

SERIES: CHURCH ON MISSION

PASTOR: Chris Kroll

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, July 22-23, 2023

SERMON: Run to Win

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 12:1-3 ESV

[1] Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

[2] looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

[3] Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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Christians, you have a race to run, so Run to Win!

Keys for winning running:

Key #1 - See that you're _____.

- **Hebrews 10:36-39** *For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.*
- **Hebrews 11:39-40** *And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.*

Key #2 - Lay aside whatever _____.

- _____ things are _____ things if they keep you from the _____ thing.
- You need _____ for your course.

Key #3 - Fix your eyes on the _____ and _____ of our Faith.

- **Hebrews 6:20** ... *Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf ...*

For reflection: Are you in the _____? Will you join the _____ and pass the _____?

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Meet Pastor Chris Kroll

This weekend I want to introduce you to Chris and his role in the ministry of First Baptist Church Covington.

Chris joined our staff as Pastor to Students in December 2014. Chris grew up in DeFuniak Springs, FL, as did his wife Crystal. They have five children, Andrew, Luke, Ella, Emery, and Nate. Before coming to FBC, Chris served as Student Pastor and then several years as Senior Pastor of Hartford Baptist Church in Alabama.

As Student Pastor, Chris leads the ministry of FBC students in 7th to 12th grade. He enjoys working with students at this pivotal time in their lives, recognizing that most Christians give their lives to Christ before they reach age 18. The current societal landscape for students is challenging, but Chris believes that a place of truth and love is still the most critical environment from which to reach today's students. With the help of *Carl Doescher - Jr High Pastor*, and *Jade Turner - Girls Minister*, the Student Ministry at FBC strives to be a place where both truth and love are held high for students to experience.

To accomplish this environment, the Student Ministry has a heavy focus on God's Word in Connect Group and Bible Study, sharing the story of Jesus through worship and service, and having a firm commitment to disciple-making. Students are invited to join other believers in this journey by engaging in opportunities to serve and grow through Camps, Mission Trips & Retreat weekends.

Please join the team by praying for the Student Ministry to have a greater impact for God's Glory in our changing social climate.

Chris and Crystal truly enjoy being a part of First Baptist and are so thankful for everyone making this place home for their entire family.

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