



First Servant Weekly

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This Sunday:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude
Barbara Smith

Baby Dedication
Lecretia Mitchell
Preschool Ministry Associate

Welcome to Worship
Dr. Gil McKee

Sing to the King

For the Lord
Our God Reigns
Worship Choir

O Worship the King
with He Is the King

Worthy Is the Lamb

Offertory Prayer
Vial Fontenot
Minister of Missions

Every Season
Lynn Armour

Morning Message
Dr. Gil McKee

Take My Life, and
Let It Be Consecrated

My Tribute

Senior Adventure Ministry's

ANTIQUUE ROAD SHOW

Tuesday, October 7
(during next Triple L Meeting)

Two professional appraisers
will be here to assess the worth
of your favorite antique.



WHAT IS IT WORTH?



Small Group Studies

Sundays, 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.

Parent/Child Dedication

Our next Parent/Child (Baby) Dedication will be during the morning worship services on Sunday, September 28.



Dear Church Family,

As you know, our students have been enjoying the Student Ministry Building since Wednesday, July 9. What a great gift this building is to our students and to their peers whom they desire to see come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Since moving into the building, we've had great attendance in Sunday School where we are studying the Old Testament and the major personalities featured within its chapters. On Wednesday nights at The Arena we are in the beginnings of a year-long study on Leadership using images that convey truths about how we can use our God-given influence to help other people walk with Jesus Christ.

Our newest ministry for students has gotten off to a great start. In an effort to provide our students and their friends with the opportunity to successfully live the Christian life and to have a place to gather, we have created Friday Night Lights. Friday Night Lights provides our students an opportunity to opt out of questionable activities and to invite their friends to come to our campus for good clean wholesome fun. It also provides our students with the opportunity to introduce their friends to our church in a way that is exciting and comfortable. It is our desire to see students bring their friends who do not know Jesus to our church so they may hear the Gospel message and respond to God and his love for their lives.

This past Friday night 119 students and 17 adults were on our campus. Sixty percent of those students were not members of our student ministry. Our students have done a great job inviting their friends to come be a part of this new ministry of our church. I've been very deliberate in letting our students know that this ministry is their ministry and they may just be ministering to someone who may not have a church home or have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

While here, our students played in the gym, worshipped through a concert in The Arena, ate 35 pizzas, played countless games of ping pong, foosball and air hockey, watched the Friday Night Football Highlight Shows, engaged adults in conversation and lounged in our fellowship spaces. All went home with a clear conscience and an idea of the opportunities that exist through the Student Ministry of First Baptist Church. Our next Friday Night Lights is scheduled for October 3.

I want you to pray for the students who are and will become a part of this exciting ministry. Pray for our students who are members of this church so that they will be bold in showing people the love of Jesus Christ. Pray specifically that each student who comes to our church on Friday Nights will have a relationship with Jesus Christ and will reside in Heaven for eternity. Thank you for your love and support of our students,

John Lowe, Minister to Students

Marriage Enrichment Survey

Wednesday, October 1

6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Room 303 Children's Center (Bentley's classroom)

Would you be interested in participating in a Marriage Enrichment Survey? This survey is being conducted by Don Wright, a marriage counselor and Ph.D. candidate, who is studying the marriages of Christian couples. His research involves conducting surveys of Christian couples of all ages. If you would be interested in enriching your marriage and assisting Don, please join him on Wednesday, October 1, 6:00 -7:00 p.m. in room 303 of the Children's Center.

Creation vs. Evolution

Beginning Wednesday, October 8

Leader: Dr. Joe Lary

Room 236, Multi-Purpose Building

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Join Dr. Lary as he explores the ongoing controversy over the origin of life and examines the key scientific evidence concerning creation vs. evolution. Dr. Lary is convinced that the evidence for the special creation of life by God is scientifically superior to the evidence for the origin of life by naturalistic, evolutionary processes. This course will provide a scientific and scriptural defense of the Christian worldview against the naturalistic, materialistic worldview of today's secular society.

Dr. Joe Lary is a Tuscaloosa native and a member of Calvary Baptist Church. He attended the University of Alabama where he earned a B.S. degree in physics and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in biology. Dr. Lary retired in 2001 from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where he worked as a research biologist, toxicologist, and epidemiologist.

