



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 works as a Department of the Army Civilian on Fort Wainwright. She can often be found on the volleyball court playing or coaching young girls. 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 Church of Believers established by God.

Come get to know the Howdeshell's.

## Three Churches in One

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

Fairbanks Hispanic Foursquare Church meets here at 1:30 PM on Sunday. Pastor Buena Ventura Alas, his wife Sayda, and their church family welcomes you to join them. Translation is available.

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.

### First Baptist Service Times

#### Sunday

*Sunday School @ 9:45 AM*  
*Worship Service @ 11:00 AM*

#### Thursday

*REFUEL @ 6:30 PM*

*All of Pastor Mark's sermons can be found on the church's website.*

<https://firstbaptistfairbanks.com/sermons>





**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
of Fairbanks

*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 almost 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, Deacon Tom, and Deacon Paul are all retired out of the Army or 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 Worship Ministry Team, so we can prepare for rain. We are seeking God's servants called to lead our Children's Program... so we can be prepared for rain. We welcome our new Young Adults Sunday School Teacher... for the rain that's coming. We are praying every day for guidance and direction because the rain is on its way!

Join us as we await God's blessings and prepare for the rain on the horizon.



### Join us for Thursday night **REFUEL!**

We join together on Thursday night at 6:30 to sing, or do puzzles, play games, eat dinner, or... It's a time to spend with the Family refueling to face the end of the week.

## 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."

## 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, 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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