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**Speak truth. Know grace.**

**Acts 20:24**



**First Baptist of Opelika Missions**



## A Man on Mission

But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24 NKJV



**Our mission theme this year is in loving memory of Dr. Jeff Meyers—our pastor, friend, mentor, and faithful leader.**

When Jeff came to First Baptist, he cast a clear and strong vision, beginning with a call to “take up the anchor” of church debt. In just a few short years, God used his leadership to free us from that burden. This allowed those resources to be redirected toward missions, ministry, and future capital needs. As a result, our missions budget flourished enabling us to send and support our own missionaries. Jeff was an evangelist at heart, with a deep love for missions. One of my most cherished memories is serving alongside him on a mission trip and seeing him be moved to tears as the Spirit stirred his heart. Everything Jeff did, he did wholeheartedly and with great joy. Acts 20:24 beautifully reflects the life we witnessed in him each day—a man who spoke truth and knew grace.

Jeff led us well and set a great example. We should all be encouraged to live every day on Mission; take every opportunity to share the Gospel, and love people unconditionally.

I am so blessed and thankful that God allowed us to work together. He spurred me on and challenged us all to “finish well”.

Alan Jones  
Missions Pastor

# generosity

First Baptist Opelika is financially committed to missions. Approximately 18% of our total budget is invested directly into mission work. You generously give 10% of our annual budget through the Cooperative Program. We also have a strong and intentional mission budget and provide monthly support for eleven of our own missionary families. In addition, we have designated missions line items within our Age-graded ministries. This generosity reflects our conviction that we are truly a Church On Mission.

Beyond the funds sent to and used on the field, FBCO also supports our mission staff and International Pastors through our personnel budget. We are thankful for a church family that gives faithfully, and we are committed to stewarding every gift with care and integrity.

