



# First Servant Weekly

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# COLLEGE MINISTRY DAY

## Sunday, September 14

Worship led by the College Ministry's praise band during 11:00 a.m. service. Free lunch for all college students in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 p.m. For more information, visit [www.mycollegewalk.com](http://www.mycollegewalk.com).

## This Sunday:

### 8:30 a.m.

Prelude: Donna McCown

*Blessed Be the Name  
O For a Thousand Tongues  
to Sing*

*You Are God Alone with  
All Hail the Power  
of Jesus' Name*  
Worship Choir & Orchestra

*You Are My All in All  
Here I Am to Worship  
with I Surrender All*

Prayer: Joe Armour  
Offertory: Erin Grogan

### 11:00 a.m.

Worship Led by College  
Ministry Praise Band

*Give You Glory  
When I Think About the Lord  
Revelation Song  
The Wonderful Cross  
It is Well*

Prayer: Josh Stokley  
Offertory: Epic Praise Band

**Both Services  
Morning Message  
Dr. Gil McKee**

# Small Group Studies Begin

## Sunday, September 14

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

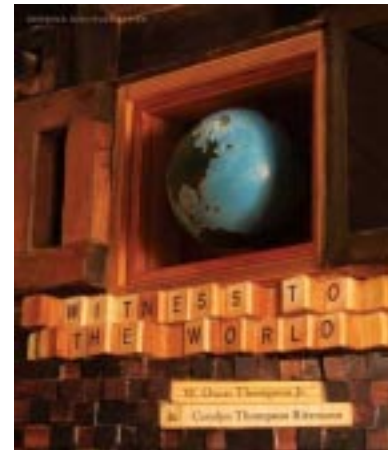
**For Adults:** *Witness to the World*

Six-week small-group study in the Fellowship Hall  
Cost of workbook: \$10

*Experience the power, fruitfulness and joy of being a  
witness for Christ as you pray, build healthy relationships,  
show God's love by meeting needs and introduce Christ to those in your "circles of concern".*

**For Students:** Character studies on Joseph and Noah (First Baptist University);  
meets in the Student Building.

**For Children:** *Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills*; meets in rooms 212 and 216, Children's  
Center.



# Clay Crosse

## In Concert

### Sunday, September 21

#### 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services

He will sing several solo selections, as well as "I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy" with the First Baptist Church Worship Choir and Orchestra.

Clay Crosse is a husband, father, singer/songwriter and an ordained minister. He has been honored three times with Dove Awards including 1994 New Artist of the Year and 2000 Inspirational Song of the Year, "I Will Follow Christ."

## Word from the Pastor...

“Wow!” Totally surprised!

**Discombobulated!** (Is that really a word?)

“What is going on here?” **Speechless!** “I must be dreaming!” **Lost for words!** **Humbled!**

**Overwhelmed!** These are just a few of the thoughts and emotions I felt this past Sunday morning during your surprise commemoration of my 30th anniversary of vocational ministry.



Where do Sharon and I even begin in trying to express our gratitude? Words seem so inadequate at a time like this! However, let me start by simply saying thanks to the wonderful congregation of First Baptist Church. You are a loving, gracious, thoughtful, and classy people. You have proven on many occasions that you are willing to go the second mile. Sunday was just another example of your giving and gracious spirit as a church. I love you all!

I also would like to thank our Deacon Body. It has come to my attention that these are the men who initiated and primarily funded the gifts given to Sharon and me on behalf of the church. All I know to say is that this is just another affirmation that I have the privilege of working with the greatest group of deacons in the world. Thank you for such a generous gesture of your love and support. I love you men!

I would be negligent not to express my sincerest appreciation to our wonderful staff. While not all of them were privy to what was to happen last Sunday, several of them were and they were involved in helping to make the day a complete surprise and joy for me. I recognize clearly that my good fortune as the pastor of First Baptist Church has to do with the incredible staff with whom I have the privilege to work. I have absolutely no doubt that we have the finest ministerial and administrative staff anywhere. And I want to thank each of them especially for their kindness and thoughtfulness toward me on this particular occasion. Staff, I love and appreciate each of you!

