

## Pastor Mark and Jo Howdeshell

Pastor Mark has served at First Baptist since August 12th, 2007. He was ordained as the Youth Pastor at University Baptist Church (Fairbanks) in 2001 and served until he resigned to deploy with the United States Army in November of 2004.

Jo is the church pianist and clerk and works as a Department of the Army Civilian on Fort Wainwright. Though not flying any longer, Jo served as a UH-1 Huey helicopter pilot in the Army and that's how Mark and Jo met.

Pastor Mark is also the Secretary/Treasurer/ Parliamentarian of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Fairbanks. He is firmly committed to the total Church of Believers established by God.

Come get to know the Howdeshell's.

## Pastor Jackie and Traci Combs

Pastor Jackie came onboard as our Associate Pastor in August of 2021 after he, his wife, Traci, and 6 of their children made the trek from Alabama to Alaska to serve the Lord.

Pastor Jackie graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with his M-DIV in May 2013.

# **Two Churches in One**

First Baptist Church welcomes our partners in the ministry whose churches meet in our facility.

Frontier Baptist Church meets here at 4:00 PM on Sunday. Their calling is to serve the students at UAF and the true Alaskan people. Join Pastor James Suh and their church family in worship and service to the Lord.



<u>Sunday</u> Sunday School @ 9:45 AM Worship Service @ 11:00 AM (Livestreamed and recorded on Facebook, YouTube, our website, and our church app for IOS or Android) <u>Wednesday</u> Zoom Online Bible Study for 30 minutes @ 7:30 every Wednesday night– See our website for the link







Celebrating 75 years of planting seeds in the Interior Mark 4:26-32

## 75 Years of Serving God

First Baptist Church was started in 1945 and has been serving God for over 75 years by planting seeds in the Interior of Alaska and Fort Wainwright. We want to serve YOU now. Come join us as we worship together, serve together, and love one another.

### Serving in the Military?

For those currently serving in the military, FBC is uniquely prepared to serve you. Pastor Mark and Deacon Paul are retired out of the Army and Air Force. Their wives have served alongside them and together, they can minister to the entire military family.

Are you a single soldier away from home for the first time? FBC has a ministry just for you. Come meet and talk to our young soldiers and if you

need a ride, send us an email or give the church a call.



# **Our Vision**

Our vision is clear... TO PREPARE FOR RAIN

A story is told of two farmers that went to church every Sunday and prayed for rain. Only one farmer went back and planted his crops and prepared for the harvest. Which farmer demonstrated more faith?

### What about us?

First Baptist Church has been called to prepare for rain. We welcome our new Associate Pastor Jackie Combs and his family, so we can be prepared for the rain. We welcome our Worship Ministry Team, so we can be prepared for rain. We welcome our Children's/Youth Program Team Leaders...so we can be prepared for rain. We are praying every day for guidance and direction so that we can be prepared for rain. Join us as we await God's blessings and prepare for the rain on the horizon.





# **Our Mission**

We are a Gospel believing, Gospel preaching church committed to our mission of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth... starting in our own backyard.

### Matthew 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." —NIV

## **Opportunities to Serve**

We are always looking to help people put their talents to use serving the Lord. Want to learn how to run the sound system, produce our livestream, usher, or play with our worship team? Are you ready to lead our children? Like to work on building projects? This is the place for you!

### **Contact Us**

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