

FIRST WEST
CONNECT

YOUR GUIDE TO NEXT STEPS



FIRST WEST

VISION

To see people changed by the gospel and living out their Christ-centered purpose

MISSION

See to it that no one misses the grace of God

T H R E A D S

WORSHIP



COMMUNITY



SERVICE



WE WANT MEMBERS TO LIVE 3-FOR-3 ON THE THREADS. HOW DOES THAT HAPPEN? THESE INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENTS HELP US ACCOMPLISH OUR VISION AND MISSION.

WORSHIP

- WORSHIP GOD WEEKLY
- GIVE FAITHFULLY

COMMUNITY

- ATTEND A LIFE GROUP WEEKLY

SERVICE

- SERVE REGULARLY
- SHARE OBEDIENTLY



WORSHIP



Worship Services and Times:

- 9:30 a.m. - Service features choir, orchestra, and worship songs.
- 11:00 a.m. - Service features modern worship songs.

Interested in serving in Worship Ministries?

First West Worship teams include

- Choir and Orchestra for our 9:30 a.m. worship service*
- Worship Band and Adoration Choir for 11:00 a.m. worship*
- Production Team (all services)

*Teams meet and rehearse on Wednesday nights

You can reach our Worship Ministries staff at nextsteps@firstwest.cc.

YOUR NEXT STEP:

WORSHIP GOD WEEKLY

GIVING

Giving shows God we have thankful hearts.

Giving also demonstrates that our faith is growing. Ultimately, giving expresses to God a heart of worship and desire for obedience.

Biblical obedience in giving is to tithe (10%). If you feel you can't do that right away, then start at 2 or 3%. Then watch God begin to honor your giving. We believe you will discover joy and blessings that lead you on to full obedience in this area.

WAYS TO GIVE AT FIRST WEST



IN WORSHIP

GIVE WHEN THE OFFERING PLATES ARE PASSED OR MAKE A COMMITMENT AT THE POD IN THE LOBBY



ON THE APP

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ONLINE

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE AT FWGIVING.CC



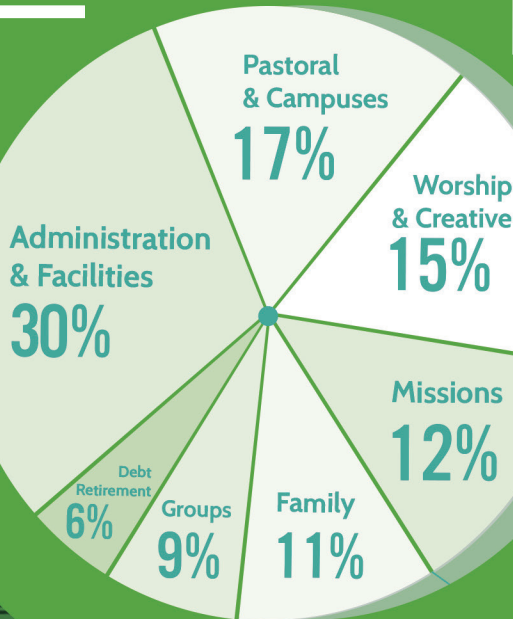
TEXT TO GIVE

TEXT THE WORDS WEST MONROE PLUS AN AMOUNT (WEST MONROE 125) TO 1.855.906.3222

The Bible also speaks to the giving of offerings above the tithe. First West Transform fund makes both local and global missions through our church possible. We would ask that you give offerings through that fund to keep our strategic partnerships both here and abroad moving forward!

BUDGET AMOUNT (2016-2017)

— \$5.615 MILLION



Offering envelopes are mailed quarterly to all First West members upon request.

YOUR NEXT STEP:
GIVE FAITHFULLY

COMMUNITY



At First West, LIFE Groups are the heartbeat of our church.

We long to see people doing life together, which is best accomplished in groups. LIFE Groups create the opportunity for you to learn God's Word, invite others to follow Christ, form authentic relationships, and engage in service.

Find your LIFE Group today!!

For more information, email us at nextsteps@firstwest.cc.

Learn more about connecting with a LIFE Group by visiting the Church's Information Center in the Lobby. You can find a listing of the LIFE Groups on the **First West app** and at www.firstwest.cc

YOUR NEXT STEP:

ATTEND A LIFE GROUP WEEKLY

STUDENTS

SUNDAYS

LIFE GROUPS FOR STUDENTS

We meet weekly on Sundays for LIFE Groups at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Here, students engage in relationships, community, and the teaching of God's Word.

WEDNESDAYS

MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Midweek allows for students to experience powerful music and relevant teaching in an exciting environment. Students can spend time in our cafe beginning at 5:30 p.m. Worship begins at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on Student Ministry, email us at nextsteps@firstwest.cc.

CHILDREN

(Grades 1 – 5)

At First West, we want to partner with parents to grow the next generation. We offer LIFE Group opportunities for children at 8 and 9:30 a.m. An interactive, engaging, and exciting worship time is offered in the Treehouse at 11:00 a.m.



TREEHOUSE

FIRST WEST CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL

(Birth – Kindergarten)

We LOVE little ones. Preschool children are given the opportunity to learn the foundations of faith in a fun, safe, and nurturing environment. 'Lil Treehouse Worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. LIFE Groups for preschoolers are available at 11:00 a.m. when they learn Bible story lessons with crafts and high energy play.

For more information about Children & Preschool Ministries, email us at nextsteps@firstwest.cc.

SERVICE



MISSIONS @ *First West*

Ultimately, we desire to see members of First West serving either within the local context of the church or on the mission field advancing the gospel. We do the latter with organizations and partners in Northeast Louisiana (NELA), New Orleans (NOLA), and the world.

Transform

Transform is our church's missional effort. Transform Conference takes place in November. During this time, we learn about opportunities to serve and opportunities to give. During this conference, members are able to pledge gifts to missions over and beyond the tithe. You can learn more about Transform and our missional effort by visiting firstwest.cc/transform.

Wanting to serve or go on mission? Email us at nextsteps@firstwest.cc.

YOUR NEXT STEP:

SERVE REGULARLY

THE 1 X 3 CHALLENGE:

ONE STORY, ONE VERSE, ONE PERSON

Our Lead Pastor Michael Wood has recently challenged our church to learning to tell our *one story* of faith and sharing a *one-verse* gospel presentation (Romans 6:23) with at least *one person* who is far from Christ.

Learn more about our 1x3 challenge by signing up for RightNow Media. We will send you an invitation to your email.

1 STORY: LEARN TO SHARE YOUR ONE STORY.

1 VERSE: MEMORIZE ONE VERSE.

1 PERSON: WHO'S YOUR NO ONE?

YOUR NEXT STEP:

SHARE OBEDIENTLY

Meet our Pastor

We are excited you are considering your next steps at First West. This has been designed to give you a better picture of who we are as a church. We hope you fully understand our church's mission, vision, and threads. As a church family, we want to be a part of helping you discover your Christ-centered purpose and equipping you to live it out.

Thank you for being here.



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