

FREEDOM CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Thursdays at 6:15 p.m.

Worship Service

EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 A.M.

Nursery & Children's Activities

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope that your holiday season has been one of joy and peace, and I trust that the year ahead will be one of blessing for each of us.

In November and December, I asked you to be in prayer for our Freedom Mega-Conference/Kogi Crusade at our Idah 2 campus in Nigeria. I am happy to report that God moved powerfully in that week of meetings. More than 100 people gave their lives to Jesus that week, and many others were set free from sickness and demonic oppression. God is so good! Because you continue to pray and give, lives continue to be changed.



I have asked you for the past few months to pray about the possibility of planting two new campuses of Freedom Church International in Edo state, Nigeria. Pastor Emmanuel (in Agenabode) and Pastor Gabriel (in Benin City) have been doing the groundbreaking work of prayer and building relationships in both of these cities for many weeks now, and God is already at work in both locations. In Agenabode, a very Muslim-influenced community in northern Edo state, 25 people have already signed-up to help launch Freedom Church there. Also, in Benin City, roughly 20 people have signed up to do the same; Benin City consist of 1.5 million people (which serves as the unofficial center of idolatry and pagan worship in Nigeria). Though we have not formally launched in either location, these two groups of people are already meeting weekly for worship and to pray for their cities! God is clearly at work, and He continues to use FCI to reach unreached people in needy regions of Nigeria.

Here at the Fairhope campus, we continue to see God at work in so many different areas. Our Celebrate Recovery Leadership Team has grown larger and stronger in 2024, and the results are being seen in changed lives through this powerful, Christ-centered, 12-Step ministry. Our Kids' World classes on Sunday mornings have grown to a level that we have not seen before in the post-Covid era, and our Student Ministry continues to flourish. Adult small groups are also as healthy as ever and we continue to see new faces join us for worship every Sunday!

Our Young Adult Ministry (singles 19-29) will be attending the Passion Conference in Atlanta in January. Please pray for our Young Adults who will be attending- that they have safe travels and experience God in a new way, ...

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED...

surrounded by others from across the nation. Also in January, I will be leading a team from our Fairhope campus to Delta state, Nigeria, to do ministry at our Sapele Highway campus there.

Indeed, God is at work on every campus of Freedom Church International, and we each have a role to play. This is going to be a great year at Freedom! As we pray, believe, give, and serve, God will do His part to change lives and impact communities. I am so excited to share this journey with you!

You Are Loved!
Mark

CELEBRATE RECOVERY | LEADERSHIP TRAINING

By: John and Salley Beck, Recovery Pastors

Happy New Year, Freedom Church! As a follow up on news already shared by Pastor Mark, our Celebrate Recovery ministry is indeed flourishing. Back in the Fall, 9 members of our leadership team were able to attend the CR Regional Leadership Training near Birmingham, Alabama, and we had a wonderful, inspiring weekend. It is our hope to have brought back ideas and methods which will allow us to host a more effective Thursday night gathering, allowing Freedom to better serve our community with Christ centered recovery.



We are continuing to pray that the Lord creates an opportunity to begin weekly meetings for teens. Drug overdoses are killing young Americans in unprecedented numbers; rates have effectively tripled each year since 2019. The teen program, to be called “The Landing”, would help Freedom provide much needed recovery to the younger age groups in Baldwin County. Please join us in praying for this addition, and for the members of the community that we are currently ministering to and serving.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS

By: Jonna Sides, Ministry Assistant

All giving statements for 2024 contributions to Freedom Church International will be mailed out by the fourth week of January. Please be sure your address has been entered and updated in the *Church Center* app. If you are currently not using the app, and you are unsure of the address we have on file, please reach out to me via email (joanna@myfreedomchurch.net) or in the lobby on Sunday morning.

Upon receipt, if you have questions about your statement, feel free to reach out to me or our Treasurer, Mike Sappington (mikesappington@bellsouth.net). Thank you for your faithful support of God’s church!

KIDS' WORLD | HOLIDAYS & NEW HABITS

By: Sabrina Ankerson, Preschool Pastor

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year! The kids were so excited to celebrate Jesus' birthday this last month with crafts, games, music, and a birthday cookie cake. Fun was had by all ages, even the adults!

Speaking of adults, Lyn and I would like to send out a big "Thank You" to Megan Shifflet for hosting our Kids World Team Christmas Party at The Kiln Studio & Gallery in downtown Fairhope. All of the workers enjoyed using their hands to create beautiful works, just as our Savior did. Kids' World would not be as wonderful as it is without the loving, caring service of all our workers. Thanks to all of you!

And parents, if you are not already, I encourage you to start a devotional with your child each night. Devotionals foster a deeper, more personal connection with Christ. They also create meaningful opportunities for faith-based conversations. We encourage parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and neighbors and family friends to help strengthen family bonds by nurturing a child's spiritual growth.

