

A Word from Our Pastor

First Baptist Church of Spanish Fort is strategically located on the scenic eastern shore of the historic Mobile Bay in the midst of a rapidly growing area.

In these changing times we share the life-changing message of God's unchanging Word by giving the Bible a voice.

We are a conservative, evangelistic, Bible-believing, mission-minded, Southern Baptist church and we welcome you to join us in worship, fellowship, and stewardship under the Lordship of Jesus Christ!

Blessings,
Dr. Frank

WORSHIP SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Sunday

Prayer Time	7:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Morning Worship	11:00 AM
Angel Choir 1 st – 12 th Grades	5:30 PM
Adult Discipleship Training	5:30 PM
Evening Worship	6:30 PM

Tuesday – Handbell Choir 7:30 PM

Wednesday

5:30 PM	– Youth/Children Supper
6:00 PM	– Youth/Children Services in Gym
6:30 PM	– Nursery provided in gym
6:30 PM	Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
7:30 PM	Adult Choir Practice

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dedicated individuals who are eager to communicate God's Word lead Sunday School at First Baptist Church. Classes are available for all age groups including a nursery, beginning each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

We invite you to join a Sunday School class this Sunday.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

For nearly a century, under a variety of names, the work of training disciples has continued at First Baptist Church.

We believe Discipleship Training is the best way to equip Christians in spiritual growth and development. Discipleship Training provides an opportunity to prepare believers to live out what they believe, and classes being each Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m.

We invited you to join a Discipleship Training class this Sunday.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Bible teaches that we should “come into His presence with singing” and to “enter into His courts with praise.”

God commands believers in Ephesians 5:18b-20 to “be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

We seek to obey this biblical mandate by congregational singing to express our love and appreciation of God's great forgiveness and faithfulness toward us. Various choirs and ensembles for adults, youth, and children, proclaim the name of Christ through cantatas, dramatic presentations and praise worship.

The Lord has blessed First Baptist Church with many individuals who possess musical gifts sing and play inspirational music to the glory of God.

STUDENT MINISTRY

The Student Ministry at First Baptist Church provides many opportunities for students of various ages to grow and develop as believers. Students can come to Bible study time on Sunday morning at 9:45 and worship at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday nights afford opportunities for Christian education and recreation in the Family Life Center beginning at 5:30 with supper. We have Mission Friends, R.A.s, and G.A.s for children and Bible study for Youth followed by a time of recreation.

Summers are filled with special activities for Students to get to know the Lord and to grow in fellowship with Him and each other to include summer camps, mission projects, camp outs, lock ins, fellowships, fun days, and Vacation Bible School.

You are welcome to join our Student Ministry.

Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of, and use of, destructive drugs or intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to shun pornography; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

How to be Saved

If you do not know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord you can pray a prayer like this:
Dear God, I know that I am a sinner, in thought, in word and in deed. I am a sinner by nature and a sinner by choice. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of my sin and that He rose from the grave on

the third day. I ask Jesus to take over my life and to be my Savior, my Lord, and my King. Thank you for giving me the forgiveness of my sin and everlasting life. Amen.

How to Join First Baptist Church

If you have a desire to unite with our fellowship, one of the following means will fit your situation: *JOINING BY PROFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM*...For those who would receive Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior and obediently follow Him in baptism by immersion, *JOINING BY TRANSFER OF LETTER*...For Baptists whose membership is currently in another Baptist church, *JOINING BY STATEMENT OF FAITH*...For Christians of another denomination of like faith and baptism.

About our Pastor

Dr. Franklin L. Kirksey is pastor of First Baptist Church of Spanish Fort, Alabama where he has served since 2004. He was born on November 22, 1961 in Mobile, Alabama and was born again on May 16, 1965 in Citronelle, Alabama. Kirksey was called to the ministry after high school graduation in 1979 and has been a pastor for over twenty years. He has served churches in Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina.

He received his B.A. degree (cum laude) from William Carey University, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in 1983 where he was inducted into the Alpha Chi National Honor Society; he was selected Most Promising Student in Psychology in 1981; the M.Div. degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1986; the D.Min. degree from Southern Baptist School for Biblical Studies, Jacksonville, Florida, in 2001, where he received the President's Scholarship and served as a Research Assistant to Dr. Charles A. Williams, president. He was inducted into the R.G. Lee Society of Fellows at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee on January 2, 2002.

Dr. Kirksey is the author of *Sound Biblical Preaching: Giving the Bible a Voice* (North Charleston, South Carolina: BookSurge Publishing, An Amazon.com Company, 2005) it is also available on the WORDsearch 8 Preaching Library DVD-ROM (Austin, Texas, WORDsearch Corp., 2007.

Kirksey married Sharon Margaret Swartz of Columbia, South Carolina, on May 18, 1991. Sharon is a wonderful helpmate, who faithfully, effectively and submissively serves as a partner in ministry. To God be the glory!

Welcome to First Baptist Church of Spanish Fort

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Spanish Fort, AL

Located between the Eastern Shore Center and Spanish Fort Town Center (Bass Pro Shops) on US Hwy 31, 1.5 miles west of State Hwy 181 (David's Catfish House), or, 3 miles east of intersection of US 31/State Hwy 225 (Bruno's Shopping Center.)

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Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

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