Thank you for allowing my parents and other family members to be involved in the celebration on Sunday. I have always been thankful that God, in his grace, saw fit to give me as parents Garland and June McKee. They have passed to me a rich heritage and legacy of faith and ministry. They have always set a pristine, Christ-like example of life and pastoral ministry. And they have consistently been there to advise and support me throughout these 30 years of ministry.

Finally, I want to thank Sharon, Jason and Holly for your love and support of your husband and father's ministry through these years. You have sacrificed much by way of time with me and other things that only the family members of ministers can understand. But through it all, through the good times and the tough times, you have remained supportive and active in the call that God has placed on our family's life. I thank you and I love you with all of my heart.

Although it is not very likely that I will have 30 more years in vocational ministry, I do make this promise. Whatever number of years I have left in ministry for the Lord, I promise to give Him, and you, my very best!

With all my love and appreciation,  
Bro. Gil

## Volleyball for Adults

Monday Nights  
6:00-7:30 p.m.  
September 15, 22, 29  
Childcare will not be available.



## College Fall Retreat

September 19-21 at Camp Hargis  
Sign up on Sundays or at Epic on Tuesday nights. For more information, visit the college ministry's website, [www.mycollegewalk.com](http://www.mycollegewalk.com).

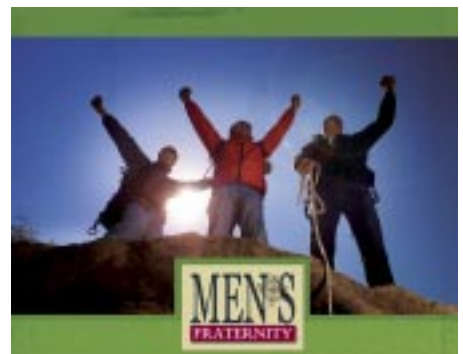
## Where is the Library?

It is now easier than ever to get from the main building to our church's library, located on the second floor of the Children's Center. Simply take the crosswalk from the second floor of the main building over to the Children's Center, turn left and then take the second right. The library is on the right side of the hallway past the elevators. Library hours are 2:00-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Sundays.

## Sweet Dreams Workday

Thursday, September 25  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Room 313,  
Children's Center

Help make adorable and fun pillowcases for the patients at Children's Hospital. (Pillowcases are especially needed for teen boys and girls.) No prior sewing experience is necessary.



## THURSDAYS

6:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

## Minister on Call

In case of an emergency need during the weekend (5:00 p.m. Friday - 8:00 a.m. Monday), please call 535-5988.

## Recently Hospitalized

As of 09/09/08:

### DCH Regional Med Center:

George Bey

## Sympathy to:

- Betty Richardson and family in the death of her aunt.
- Robbie Conley and family in the death of her aunt.
- Carol Jackson and family in the death of her mother.

## Volunteers: September 14

### TV Ministry

Bryan Owings, Ben Owings, Rick Dowling, Randy Glover

### Russell Special Education

Beth Simmons

## Body Recall

Body Recall is a proven exercise class for seniors which focuses on improving flexibility and mobility. Classes begin September 9 and will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 313, Children's Center. Leader is Ann Willard.

## Wednesday Menu

September 17, 2008

The Family Night Meal is served from 4:45-6:00 p.m.