CALENDAR

JANUARY 2025

5-8 SUN-WED	SMALL GROUP OFF WEEK Groups will resume their regular times starting on Sunday, January 12th.
5-11 SUN-SAT	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NIGERIA Please set aside special time to pray for our campuses in Nigeria.
6-8 MON-WED	PASSION CONFERENCE - YA Young Adults will travel to Atlanta.
12 SUN	CORE TEAM & SMALL GROUP LEADERS MEETING 3:30 p.m. Grace Room
19 SUN	NIGHT OF PRAISE 6 p.m. Worship Room
27 MON	MISSION TRIP TO NIGERIA The team will leave on Monday, Jan 27th and return on Monday, February 3rd.



Just a few of our Kids' World workers (left to right)- Sabrina, Julie, Caroline, Autumn, Sam, and Trina (not pictured: Cloey, Penny, Lexi, Kellie, Jean, Savannah, Brittney, James, Megan, Lyn, and Nita).



Women's Small Group celebrates Christmas at church.

CHURCH-WIDE BIBLE READING PLAN

By: Mark Price, Pastor

As we begin a new year, let's all make reading God's Word a daily priority in our lives. Our daily reading plan takes only about five minutes each day, and it enables us to read the entire New Testament, along with key parts of the Old Testament, in one year. You can pick up a copy of the full reading plan on the table just outside the worship room at church.

JAN. 1-4
Matthew 1-4

JAN. 19-25
Matthew 19-25

JAN. 5-11
Matthew 5-11

JAN. 26-FEB. 1
Matthew 26-28;
Romans 1-4

JAN. 12-18
Matthew 12-18



SPECIAL EVENTS

Past and Future...

Our Christmas Pancake Breakfast was a huge success! Everyone brought their festive spirit and holiday outfits, making it a real treat for our congregation and visitors. Thank you to everyone who helped with setup and food preparation. The winners of our "Best Dressed" contest were Jacque Price and Justin Rose. Congratulations!

We hope everyone will join us for our *Night of Worship* this month. Also, Group Leaders and Core Team, don't forget about our next *meeting* on Sunday, January 12th at 3:30 p.m.

Happy New Year, Freedom Family!

GUEST RELATIONS TEAM

By: Joanna Sides, Ministry Assistant

As we wrap up another year, I want to take a moment to give thanks for each of you, our amazing church volunteers. Your willingness to serve has been a true reflection of Christ's love and a blessing to our community.

From helping with events like the fall tailgate (and making sure no one walked away hungry!) to stepping up whenever a need arose, you've all demonstrated faith in action through your generosity and kindness. Your service has glorified God and made a meaningful impact on so many lives. And let's be honest, who else could hand out over 100 name tags and shake over 100 hands every Sunday morning like we do?!

May the Lord continue to guide and bless you as we move into a new year. Thank you for all that you do to serve Him and our church family. If you would like to join the Guest Relations Team, or volunteer somewhere else in the church, please reach out to me (joanna@myfreedomchurch.net) or another member of our staff.

A 
Servant's
Heart



BLESSING BOX SUNDAY CHALLENGE

First Sunday of Every Month (and all month long)

There are few things more biblical than feeding the hungry in Jesus' name, and an amazing number of people on the Eastern Shore come to Freedom's Blessing Box each week to get food for themselves and their families.

Due to the high volume of traffic at our Blessing Box, we are seeking to expand our capacity in restocking the food cabinet. On the **first Sunday of each month**, we encourage your family to donate one of the following items to share with those in need:

- **Non-perishable food items** such as dried beans or rice, cans of vegetables or soups, jars of baby food or fruit cups, boxed potatoes, individually packaged snacks, etc.
- **Toiletry items** such as deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, etc.

Items may be placed directly in the Blessing Box or dropped off in the foyer before worship. Thank you for helping to make this ministry of Freedom make such an impact here in our local community!

CONNECTION CLASS

Our *Connection Class* is for anyone at Freedom (first-time visitors and returning guests) who are interested in learning more about who we are, where we're headed, and how you can be more involved. If you would like more information, or want to find out when the next class will be held, please reach out to a member of our staff or stop by the Welcome Desk on your way out.

BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

By: Mark Price, Pastor

This month, two people at Freedom Church took the vital step of following Jesus in baptism. Dave Mose and Colton Clark were both baptized on December 15th at the Fairhope Pool. Congratulations to both of you for taking this important step! If you wish to join them in a commitment of faith, please email us at info@myfreedomchurch.net or reach out to a member of our staff.





There's an App for Freedom!

A Better Way To:

- stay informed of events with the **calendar**
- schedule a **tithe** or make a one-time offering
- share a **prayer** request
- chat with members and leaders in your **group**
- **contact** staff and ask questions
- follow along with the **Bible Reading Plan**
- link to **sermons**

Scan the QR code or click [HERE](#) to get the new Church Center app.



Sermon Library

LISTEN TO PAST SERMONS

If you are going to miss church, be sure to check out Pastor Mark's sermon by clicking [HERE](#).



Tithing

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

Did you know you can tithe online? If you would like to give in a digital form, please click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code.



Worship with Freedom

WORSHIP MUSIC

Freedom Church now has a Spotify playlist of our current worship songs. Click [HERE](#) or Scan the QR code so you can worship Him all week long!

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