



FBC PRATTVILLE INFORMATION PACKET

Worship Pastor Search Team



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

PRATTVILLE, AL

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ABOUT FBCP

First Baptist Church of Prattville, Alabama, is a church family that is devoted to the Word (Psalm 19:7-11), centered on Jesus (Colossians 1:9-20), committed to one another (John 13:34-35; Romans 12:10-18) and sent on mission (Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 10:12-17). At over 185 years old, First Baptist Prattville can trace its roots to the founding of our city. God continues to bless our church with spiritual growth, as well as growth in attendance and strength in giving.

First Baptist Prattville is a multi-generational congregation, both in diversity of age groups and in generations of families that worship together and call FBCP home. We have a long history of love for music in worship and in other areas of ministry. From childhood and for as long as one is able, there is an opportunity for individuals to use their gifts and talents in our worship ministry.

Our worship ministry staff will work with our next Worship Pastor, serving in their respective roles. This team has done a tremendous job in the interim and leads our worship ministry well. Our next Worship Pastor will join a team that will be an asset to him and his transition.

Our Worship Associate is a gifted musician and leads our contemporary worship service. He currently handles worship planning, music selections, team assignments, and leads rehearsals for the worship band and worship teams. He also is currently leading the student choir as they prepare for their 2024 Sing and Serve tour to St. Louis.

We have an interim worship leader that is responsible for planning, music selections and rehearsals for our worship choir, orchestra and accompanists in our traditional service. He also led rehearsals and the performance of the 2023 Christmas program.

Our worship ministry assistant coordinates the volunteers and details of our worship services and rehearsals. She has a love for our worship ministry and participates as a gifted singer and as the production director for our services.

There are several additional paid and volunteer staff that are also part of our worship ministry team: pianists, organists, technical lead, production director, sound operators, orchestra coordinator and music director.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Music and Worship Groups

- **Children's Music** – We have had a graded children's music program and children's choirs for many years. Currently, this is included as a part of our midweek program on Wednesday nights for children in first through sixth grades.
- **Children's Honor Choir** – Each year, we have children that audition for and participate in the Alabama State Children's Honor Choir. FBCP had 9 audition and make the Honor Choir for 2024.
- **Student Choir** – We have a student choir for students in 7th-12th grades. This group practices weekly, sings in several worship services throughout the year and participates in an annual choir/mission trip. There are 75 students enrolled in the student choir and currently 56 students registered for the 2024 Sing and Serve tour to St. Louis.
- **Student Worship Band and Singers** – This group of instrumentalists and vocalists is a combination of students and adults that lead our students in Wednesday night worship. Where possible, students are auditioned and utilized in these positions. This group meets weekly to rehearse for the upcoming week's student worship service.
- **Worship Choir** – This is our choir for ages 18 and older. The choir meets weekly for rehearsals and leads our traditional worship service music each week. We have a healthy worship choir program that averages 50-60 for weekly worship and had around 90 participants for the 2023 Christmas program.
- **Orchestra** – First Baptist Prattville has an instrumental ensemble that participates in weekly traditional worship and special programs. This group is anchored by our staff pianist and organist, and consists of brass, woodwind, string, bass and percussion instrumentalists and averages 14-20 most weeks.
- **Worship Band** – This band consists of piano, keyboard, violin, acoustic and electric guitars, bass and drums. We are blessed to have multiple instrumentalists available for most instruments as backups or in rotation. This group meets weekly for rehearsals and leads our contemporary worship service music each week. This band also joins the worship choir and orchestra for special programs and services.
- **Worship Team** – The worship team is a group of auditioned singers that lead our contemporary service vocally each week. On a rotation, one or more singers are paired with the worship band musicians. Occasionally, multiple singers will be grouped as a praise choir. The instrumentalists and singers for the week will rehearse during the week prior and on Sunday morning.
- **Tech Teams** – FBCP has several tech teams to support the various technical aspects of worship and music: production, sound, lights, media, staging/props, cameras/streaming. These teams consist of paid and volunteer members, and work closely with our worship staff to plan, rehearse and prepare for each service, special program or event held on campus.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Milestones in Music and Worship at FBCP

- Hosted concerts with various national recording artists.
- Student choir trips to Atlanta, Charleston, Dallas, Miami, Nashville, New York City, Orlando, St. Louis, Washington, D.C.
- Student choir premier presentations of new musicals at the Pine Mountain music conference
- Worship choir trip to New York City to perform in Carnegie Hall
- Worship choir European trip with Phil Barfoot
- Two worship choir professional recordings