Children's Discovery Class

The Children's Discovery Class is designed for children in grades 1-5 who have recently made a profession of faith or for children who have questions about becoming a Christian and baptism. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their child. We will meet on Sunday, October 5 at 4:00 p.m. in room 215 in the Children's Center. Please contact Leigh Anne Darnell in the Children's Ministry office at leigh@fbctuscaloosa.org or 366-4418 if you are interested in enrolling in the class.

Children's Ministry

RA Campout for Fathers/Sons: Friday, October 17 - Saturday, October 18 at the Smith Farm

GA Pajama Party for Mothers/Daughters: Friday, October 17, 6:00-10:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Parents' Night Out: Friday, October 24, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

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 09/23/08:

DCH Regional Med Center:

Charles Johnson
Billy Maxwell
Betsy Mock
Harold Prewitt

Northport Med Center:

Deryl Barnhill

Sympathy to:

- The family and friends of George Bey.
- Andrew Bryant and Bonnie Corbett and families in the death of their cousin.
- Jess Ellard and family in the death of his mother.

September 28 Volunteers

TV Ministry

David Kendrick, Jim Hamner,
Rick Dowling, Randy Glover

Russell Special Education

Angie Cooper

Welcome New Members

by Letter/Statement:

59-61: Brad, Senna and Skylar Hubbard

Wednesday Menu

October 1, 2008

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

Poppyseed Chicken

with rice and gravy, English peas,
pear salad, rolls, cheese cake

Baked Chicken

with same sides

Salad Bar

Kids: Hamburger and chips

No reservations needed.



September 21, 2008

Weekly Ministry Budget Need \$74,035.75
Ministry Plan Gifts \$56,350.65
Difference (\$17,685.10)

Touching Tomorrow Today \$4,267.00
Designated Gifts \$14,538.80
Total Gifts \$75,156.45

2008 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need \$2,813,358.50
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts \$2,384,708.00
Difference (\$428,650.50)

Kathleen Mallory Offering \$2002.70
Goal: \$5000

Touching Tomorrow Today

Total Pledges \$2,826,265.20
Actual Contributions \$2,227,178.82
Remaining balance (\$599,086.38)

Gifts given in Memory of:

Doris Appling Sam Dockery

Gifts given in Honor of:

Carol Espy Gerri Prentice

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday School - September 21, 2008

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	134
Children	204	133
Students	213	151
College	229	104
Adults	1422	719
Total	2247	1241

Donated Items Needed

Your assistance is needed as we minister to several local families. If you have any of the items listed below (gently used and in good condition) and would be willing to donate them, please contact Kris Sullivan at 366-4401 or ksullivan@fbctuscaloosa.org. Items include refrigerator, sofa, chairs, electric stove, pots and pans, plates, dining room table, bed, sheets, pillows, television.

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Sunday, September 28

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30-11:00 Library Open
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 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
- 7:15 Deacons' Meeting

Monday, September 29

- 6:00 Volleyball for Adults

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)
- 9:00 First Ladies Bible Study
- 10:00 Watercolor Workshop
- 2:00-7:30 Library Open
- 4:45-6:00 Family Night Meal
- 5:30 Spanish Bible study
- 5:45 Committee on Committees meeting
- 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, October 2

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity
- 9:00 First Ladies Bible study
- 9:30 ESL Classes
- 12:00 p.m. First Ladies Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. Body Recall
- 7:00 Young Single Adult Bible Study at the Yeagers'

Friday, October 3

- 7:00 p.m. Chinese Bible study

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.



Bring tents, chairs, food, games, anything your family needs for an evening of fun and fellowship following the worship service. The church will provide drinks. Children will enjoy a bounce house, climbing wall and obstacle course.

Student Ministry Blackout

Our annual Student Ministry Fall Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, October 25 at Camp Tuscoaba. The cost is \$30. Students will meet at Camp Tuscoaba from 9:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. We will have a HUGE day of worship, recreation, relationship building, watch the Tide tangle with the Volunteers, have an excuse for a new t-shirt and have dinner under the stars.



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in loving memory of our dear husband, father, and grandfather, Palmer H. Norred, in remembrance of his birthday by Virginia, Carole, Woody, Joe and families.

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