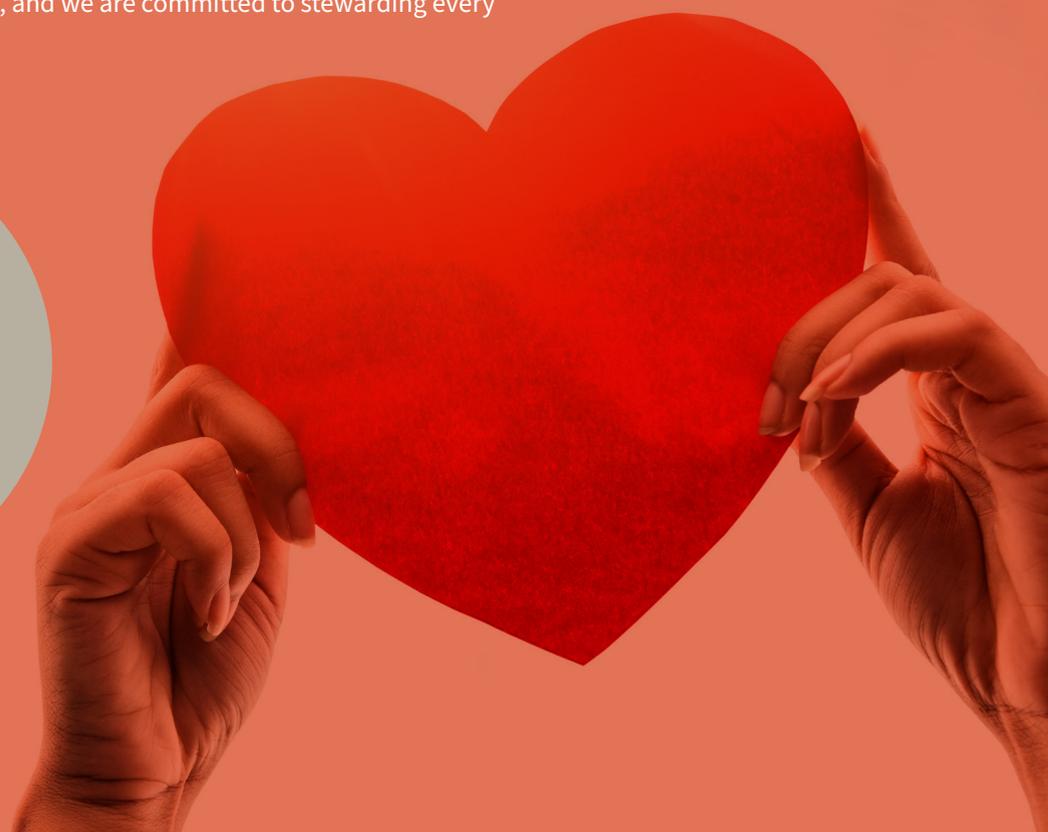
*You gave:*

**Lottie Moon 2025**

\$356,397.26

**Annie Armstrong 2025**

\$128,746



## Local

### REACHING LEE COUNTY

FBCO works in different capacities with many local ministries. We believe that missions are across the street as well as across the ocean. Here are some of the partners that we worked with in 2025; there are always opportunities for you to get involved locally.

- Alabama Baptist Convention
- Athletes in Action
- BigHouse Foundation
- Christian Women's Job Corp
- Harvest Evangelism
- Love Lee County
- Mercy Medical
- North American Mission Board
- The Way 2 Serve
- Women's Hope
- Youth For Christ – Juvenile Justice Ministry
- Others





### MY JERUSALEM

My Jerusalem is a local service day we share twice each year, and we would love for you to join us. Alongside other churches in our community, led by The Way 2 Serve, we come together to rebuild homes, form meaningful relationships, and help rebuild lives—always centered on the love of Jesus.

It's a joyful, hands-on day of ministry. Some serve on construction projects, others bring neighborhoods together through block parties, and many share encouragement and kindness through our cookie outreach. There truly is a place for everyone.

One of the best ways to serve is with your Sunday School class, but individuals and families are welcome too. Anyone can get involved by registering at [theway2serve.org](http://theway2serve.org).

Mark your calendar and come serve with us at our next My Jerusalem on April 11, 2026. We can't wait to see how God works through us together.



## National REACHING DOMESTICALLY

### PORT ST. JOE

The momentum is incredible! We've officially reached housing capacity for our Port St. Joe, Florida college mission trip.

This Spring Break, hundreds of FBCO college students will descend on Port St. Joe with hearts ready to serve. They'll be sharing the Gospel, tackling construction projects, hosting block parties, and connecting with the community in powerful ways.

2026 will be our largest team ever, and we're thrilled to partner with WindMark Beach Church for what promises to be an exciting and impactful week of ministry.



### DISASTER RELIEF

We are committed to being the hands and feet of Christ in times of crisis. This year, our goal is to grow our trained volunteer team so we are ready to respond whenever the need arises. Several training opportunities are available in the coming months. Training for a variety of roles will be offered at First Baptist Fairhope on February 5–7. Shower and laundry unit training will take place at the Disaster Relief Center in Prattville on Saturday, March 21. Additional training for multiple positions will be held at First Baptist Ashville, Alabama, on March 26–28.

A complete list of Disaster Relief training opportunities is available at [ALSBOM.org](http://ALSBOM.org). We invite you to prayerfully consider how God might use you to serve others during times of need.



## Spotlight on Boston

We are grateful to continue our partnership with Life Community Church in Weymouth, Massachusetts. This past Christmas break, a team of our college students served alongside the church, and we look forward to having students there again throughout the summer.

In addition, we will be sending an All Age Group team July 13–17 to join other churches in serving the Greater Boston area through a variety of ministries and Gospel outreach. We invite you to pray about joining us as we partner with the Madden family and come alongside this newly planted church with encouragement, service, and support.

Pastor Noah & Tarin Madden, Daniel





# International

## REACHING GLOBALLY

Your generous giving has empowered numerous mission efforts worldwide. In 2024, we were able to make significant financial contributions to our partners, enabling them to minister in areas such as pastor training, Christian business education, feeding families, gospel film production, Bible translation and distribution, church planting, well digging, malnutrition recovery for infants, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, medical missions, orphan care, water purification, and much more.

### WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THESE PARTNERS:

- Business As Missions
- Christian Medical and Dental Association
- E3
- Faith Comes By Hearing
- Foundations For Hope
- Four Corners Ministries
- Frontiers
- GlobeWorks
- InStep International
- Lovelink Inc.
- Orphanage Emmanuel
- Pioneers
- Radical Church
- Scatter Christ



## Spotlight on El Salvador

This marks our eighth year of partnership with Love Link, a Christian nonprofit serving more than 800 families from the slums of San Salvador, El Salvador. Love Link cares for severely malnourished babies and children, ages five and under, who are referred from local hospitals. Many arrive near death. Because of extreme poverty, many mothers are malnourished and unable to produce breast milk, and families cannot afford infant formula.

Love Link provides around-the-clock care for up to 25 babies at a time, offering life-saving nutrition, medical treatment, and continued support after discharge. More importantly, Love Link shares the hope of the Gospel with each family, offering comfort, prayer, and connection to local churches for ongoing discipleship and support.

In 2026, our goal is to help Love Link build a small on-site apartment where families can stay overnight while admitting or discharging their children. Many families currently walk for hours—or even days—to reach the center. In 2025, we provided a financial gift to cover building materials, and this year our mission teams will help complete the project, extending both practical care and Christ-centered compassion.

Pictured on the right are Gerson and Mariela Roque and Family, Directors of Love Link Inc.



# Our Missionaries



We are grateful to walk alongside the missionaries God has called from our church. This year, we have four missionaries that we commissioned serving with the IMB, along with ten additional families serving through other mission agencies. Each of these families is deeply valued and is given priority access to our missionary housing, which they may reserve up to three years in advance. We also joyfully provide monthly financial support to our non-IMB missionary families.

Because some of our missionaries serve in high-risk areas, we are careful to protect their identities and locations. As they are featured throughout the year, we invite you to faithfully lift each of these families up in prayer—asking God to strengthen them, protect them, and use them mightily for His glory.

# go with us!

## Short-Term Teams

Join us on one of our short-term mission teams in 2026! Our heart this year is to welcome more first-time participants than ever before. Time and again, we hear powerful stories of lives being changed—both on the field and at home—through the experience of a mission trip.

We offer a variety of trips designed to help you use your unique gifts while sharing the life-changing good news of Jesus Christ. Along the way, you'll build meaningful friendships and form lifelong connections with others who are walking this journey with you.

Say YES to what God may be calling you to do—and start by getting your passport!

In addition to the scheduled dates, we frequently send small groups such as Business As Missions to various locations. You can always check with the missions office for additional opportunities.

### COLLEGE TEAMS ARE GOING TO THESE LOCATIONS:

- Boston, MA
- New Orleans, LA
- Port St Joe, FL
- India
- North Africa
- Eastern Europe
- Western Europe
- Toronto, Canada
- Uganda



### COSTA RICA MOUNTAINS | MAY 30-JUNE 5

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### COSTA RICA PACIFIC COAST | JUNE 17-23

We will be working with children in local schools and churches, and also in a refugee neighborhood. We will lead fiestas at 2 church plants in the nearby mountains, and worship with our partner church Cielos Abiertos. (Open Heaven)

### UGANDA | JUNE 18-27

This team will be doing member care for our missionaries Mary Kathryn and Emmy. We will also be teaching the Bible. If you have a passion for teaching, check this out!

### HONDURAS MEDICAL/DENTAL | JULY 11-18

We are working with our 30 year partner, Baptist Medical Dental, in a remote village. Our team will be working with doctors, dentists, and pharmacists to give assistance to over 1000 patients. We also share the Gospel at the clinic and from door to door. Medical experience is not necessary.

### BOSTON | JULY 13-18

We will be working with Life Community Church on a project called Serve the City. It is a week in which many churches come together to meet needs and share the hope of Jesus. This is in cooperation with the NAMB church planting strategy in Greater Boston.

### EL SALVADOR | JULY 19-25

We will serve with an organization that provides care to babies in severe malnutrition. We will do various things as needed: Helping in the feeding centers, completing construction projects, serving in the community and evangelism programs.



# INFORMATION NIGHT

February 15th at 4:30 p.m.

Information night for ALL Short-Term teams is February 15th beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the main building women's retreat space.

**Open to All**

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**NOT PICTURED: Chase Barbrey, Missions/Outreach**

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