



# First Servant Weekly

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## This Sunday:

**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

Prelude

Donna McCown (8:30)  
Orchestra (11:00)

*Lord, I Lift Your Name  
on High*

*All Creatures of Our God  
and King*

Welcome to Worship  
Dr. Gil McKee

*Open the Eyes  
of My Heart, Lord*

*Reveal*  
Worship Choir  
Greta Bryant, soloist

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

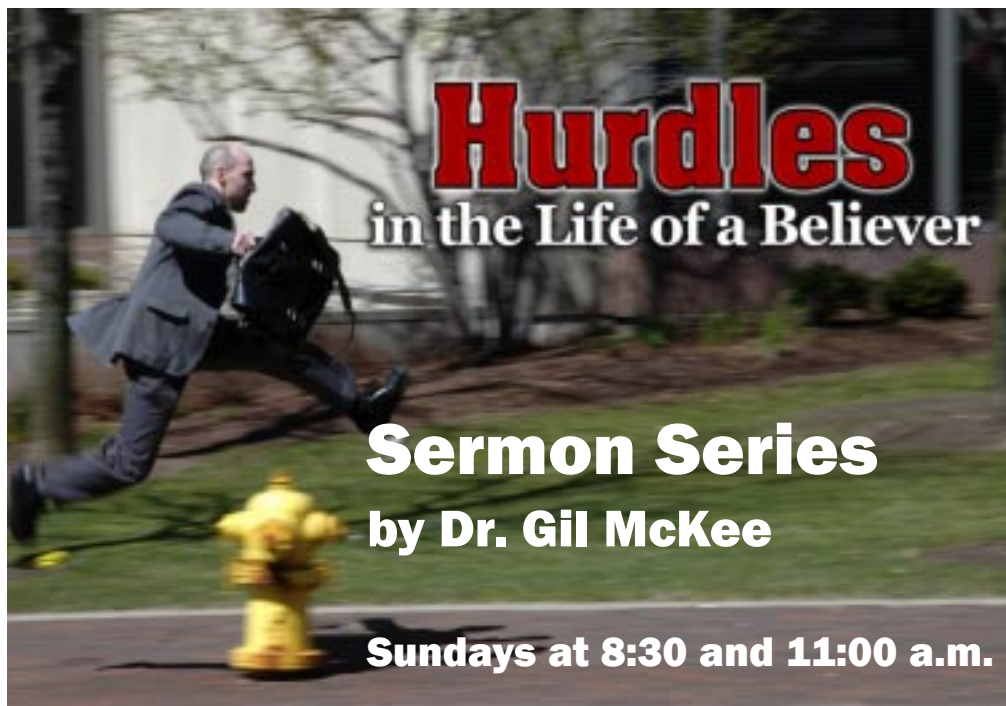
Offertory Prayer  
Dr. Gil McKee

Offertory

**Morning Message**  
**Dr. Gil McKee**

*Glorify Thy Name*

*The Doxology*



## Sermon Series by Dr. Gil McKee

**Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

## Brazil Mission Trip

Please pray for the Brazil mission team as they serve October 10-20 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. They will work with a local church to conduct medical clinics, teach children, preach, witness to the community, and distribute eyeglasses and medicine. Team members are Britt Bricken, Lindsay Bricken, Margo Ellard, Judy English, Mark English, Tom Farmer, Vial Fontenot, Earl Glenn, Garlette Jackson, Jim Martin, Bobby May, Shelia Miller, Debbie Nichols, Sherrie Roberts and Dan Shay.

## The Power of a Simple Gift.

Last year Samaritan's Purse distributed over 7.5 million gift-filled boxes to children in desperate situations around the world. Challenge every member of your Sunday School class, mission group, or Bible study to participate. Get your children involved wrapping a shoe box, picking out gifts, and then filling your box with surprises for a child in need. Instructional brochures for this important mission project are available throughout the church.

**Shoobox Dedication Day is Sunday, November 9.** Bring your completed shoe boxes to the altar as you arrive for the 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship service on November 9.



## Word from the Pastor...

Last Sunday morning I began a new series of sermons entitled, ***Hurdles in the Life of a Believer.*** We began that series by looking at the hurdle of pride. This Sunday we will continue the series with the hurdle of jealousy. Have you ever struggled with thoughts of jealousy or envy? Have you ever been jealous of someone else's success, house, job, beauty, wealth, etc.? Have you ever been envious of the blessing of God in somebody else's life?



Here's something that you may not be thinking about at this moment: Has someone else ever been jealous or envious of you? How did that make you feel? What did you do about it? How did you respond?

Well, the Bible has a lot to say about jealousy and envy. So if you have ever faced this particular hurdle in life then you will not want to miss being in worship this Sunday morning. Maybe you have a friend or a co-worker or a family member that is stumbling over this particular hurdle right now. Invite them to come to church with you this Sunday. Go by and pick them up or promise to meet them in the *HUB* (atrium inside our new Student Building off 8<sup>th</sup> Street) and treat them to lunch afterward.

There are many hurdles in life that we will never be able to overcome in our own strength and ability. But there is not a single hurdle in life that we cannot conquer with God's help. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday with your track shoes on your feet, your Bible in your hand, and a friend by your side!

I love you!  
*Bro. Gil*

## Creation vs. Evolution

Wednesday Nights    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.

## Survey Participants Needed

We are in need of several church members willing to answer a short survey conducted by University of Alabama students regarding our church's written communication efforts. Survey participants will be selected on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Kris Sullivan at [ksullivan@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto:ksullivan@fbctuscaloosa.org) or 345-7554 to volunteer.

