



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAIRDALE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025



Prayer is an integral part in the life of the believer. Throughout God's word, from Genesis to Revelation, we see men and women crying out to God in prayer. There are prayers recorded and woven into all parts of the Bible. Jesus makes sure to teach his disciples how to pray, and Paul instructs us to pray "in everything" (Phil. 4:6) and "without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). Clearly the Bible takes prayer seriously.

At FBC Fairdale, we recognize the importance of prayer. Sometimes prayer can be difficult or seem awkward or feel unproductive. But if we value God's word, we must seek to prioritize prayer in the same way. Because of this, we strive to make prayer a part of the

regular rhythm of our church. Each Sunday, we have multiple times of prayer during our regular worship service. Every Sunday school class and Bible study begins and ends with a time of prayer. We take time on Wednesday evenings to gather to pray for one another and the things going on in our lives and in the lives of those around us. We are encouraged to continue praying during the week for the requests mentioned on Wednesday evenings. Once a month, both our men and our women meet for a time of fellowship and focused prayer at our Prayer Breakfasts. We pray before church meals and before leaving for camps and retreats. Our church does a lot of praying!

Coming up in less than 2 weeks, we have another opportunity to spend focused time in prayer. Twice a year (once in February and once in August), we set aside 24 hours to dedicate to individual and small group prayer. Our 24 Hours of Prayer is August 15 & 16 (starting and ending at 4:00 pm) and it is our hope that you will join us during this time. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the office. Pick a time (even if someone is already signed up!) and make plans to come to the church during that hour and pray. May we as a church take seriously our need to pray and God's desire for us to pray. May we declare God's praises, confess our sins, and ask for His mercy and grace in our lives!

# The Nation of Israel in the Plan of God

**Josh Wamble | Pastor**

It is the end of summertime again, and that means we are ready for our next Answers in August series! We hope that you have found these series helpful over the years, and we hope that you are already looking forward to this year's meetings.

This year, starting on Sunday, we will be looking at what the Bible says about Israel and how believers should relate to Israel today. This has been a big question and topic of discussion among believers over the past several months. Israel has been in the news a lot lately. There have been conflicts with Iran and with Hamas and the Palestinians. There have been military actions involving the US even. This has caused many to ask many questions.

Is the Israel that exists today the same as the Israel in the Old Testament? Does Gen. 12:3 instruct us to be supportive of Israel (to bless Israel) today? If so, are there any limits on this support? Is there one plan of salvation for Jews and Gentiles both or does God interact with those two groups in two different ways? How does Jesus birth, death, and resurrection affect the promises God made to Abraham and others? Do these promises apply to Gentile people today?

Should we be supportive no matter what the Israeli government does? Does blessing Israel equate to supporting those in positions or governmental power? What does it mean to "bless" Israel to begin with? Is Israel still God's chosen people today? Where do the church and Gentiles fit into His plan? How do the Old and New Testaments

fit together and relate to one another? What part does Israel have in the final days, and what will happen with Israel when Jesus returns? Will there be a great number of Jews turning to Jesus at the end of the age?

Perhaps you have been wondering some of these things yourself. Maybe you have asked some of these same questions or others. Maybe you have found these questions too complicated or difficult to find answers to. This is a big, complicated discussion. Many Bible passages are involved. It takes wisdom to understand how they fit together and how to apply them in our lives.

We are looking forward to this study and think it will be good for our church. We hope you will join us for this series. We will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 according to the schedule below. We hope you will bring your questions and be prepared to study God's word together!

August 10 - First Session

August 17 - Second Session

August 24 - Third Session

August 31 - No Service  
(Labor Day Weekend)

September 7 - Panel Discussion with all 4 FBCF Pastors answering your questions

# Discipling the Next Generation

**Andrew Crawford | Minister of Music**

The transition from adolescence into adulthood is one of the most pivotal times in a person's life. It's during these college and early adult years that lifelong beliefs, faith, and identity is tested and formed, and future paths are set. For this very reason, our church's investment in college and early adult ministry is essential to the strengthening of the church and the building of the next generation of church leaders.

Jesus spoke of the importance of building on a solid foundation. In Matthew 7, He compares a life built on His word to a house set on a rock. In a culture of shifting values and uncertain truths, young adults need the steady, unshakable foundation of Christ. They need discipleship, community, and purpose, and the local church is here to provide it. This is not just something I know to be true in theory; it is the experience of my own life and a truth that I have seen play out in lives of many young people.

## ***Be Present in Their Lives***

College students and young adults crave connection and authentic relationships. Titus 2 reminds us of the power of intergenerational discipleship: "[Older men]...urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works". Your presence, prayers, conversations and mentoring can make a lasting difference. Invite them to lunch, coffee, and into your homes. In doing so, you are investing in the next generation of church leaders.

## ***Teach the Word with Truth and Depth***

College students and young adults are not looking for a shallow faith. They long

for truth that stands firm in the midst of the chaos and ever-changing nature of the world around them. May we never water down the gospel for the sake of cultural relevancy. The next generation of leaders need strong truth and bold teaching.

## ***Empower Them to Lead and Serve***

Leadership is best learned through experience. Paul told Timothy "Don't let anyone despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." Investing in young people in the church means encouraging them to serve and empowering them to lead.

Let's stand together as a church family, pouring into the next generation through discipleship, equipping, and bold teaching. A church that is not investing in raising up the next generation of believers and leaders is a church that is fading.