Regular Music and Worship Programs

- Sunday Services – 9:30 a.m. traditional service and 11:00 a.m. contemporary service
- Wednesday Programs – Wednesday Night Student Worship
- Evenings of Worship – Other nights of worship held periodically throughout the year as a blend of hymns and modern songs
- Good Friday Service – Instrumental and vocals
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Instrumental and vocals
- Worship Choir Christmas Program – Worship Choir, Orchestra and Worship Band
- Children's Christmas Program – Children's choirs led by piano and recorded music
- Vacation Bible School – As a major discipleship event of FBCP's Preschool and Children's Ministries, there is a significant worship element of this program that is led by the VBS and children's ministry teams. It also involves the technical aspects of our worship facilities.
- Disciple Now – An outside band leads in worship through music for this annual student ministry event. While this event is led by the student ministry staff and team, it has a significant worship element that involves the technical aspects of our worship facilities.
- Student Choir Homecoming Concert – Upon return from their Sing and Serve tour, the student choir will lead music and worship in the following Sunday morning services.

FBCP BY THE NUMBERS

2023 Statistics

- 2,326 Resident Members
- A Growing and Thriving Church
 - 55 Baptisms
 - 150 First-Time Guest Families
 - 10.8% Worship Attendance Increase
 - Worship Average Attendance: 1107 (408 traditional, 699 contemporary)
 - Sunday School Average Attendance: 824
 - Wednesday Night Average Attendance across all age groups: 500-600
- A Multi-Generational Church
 - 6% – Babies - 5yrs
 - 10% – 1st - 6th grades
 - 16% – 7th grade - 19
 - 27% – Ages 20-40
 - 20% – Ages 41-60
 - 21% – Ages 61 and up
- A Missions-Minded Church
 - 66 Adults on short-term missions
 - 33 Students on short-term missions
 - 71 Students in Miami for choir/mission trip
 - Averaged 760 children and leaders each day for Vacation Bible School
 - 136 enrolled in FBCP English Second Language (ESL) classes
 - 50+ Countries listened to the FBCP Podcasts
 - Over \$120,000 Budgeted for Missions for 2024
- A Faithful and Giving Church
 - Over \$3.75 million given – largest budget giving in FBCP history
 - 57 first-time givers
 - Annie Armstrong – Goal: \$100,000, Given: \$102,408
 - Lottie Moon – Goal: \$200,000, Given: \$216,225
 - Send Offering (special missions offering): Goal: \$80,000, Given: \$109,592
 - Gospel of Luke Translation Project: Goal: \$40,285, Given: \$48,919

OUR COMMUNITY

About Prattville

Prattville is a place you will quickly want to call home! It is a tight-knit community that welcomes families and guests with open arms. Prattville is one of the fastest growing cities in Alabama, but it maintains that small-town feel while also providing the retail, restaurants and recreation options you might expect from larger communities.

Prattville is a New England-style city founded in 1838 and is nestled in the heart of Alabama. Situated between Autauga and Elmore counties in central Alabama, Prattville is considered “three hours from everywhere” – the beach, lakes, state parks, Atlanta, Nashville, New Orleans, etc. Prattville is also known as “The Fountain City” due to the abundance of natural springs around town.

As the “birthplace of industry” in Alabama, Prattville’s rich history spans the life and accomplishments of its founder Daniel Pratt, the great industrialist. Prattville features the Daniel Pratt Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, where some of the sites date back to the Civil War era. Today, Prattville is home to prominent local, national and international businesses and industries.

Prattville offers a number of public and private school options. First Baptist Prattville is blessed to have many teachers and administrators among our membership.

Prattville boasts a wide variety of natural and recreational attractions, including golfing, canoeing, hiking, fishing and other means of entertainment. Prattville’s cultural and retail attractions, numerous antique and specialty stores, and excellent dining establishments are sure to please almost any taste.

Statistics:

- 12th Largest City in Alabama
- 17th Fastest Growing City in Alabama
- County Seat of Autauga County
- Population of 40,000 (14,300 Households) as of 2022
- 2023 Best Suburbs for Young Professionals in Alabama
- Top 5 Best Main Streets
- Top 10 Golf Cities