### Fried chicken

with au gratin potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, biscuits, ice cream sandwich

### Baked Chicken

with same sides

### Salad Bar

Kids: Corn dog and fries

**No reservations needed.**



## September 7, 2008

Weekly Ministry Budget Need \$74,035.75  
 Ministry Plan Gifts \$90,200.58  
 Surplus for week \$16,164.83

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 Touching Tomorrow Today \$8,822.00  
 Designated Gifts \$3,944.00  
**Total Gifts \$102,966.58**

### 2008 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need \$2,665,287.00  
 Actual Year-to-Date Gifts \$2,265,324.23  
 Difference (\$399,962.77)

### Gifts given in Memory of:

Harold Tidwell

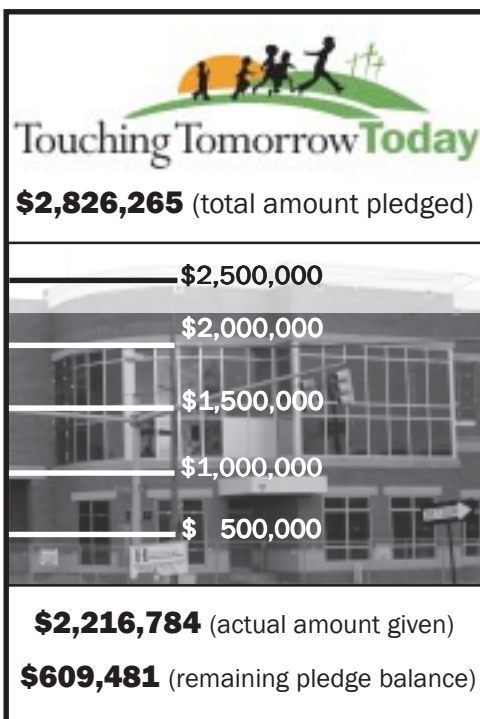
### Gifts given in Honor of:

Oleta Hayes Grady Friday

## Bible Study Attendance

### Sunday School - September 7, 2008

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	124
Children	204	124
Students	213	143
College	229	130
Adults	1422	774
<b>Total</b>	<b>2247</b>	<b>1295</b>



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## Sunday, September 14

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30-11:00 Library Open  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
12:00 p.m. College Luncheon  
4:30 p.m. ESL classes  
5:30 DivorceCare  
5:30 Bible Skills, Drills, Thrills  
5:30 Small Group Study  
7:11 Freshman Bible Study

## Monday, September 15

9:30 a.m. Women on Mission  
Bible study  
6:00 p.m. Volleyball for Adults

## Tuesday, September 16

1:30 p.m. Body Recall  
7:00 Epic: College Bible study

## Wednesday, September 17

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)  
9:00 First Ladies Bible Study  
2:00-7:30 Library Open  
4:45-6:00 Family Night Meal  
5:30 p.m. Spanish Bible study  
5:45-6:30 Mid-Week Devotion  
5:45-6:30 Children's Choirs  
5:45-7:15 First Ladies Bible studies  
6:00-7:00 Adult DiscipleLife  
6:00-7:15 The Arena (Students)  
6:15-7:45 ESL classes  
6:35-8:00 Worship Choir/Orchestra  
6:40-7:30 Children's Missions  
8:00 Chinese Prayer Service

## Thursday, September 18

6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity  
9:00 First Ladies Bible study  
9:30 ESL Classes  
1:30 p.m. Body Recall  
7:00 Young Single Adult Bible Study at the Yeagers'

## Friday, September 19

College Fall Retreat (Sept. 19-21)  
7:00 p.m. Chinese Bible study  
9:30 Friday Night Lights for students

### **Mission Statement:**

First Baptist Church meets to **magnify** Jesus Christ and **multiply** His Kingdom, to mature believers into effective Christ-followers, and to **minister** to others in Jesus' name.

# Kathleen Mallory

**Offering for Alabama Missions**

**First Baptist's Goal: \$5000**

**Day of Prayer: September 17**

## Friday Night Lights

Student Fellowship following High School football  
Friday, September 19  
First Baptist Student Building  
Doors open 9:30 p.m. - 11:45 p.m.  
Free Food, Post-Game  
Highlight Show, Open Gym.  
Bring Your Friends!



*The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Lenore Carter by her children, Bobbie & Larry Jones, P.W. Sumner, Reba & Jim Caldwell, her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.*

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