## 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. Contact Leigh Anne Darnell ([Leigh@fbctuscaloosa.org](mailto:Leigh@fbctuscaloosa.org) or 366-4418) to sign up for any of these events. The deadline is Wednesday, October 15.

## Children's Leadership Meeting

Sunday, October 19 at 4:00 p.m.

For all workers in Preschool and Children's Sunday School.

## Student Ministry Blackout

Our annual Student Ministry Fall Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, October 25 at Camp Tuscoba. The cost is \$30. Students will meet at Camp Tuscoba 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.

## 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](mailto:ksullivan@fbctuscaloosa.org). Items include refrigerator, sofa, chairs, electric stove, pots and pans, plates, dining room table, bed, sheets, pillows, television.

## October 12 Volunteers

### TV Ministry

Mark Gurganus, Ken Faught, Mike Cornett, Randy Glover

### Russell Special Education

Danny and Julie Burch

## 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 10/07/08:

### DCH Regional Med Center:

George Welch

### Northport Med Center:

Mildred Bailey

### Forest Manor Rehab:

Katie Channell

Harold Prewitt

Lynn Wilson

### Hospice of West Alabama:

Lester Ferguson

## Sympathy to:

- Jerry Blanton and family in the death of his brother.
- Richard Cowart and family in the death of his brother.
- Maurine Fowler and Catherine Fowler and family in the death of their cousin, Bea Woodson.
- Donna Spruill and family in the death of her father.
- R.L. Guffin and family in the death of his cousin.

## Welcome New Members

by Letter/Statement:

1: Linda McCarley

2-4: Chris, Melissa and James Roberts

by Baptism:

1: Farris Turner

## Wednesday Menu

October 15, 2008

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

**Grilled Chicken OR Baked Chicken** with au gratin potatoes, broccoli, congealed salad, rolls, cookies

**Salad Bar**

**Kids:** Hot dog and fries

*No reservations are needed.*



## October 5, 2008

Weekly Ministry Budget Need \$74,035.75  
 Ministry Plan Gifts \$102,755.71  
 Surplus for week \$28,719.96

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 Touching Tomorrow Today \$7,156.66  
 Designated Gifts \$6,190.00  
**Total Gifts \$116,102.37**

## 2008 Mission/Ministry Plan Summary

Year-to-Date Need \$2,961,430.00  
 Actual Year-to-Date Gifts \$2,529,908.50  
 Difference (\$431,521.50)

Kathleen Mallory Offering \$3,334.20  
 Goal: \$5000

## Gifts given in Memory of:

Bob Walker

## Bible Study Attendance

### Sunday School - October 5, 2008

	Enrollment	Attendance
Preschool	179	128
Children	204	109
Students	213	146
College	229	111
Adults	1422	725
<b>Total</b>	<b>2247</b>	<b>1219</b>

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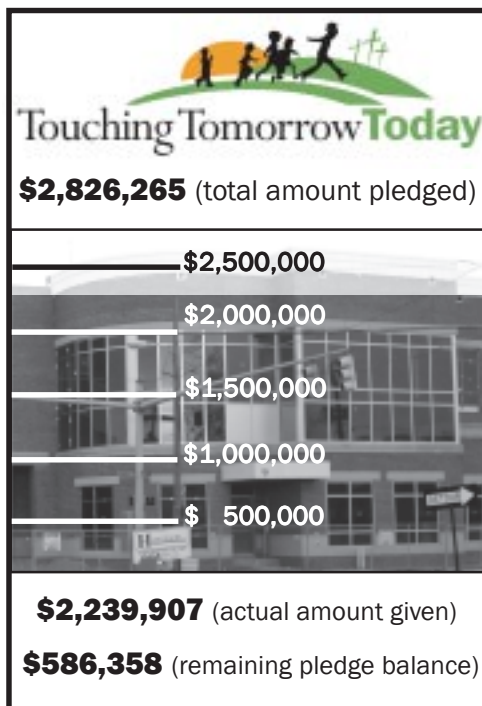
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## Sunday, October 12

- 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 *Bible Skills, Drills, Thrills*
- 5:30 First Baptist University for students
- 5:30 Small Group Study
- 7:11 Freshman Bible Study

## Monday, October 13

Senior Adult Retreat at Shocco Springs (through Oct. 15)

## Tuesday, October 14

- 7:00 Epic: College Bible study

## Wednesday, October 15

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer (Chapel)
- 9:00 First Ladies Bible Study
- 10:00 Watercolor Workshop
- 2:00-7:30 Library Open
- 3:00 p.m. Pre-Game (Students)
- 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 16

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

## Friday, October 17

- 7:00 p.m. Chinese Bible study
- 4:00 p.m. RA Campout
- 6:00 GA Pajama Party

### **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.



Join us at 5:00 p.m. for a special service of praise in the Sanctuary led by the Children's Choirs (age 4 - fifth grade), then stay for an evening of fellowship and fun! Bring tents, chairs, food, games, anything your family needs for the evening. You may set up your tailgate area on 8th Street before or after the worship service. The church will provide drinks. Children will enjoy a bounce house, climbing wall and obstacle course.

### **Special Bonus: Big Al is coming!**

*The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday in loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Mouchette, Lee and Winnie Pruett, and Paul Robertson by Roland, Jami and Melissa Mouchette, Jim and Jo Anne Robertson, Michael and Jesse King and Jonathan and Kathleen King.*



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