excited with what God is doing! We can still use more tutors to match with our kids.

A volunteer's commitment to tutor with the Kids Reading Better program on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm will extend through Tuesday, April 18, 2024, with a special program for the parents, showcasing their reading growth.

If a volunteer needs to miss a tutoring session for any reason, they simply let us know and another tutor fills in for them by taking their child along with their own assigned student for that session.

Please consider serving with us in this important ministry to our partner!

Questions? Contact Shirley, our FAC volunteer program coordinator, at shirley.pauler@gmail.com.

Perspectives Class

Perspectives is a fifteen-lesson education course exploring different aspects of God's global purpose in a multi-faceted learning experience. The course examines the story of God fulfilling His promises from four vantage points or “perspectives” – Biblical, Historical, Cultural, and Strategic. The Biblical and Historical sections establish the foundation of our confidence in the historic fact of God's persistent work to make His name known to the nations from the dawn of history until today. The Cultural and Strategic sections highlight that we are in the midst of a costly but very “do-able” task. These sections confirm the Biblical and Historical hope we have with the invitation to co-labor with God in His mission. Register for this class at go.faclex.com/perspectives.

Local Impact Weekend:

Coming in March! Join us for a time of hearing how God is at work in our community through a weekend of speakers and interactive activities.



John Long reads with a student at Russell Cave Church of Christ

Acts 1:8 Teams

In order to streamline communication to each person's OUT heartbeat **and** to better serve our city and world, we have **four** OUT teams:

ACTS 1:8 LOCAL GO

ACTS 1:8 LOCAL GIVE

ACTS 1:8 CROSS-CULTURAL GO

ACTS 1:8 CROSS-CULTURAL GIVE

Sign up today at faclex.com/groups and join any or all of the Acts 1:8 Teams that best resonate with your heart for OUT! You will receive occasional messages with timely needs you can choose to engage with your time, talent or resources. Contact Pastor Tyrone with any questions and to let him know areas you would be interested in helping OUT!



Local Give



Local Go



Cross-cultural Give



Cross-cultural Go



Evangelism

Here at FAC we are grounded and centered around Jesus...plain and simple. Jesus and His Gospel is why we do what we do. Because of this, we deeply believe in and long for the lost to be found, the dead to come to life....for people to be introduced to and live in intimate relationship with Jesus!

Salvation Candle: On Sunday mornings, you can see a simple white candle on our stage. We use this simple candle to represent and celebrate someone coming to Christ that week. Whether it was a missionary, a mom, or a business man sharing the gospel over

lunch...we celebrate every time! If you have received Christ or had the privilege of leading someone to Christ, would you let us know so we can celebrate and serve you? Email tyrone.vinegar@faclex.com.

New Believer's Bibles: We have a brand new, easy to read, Bible for anyone that has received Christ as their Savior. If you have given your life to the Lord we would love to give you a Bible! If you have led someone to Jesus, please head to the Welcome Center to grab one to pass along.

See page 10 for our Evangelism 101 Class this quarter.



Global Impact weekend

Partnerships: Local and Cross-Cultural

Here at FAC we prioritize partnerships. Partnerships are important because we are better together! There are many folks around the world and in our city that have gone in front of us to do work that we want to

support, cheer on, and team-up with. We take our official partnerships seriously and want to help our church engage in them in many different ways. **Here are our partners!**

LOCAL

- **Wellington Elementary School**
Partnering with SueEllen Young in the Family Resource Center to care for students and parents with unique needs like food insecurity, tutoring, and ESL needs.
- **Natalie's Sisters** - Extending hope, support, and God's unconditional love to sexually exploited women in Lexington.
- **Booker T. Washington Elementary School** - Partnering with Monica Hall in the Family Resource Center to care for students and their parents with food, financial, ESL, and learning support.
- **Russell Cave Church of Christ**
Partnering with Pastor Fred Mitchell in ministry especially in their church's reading tutoring and Bible club with local children.
- **YoungLives** - As an expression of YoungLife, YoungLives operates with the vision to give every teen parent an opportunity to meet Jesus and give their lives to Him. We partner through mentoring, meeting practical needs, and hosting their club on a monthly basis.
- **Lexington Leadership Foundation** - Part of a global network working together to transform the cities in which they operate. Lexington Leadership Foundation's core ministries are The Fatherhood Initiative (life skills training for dads), The Prayer Room, Amachi (1:1 mentoring), and Urban Impact (after school and summer mentoring program).

GLOBAL

- **IncaLink** - We are partnering with their vision to reach all of Latin America's youth by regular coaching and collaboration calls and to explore new ways to reach youth in current locations and new countries!
- **Our International Workers** - We have the joy to partner with brothers and sisters sent all over the globe! Check out faclex.com/out for a complete list to pray for.

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Pastor of Outreach
& Missions

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